



CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL

Year 7 Induction Evening for Parents

Welcome

Mr A Smith – Headteacher

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ENDEAVOUR



ACHIEVE

Contacting the school

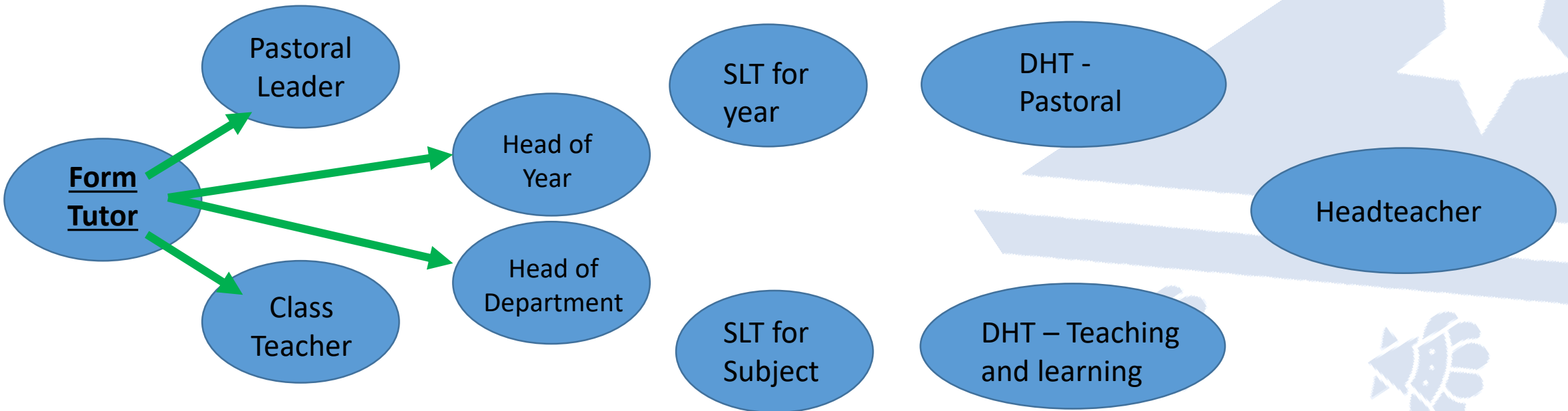
- Keep talking to your son/daughter about how things are going at school.
- Falling out with friends sometimes happens in the first few weeks as new friendships are established. Most are sorted out without adults getting involved.
- Don't let things fester.
- If there are issues and you have not been able to solve them at home, speak to the school.



It's normal to be a little apprehensive...

Parents and students

- The students settle very quickly
- Communication is key – **use form tutor** in the first instance – it will lead to the quickest resolution.



Form Groups

- The most important person – **Form Tutor**
- Class will be called after the tutor **eg 7ASm for Mr A Smith**
- Registration in the morning and after lunch
- Form tutor will help them settle in
- Form tutor will be the first person parents contact if there is an issue
- Your child will make new friends and will be in a Form made up of children from many different primary schools



Other important staff for Year 7

Year 7 Achievement Co-ordinator
Ms N Dobney



Year 6/7 Transition Manager
Ms R Monk



Mrs Rees (Deputy Headteacher)
Senior member of staff assigned to Year 7



Mobile Phones

REMEMBER

Never used, seen
or heard



Keep your phone out of sight

Never Seen Never Heard

Anywhere in school between
8.30am and 3.00pm.

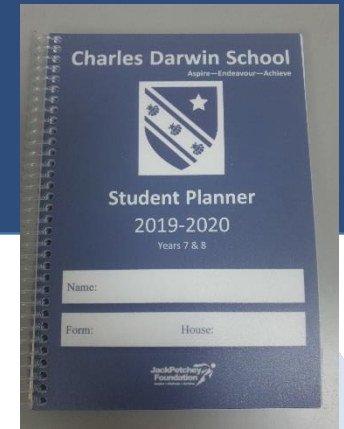
This applies to lessons, lesson
change over, break and lunch.

Social media and mobile phones



Planner and homework

- Must have planner with them in every lesson
- Organisation tool – reminders, notes etc
- Students must ask parent/carer to sign it every week
- Homework **is not an option**
- Some homework is set as projects- A section every week
- Satchel One- online App where all homework and helpful documents are posted by teachers



Homework

- Agree a routine and space for homework with your son/ daughter
- Advisable to do H/W on the night they get in.
- Satchel One – parent information session on the afternoon of the CAT test.
Also used for Achieve points and Behaviour points
- Talk to your child about their homework and school day.
- Try to find that balance of assisting but encouraging them to be independent.



Cognitive Ability Testing Dates

CAT, Reading and Maths tests will be sat online this year, meaning the day is now shorter than previously published.

- 25th June for primary schools in Bromley and all other Boroughs
- 26th June for Oaklands, Tatsfield and Croydon primary schools

Timings for the day

08:00 – 08:20	Children arrive (dropped at school gates and escorted to computer rooms)
12:00 – 12:45	Parents & carers attend parental induction in the Main Hall
12:55 – 13:00	Parents and carers meet their children at the front of school and depart together

The school day

- Registration at 8.30
- Period 1
- Period 2
- Break
- Period 3
- Period 4
- Lunch
- Period 5
- Finish at 3.00
- After school activities

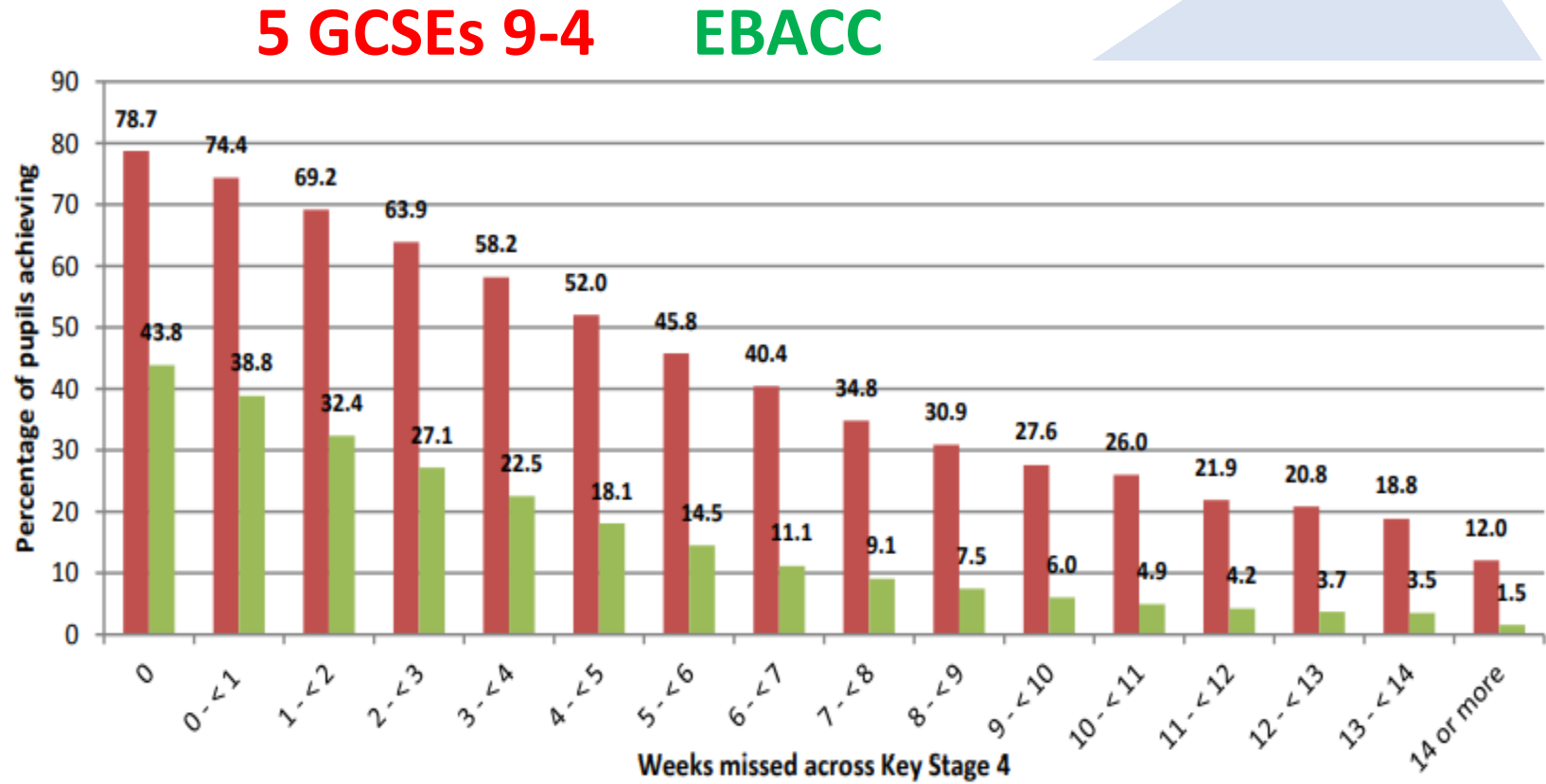
Be in school by 8.15



Attendance - Every Day Counts

96% - minimum

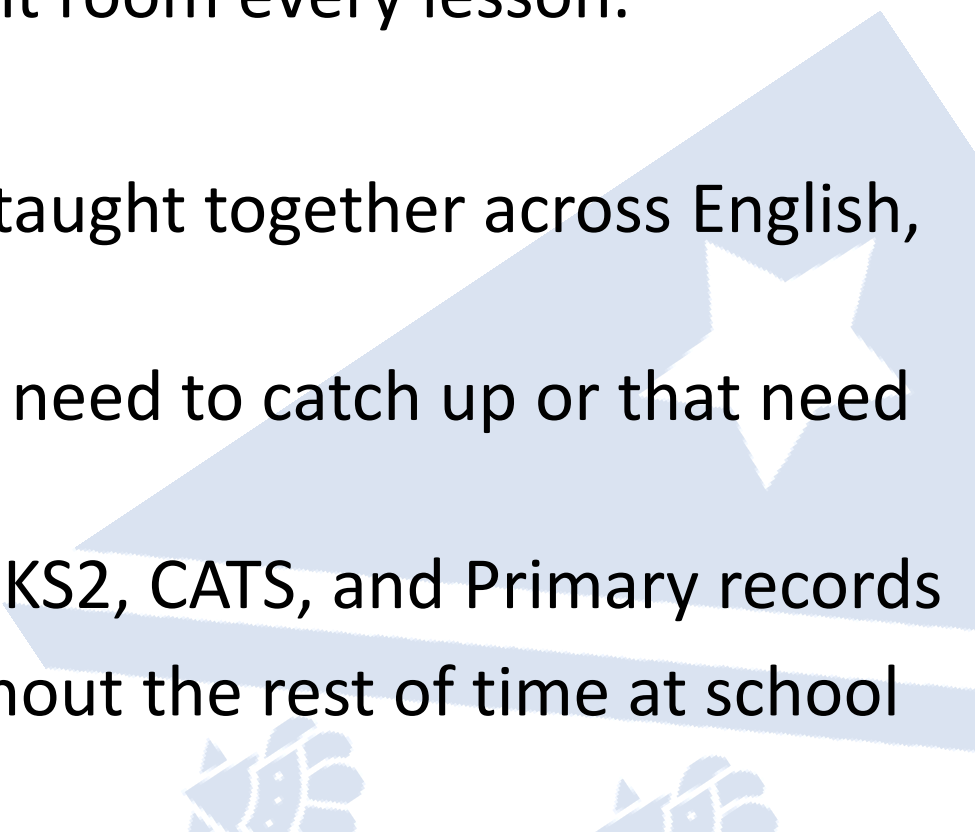
Parents should call the absence line before 8.30am, every day their child is absent.



First day at Charles Darwin School

- Arrive 8.45 on **Monday 2nd September** finish 12:00
- Students will be directed to the main hall
- Full school uniform (remember – no jewellery), school bag (No PE kit needed).
- Introduction to tutor and find out who will be in your tutor group
- First day – introduction to secondary school. Expectations and making new friends.
- **Bring water in a refillable bottle and snack for break**

Timetable

- Very different from primary school – different room every lesson.
 - In ability groups for Maths
 - Those with the highest academic ability are taught together across English, MFL , History ,Geography and Science
 - We have a small group that helps those that need to catch up or that need additional support
 - Sets are based on academic performance at KS2, CATS, and Primary records
 - Fine tuning throughout the year and throughout the rest of time at school
 - Form groups will be mixed ability
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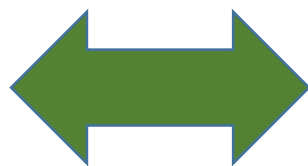
Monitoring progress

- Data collected 3 times per year
- Reports sent home by post or via parents evening
- Analysis of effort, attainment and progress
 - Effort ladder
 - Attendance ladder
- Literacy progress
 - Reading book... essential



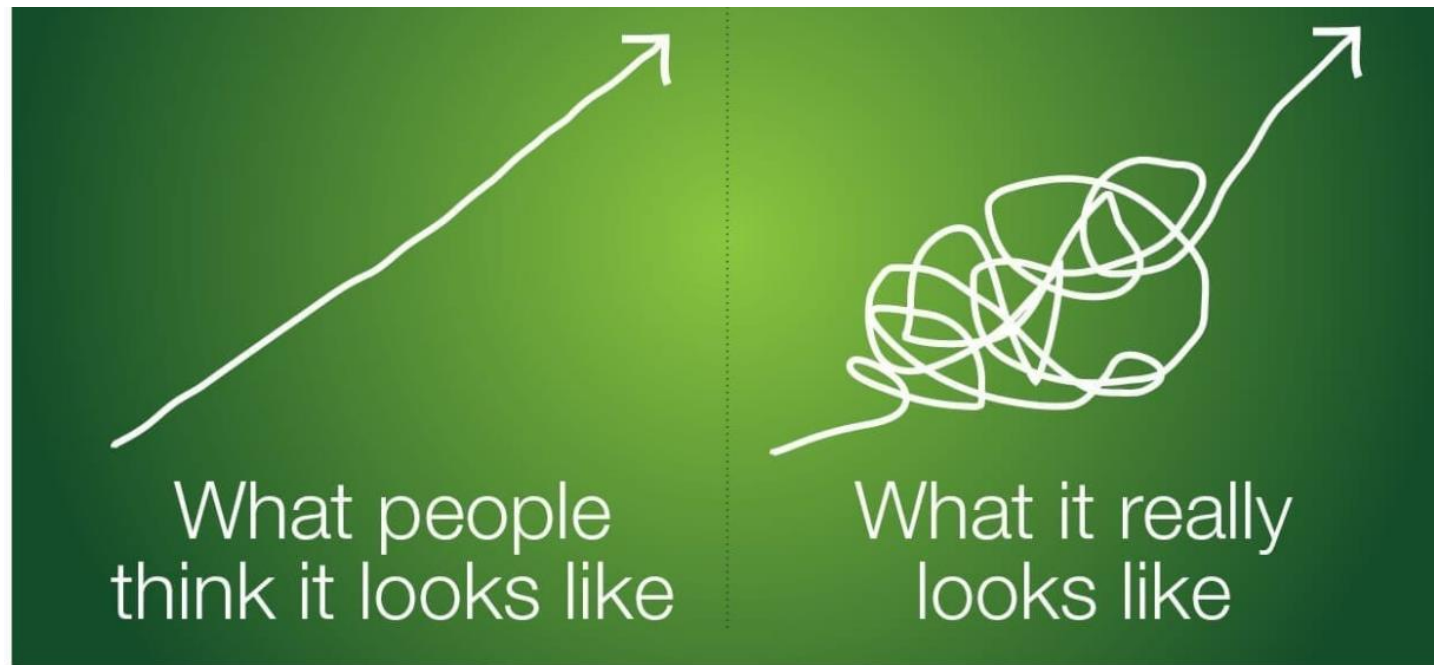
Success

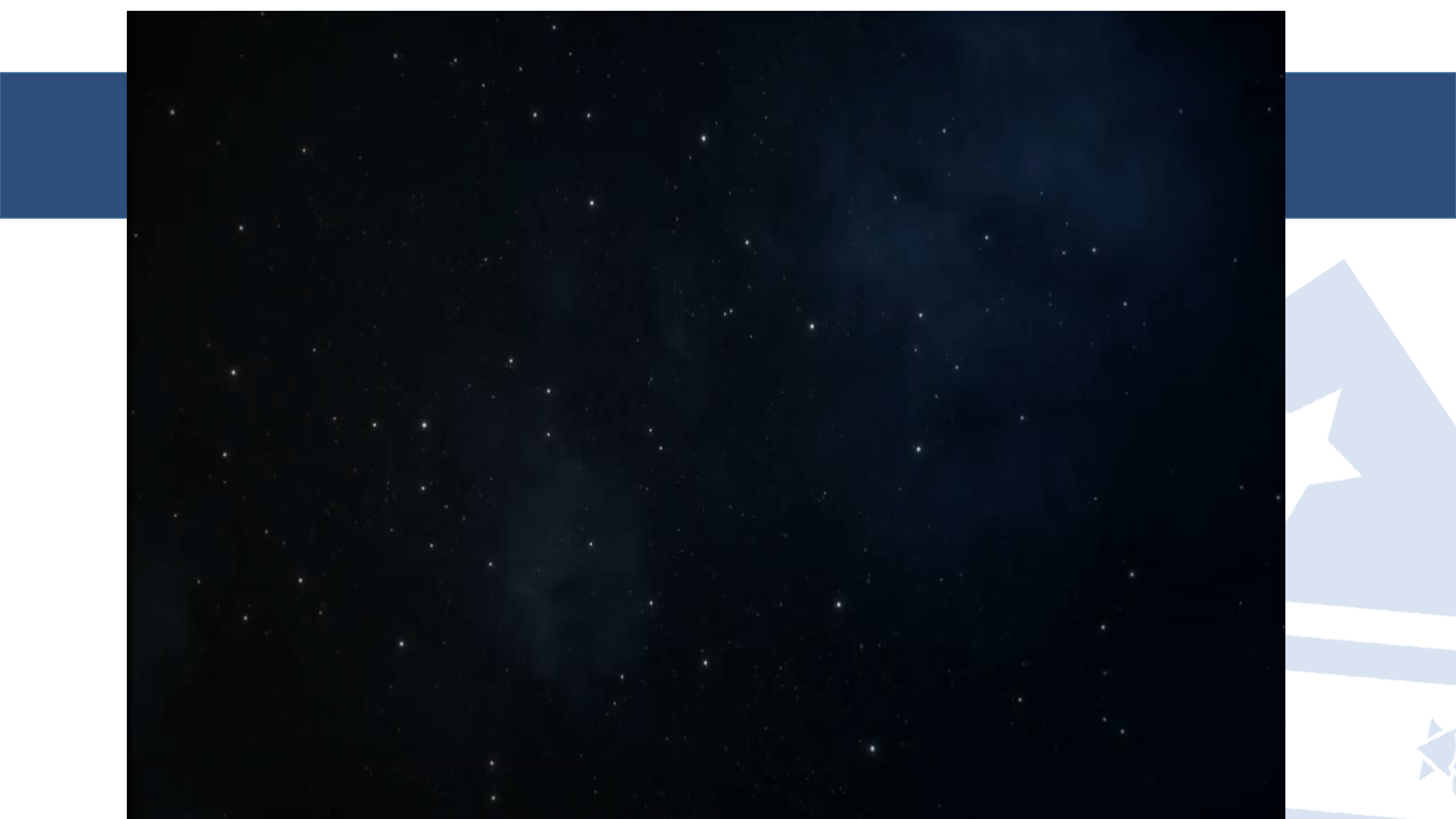
Student



Home

School





Developing good habits – growth mindset/grit

- The habits and routines developed in Year 7 are often those that will stay with students throughout their secondary schooling
- Resilient/ Gritty
- Organised/hardworking
- Growth Mindset
- Caring and Kind

I can't do it...yet



Encourage your child to embrace everything
CDS has to offer

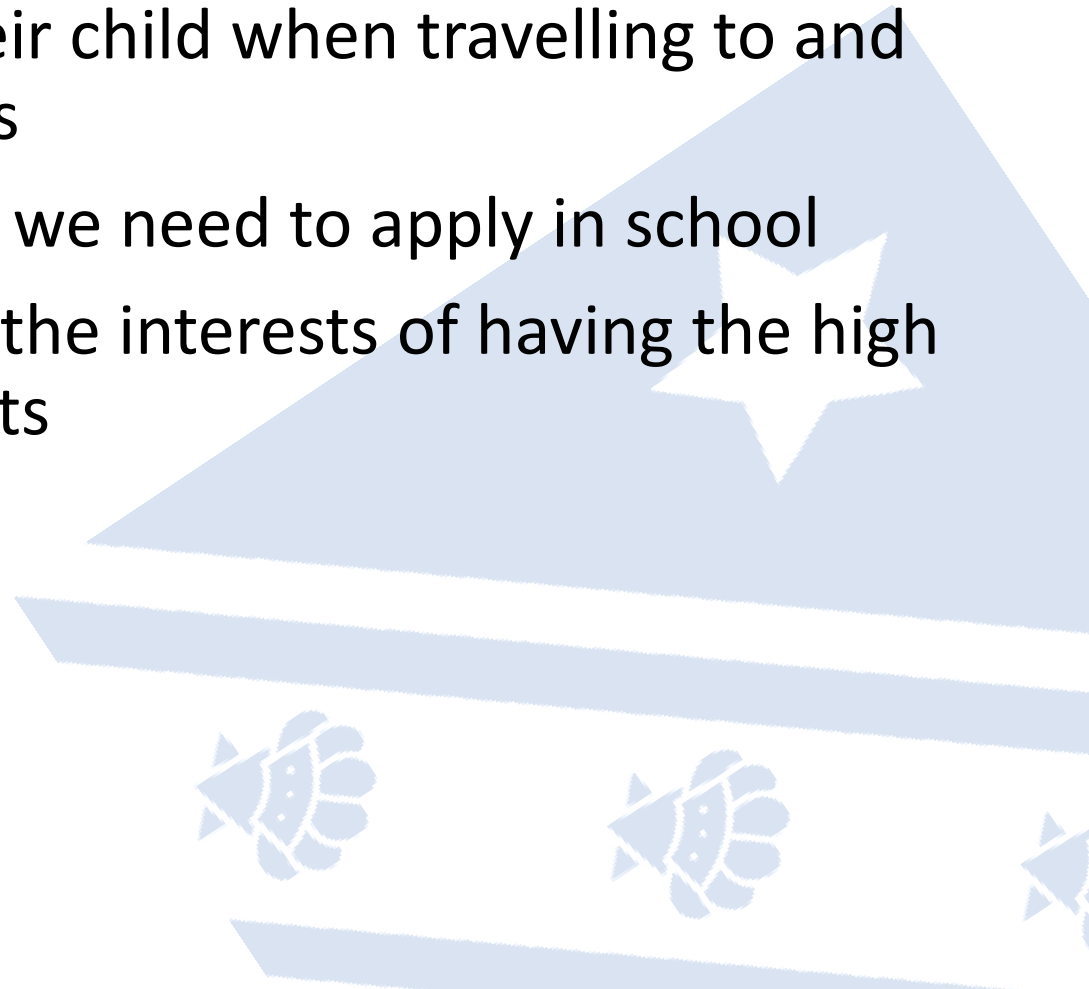
*Every child has talent and
Every child can achieve*



Behaviour

A culture based on mutual respect

- We need parents to take responsibility for their child when travelling to and from school, evenings, weekends and holidays
 - We need parental support with any sanctions we need to apply in school
 - We expect to be able to work with parents in the interests of having the high standards of behaviour our community expects
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- No aerosols (deodorants or hairspray)
 - No energy drinks
 - No nuts





Concentration habits for the classroom...

S Sit up Straight

L Listen

A Answer and ask
Questions

N Never Interrupt

T Track the Teacher

Knowledge isn't free. You have to
pay attention!



How we talk to adults...

S Speak and Smile

T Thank You

E Etiquette

P Please

S Sorry

We are polite to you - you are
polite to us



Corridor Routines...

S

Stay on the Left

P

**Prompt and
Purposeful**

A

**Always use an
Indoor Voice**

C

**Courtesy and
Common Sense**

E

Example

**Every lesson change over, every day
and every week**

The expected behaviour of
everyone in our
community is based on

Mutual Respect

Students - Staff - Parents



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Uniform

A few reminders

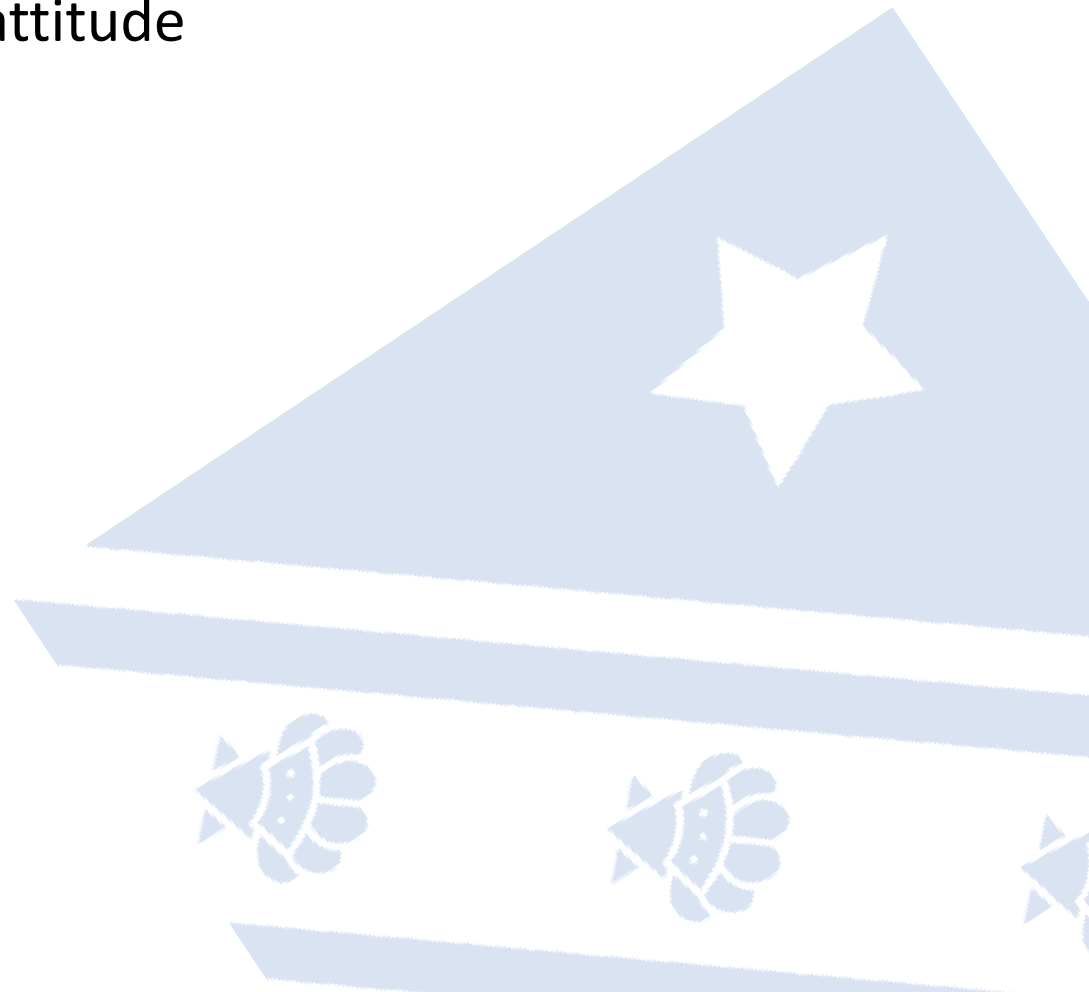
- No trainers (other than agreed medical issues)
- No hoodies
- Blazer is needed every day
- No jewellery including nose studs...not even clear plastic ones
- No hats or bandanas

These are our rules and we will not make exceptions



Rewards

- Aspire Endeavour Achieve points for good work and attitude
- Data (3 times a year)
- Attendance
- Jack Petchey
- Progress Pens
- Praise in The Link
- Letter home via subject
- Letter home via Achievement Co-ordinator
- Break with a cake
- Reward trips
- Prizes for a variety of achievements



Ready to Learn Induction:

Charles Darwin Staff and Students will support the new year 7 students. They will help with things like....

- Finding their way around, locating classrooms, toilets, student services, canteen playground etc
- How to move around school, line up outside classrooms, enter classrooms
- Developing organisational skills, using lockers, carrying equipment etc
- Presentation of classwork and homework
- Using our ICT facilities, setting up your school email and Satchel One accounts
- Own playground
- Lessons start on day 2. Taken to lessons until the end of the second week.

Student Voice

- 2 members from each form – 16 in total
- Regular meetings to discuss issues and plan events then feedback to form group
- School ambassadors
- Trusted members of the year 7 community
- 2 members go to represent year 7 at school council

Parent Voice

- Opportunity to provide input through surveys
- Parents evenings
- Email

- Feedback used to inform our School Improvement Plan and the everyday running of the school. For example 2023 feedback has helped to create new look (cheaper) uniform for September 2023



The Link



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Vision Statement

This week I led a staff meeting where we re-visited our vision and I would like to re-share this with you. It is important that all stakeholders know the journey we are on together.



CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL

Vision Statement

We are the hub of our community and a school everyone is proud to be associated with.

A thirst for learning has been developed in all our students through strong relationships with staff and engaging, memorable learning experiences in the classroom and extra-curricular.

All students feel an important part of the school and are proud to have a place here. They enjoy coming to school and do not want to miss a single day through absence.

All parents and students put a high value on education, not just wanting their child to get through school but wanting them to achieve the highest possible academic outcomes.

Students discover their talents by being open to trying new things, engaging with what the school has to offer and always trying their best.

Students will leave us as compassionate contributors to local and global society, knowing they can overcome any challenge they are faced with. They will have developed an open-mindset and can-do attitude.

All Charles Darwin staff are solutions focused; we solve problems together, alongside our Inicio colleagues – we are a team of people with the single ambition of wanting the best for our students.

Parent Survey

A survey was sent out to parents and carers on Tuesday. The survey will be open until Tuesday 7th May.

Thank you to everyone who has completed it so far. Your feedback is really important to us. Here is the link again to the parent survey <https://forms.office.com/e/wJbNG3MEWq> or scan the QR code.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please feel free to share any comments or suggestions with us in the free text section of the parent survey so we might adapt and improve our newsletter to provide you with what you want.

Parent Survey 2024 Charles Darwin School



05.05.2023

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King Charles III Coronation

A lot of things have been going on this week and more so today to mark the King's Coronation. Whatever people's views, the Coronation will be a very memorable occasion and I am grateful to staff for their efforts in bringing a Coronation thread to lessons. On Wednesday I visited the Library and it was great to see the special activities which Susan Adams had planned. Our catering provider, Harrison's put on a special Coronation themed menu and the canteen was decorated with bunting.

Year 11 and Year 13

I am incredibly impressed how our Year 11 and Year 13 students have conducted themselves in the run up to their public examinations. If parents can also congratulate them on their attitude and mindset it would be most appreciated. We are doing all we can to support them through what is always a stressful time.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to all those who successfully climbed the O2 on Wednesday. Fortunately, the weather was kind and they all had a brilliant time, raising a fantastic £1,652 for the Charwell Children's Cancer Trust. Thanks also to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause.

Parent Survey

In the next week or so we will be issuing a parent survey, based on Ofsted's Parent View. Please do keep an eye out for this direct communication and thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute. We would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey to enable us to have a full representation of views on the school. Responses will be used to inform our planning for next year.

And finally ...

As we approach another bank holiday weekend, this time to celebrate the King's Coronation, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable time.

Aston Smith



A reminder to parents that as well as the LINK and the 'latest news' section on the website, you can follow the latest events happening in our school community on:

CDarwinSchool



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Mr Jones



Update from Charles Darwin PTA

Thanks to everyone who attended our quiz night in March. We had a super evening and raised over £600 for our school. We look forward to sharing a date soon for our next one, which we hope to arrange before the end of this term.



28.03.2024

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Achievement Assemblies

Over the past week and a half, I have attended Achievement Assemblies. It has been a pleasure to share in so much success and to hear the numerous fantastic citations, as well as the number of certificates and achievement points awarded. It has been particularly pleasing to celebrate students who demonstrate our behaviour curriculum of SLANT/STEPS/SPACE, each and every day. The students should be very proud of themselves as we are of them. Well done!

Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 and 13 Parent's Evening. I would like to thank the families for their commitment to attend these events, at what is an important time as students progress in the final steps of secondary school education and prepare for life and education beyond Charles Darwin School.

Merger with Inicio Educational Trust

All the required legal documents have now been signed and we are on track to merge with Inicio Educational Trust on 1st April. The new Trust will comprise Charles Darwin School, Biggin Hill Primary School, Bullers Wood School for Girls, Bullers Wood School for Boys and Chislehurst School for Girls.

It has been good to see that there are increasing working relationships with our counterparts in the other Inicio schools and after Easter work will start on looking at teaching and learning across the new Trust as a whole. Feedback from staff is that the meetings have been extremely useful and staff have appreciated getting to know their Inicio colleagues.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank the Trustees and Governors, past and present, for their contribution to the school and commitment to Charles Darwin Academy Trust. We now look forward to the future as part of Inicio Educational Trust.

End of Term

As we reach the end of a busy and productive term I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all staff who are committed to broadening opportunities and experiences for our students and who go above and beyond by organising and supporting a wide range of events and extra-curricular activities including day and residential trips and visits as well as running revision sessions for our Year 11 and 13 students, many of which are run in their own free time to make this possible. I can't wait to hear about the Geography students' trip to Iceland and the Austria ski trip when they return!

I wish you and your families a happy and restful Easter break, and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 15th April.

Aston Smith, Headteacher



Charles Darwin School has been awarded the I Belong Champion for Improving gender balance in Computer Science award from the National Centre of Computing Education!

The Programme aims to encourage girls to participate in the GCSE Computer Science course. This recognition underscores our commitment to championing girls' involvement in the field of computer science.

The I Belong Programme focuses on promoting inclusive practices and aims to address the issue of female underrepresentation in computing by empowering educators at all levels. As 'I Belong Champions,' we are dedicated to sharing and embedding these inclusive practices in our educational approach to create a more diverse and equitable learning environment.

This could not have been achieved without the support of the Computer Science team, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Nwoye. So massive thank you to them!

Ms Elliott

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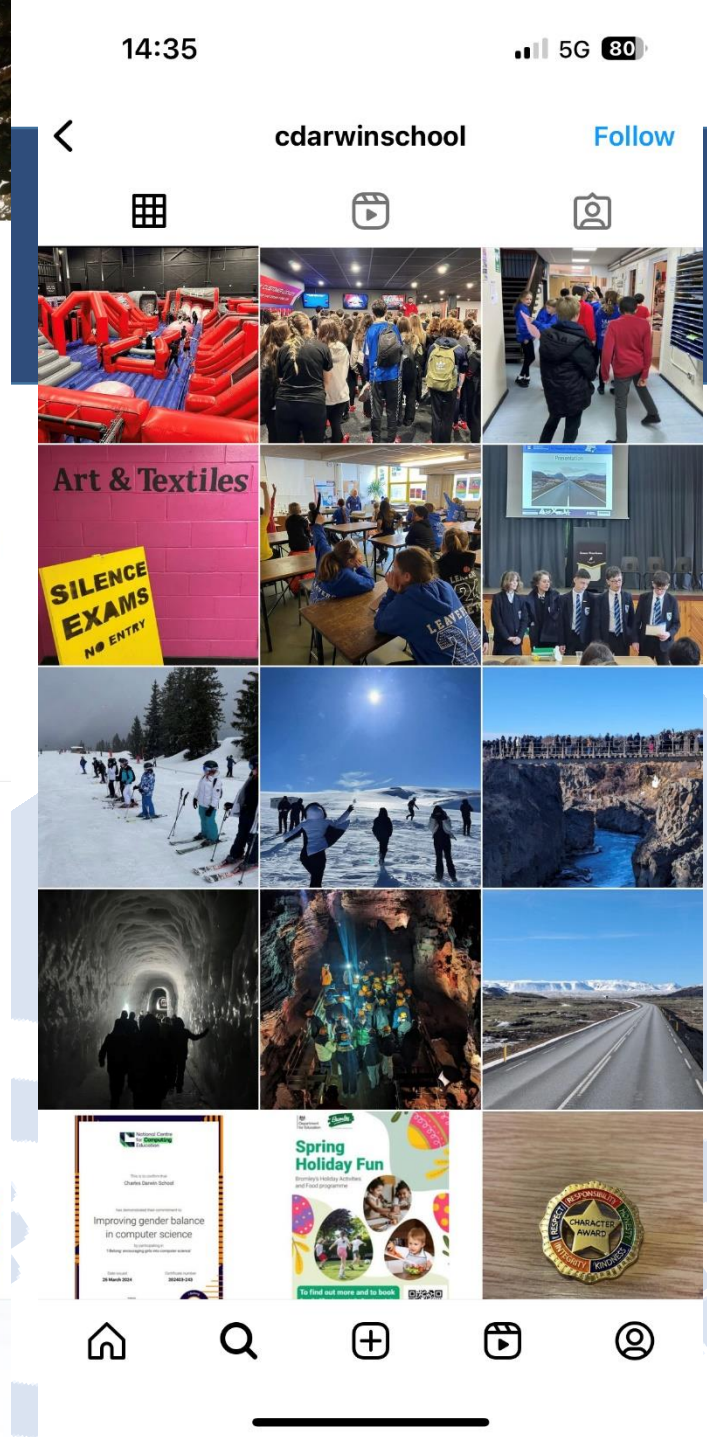
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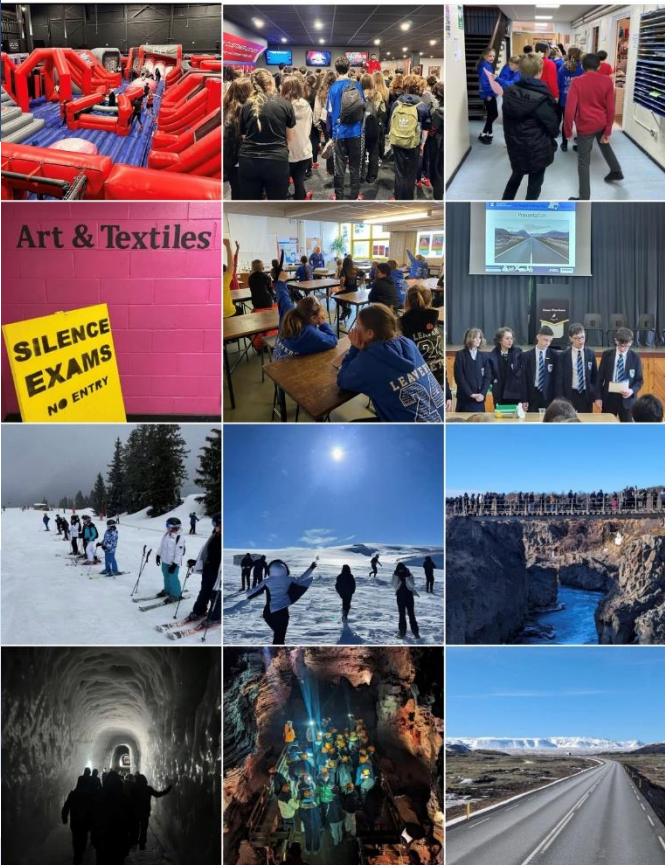
Posts Replies Media Likes

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Year 7 have just taken part in a keynote session - your journey to university- making it happen. This was followed by a range of bronze and silver awards being presented for outstanding participation across the year




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Art & Textiles


SILENCE EXAMS NO ENTRY



Improving gender balance in computer science

Spring Holiday Fun

RESPONSIBLE CHARACTER AWARD



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FOOD WITH THOUGHT

Charles Darwin School

WELCOME TO YOUR CATERING SERVICE



HARRISON FOOD OFFER

- Our approach, wherever possible is to use fresh, quality, sustainably sourced seasonal ingredients.
- Menus are created with a wide variety of choice and include meat free options. All are delicious and full of flavour.
- Please speak with us if you have a food allergy or intolerance.



During the summer..

- Learn how to tie a tie to the correct length
- Buy some books or go to the library. You will need to bring a reading book into school every day
- Bring £10 for locker rental
- Book a time with Oz School wear if you don't purchase tomorrow or Tuesday.
- Remember my 'Who am I?' booklet on the first day back (summer homework)
- Order zip/oyster card if planning to travel by bus. Perhaps travel the route

How can you help us??

1. Join our monthly draw:



WIN cash AND fundraise for our school

Card payments or bank transfers accepted

To join, scan here with your device camera:



Or add this text to your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/34ys3t3v>

2. Sign up to Easyfundraising:

The banner is for the Easyfundraising app. It shows the app's logo, the text 'Our 2023 fundraising target is... £ 5000', and 'Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for Charles Darwin School with easyfundraising'. It includes a QR code and a list of partner brands: Booking.com, eBay, M&S, Groupon, Argos, Tui, Currys, John Lewis, Apple, Viking, ASOS, BT, and Just Eat. A footer mentions '7,000+ online brands' and provides app download instructions for Google Play and the App Store, along with a Trustpilot rating of 4.8/5.

3. Like, share and follow our accounts and posts on social media:



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charles_darwin_pta



@pta_Darwin

We'd love to hear from you via e-mail:



friends@charlesdarwin.com



Music at Charles Darwin School

Miss V Mace
Curriculum Leader of Music



Next steps

- Interview tomorrow or Tuesday 13th June (parking off site) – 20mins.
- Remember to bring the reply slip for the 2 day Summer School to the interview.
- Uniform and PE Kit – order and collect with Oz Schoolwear
- Stationary with everything you need available for purchase (cash only)
- Buy a water bottle (CD water bottle £1)





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Thank you for listening

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