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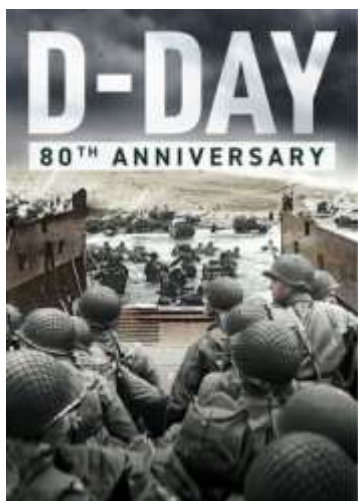
Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all students and families after the half term break. I hope everyone managed to enjoy the break and feels rested in preparation for this last half term of the school year. I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff who gave up their time to work with our examination students during the break.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

On Monday my assembly with the Year 9's was about the D-Day 80th Anniversary. We discussed that D-Day would have been 5th June had it not been for Maureen Sweeney – an Irish postmistress. One of her duties was to make weather observations and on the 3rd June 1944, she discovered a storm and so the attack was postponed for 24 hours. We have taken time to remember the 156,000 British, American and Canadian troops that combined over land, sea and air to turn the direction of the war with incredible bravery and tragic loss of life. We will remember.

Below is one of the slides from my presentation showing some of the key messages discussed during the Year 9 assembly.



- **Intergenerational respect** – the sacrifices made by those involved in D-Day

- **Collaboration** – D-Day's success relied on the combined efforts of many people of different skills and from different nations

- **The impact of war** and the need for **remembrance** and **learning**.

Year 7 Induction

It was a pleasure to be able to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families into our Charles Darwin community and to speak to them individually after the presentation at the Year 7 Induction Evening on Wednesday. There was a lot of excitement about starting, and many parents already volunteering to support the school and our PTA.

Aston Smith, Headteacher

Personal Development/Enrichment Week

Personal Development Week update - This is the information repeated from the Link dated 24/05/24

Letters have gone out via students and email regarding the booking of trips for the end of term. Please make sure that you have your ParentPay account ready to book. Once the trips are full, they will disappear from ParentPay. The date for the trips to go live will be **4pm 14th June 2024**. Detailed letters to follow after half term break.

The **£8 is a voluntary core contribution** that we ask parents to help support with all of the activities in school and to support some of the free activities that are external visits as this comes as a significant cost to the school to organise all of the events. This went live on 6th June.

A call parent reminder has gone out this morning with this information on. We are not able to process any individual queries regarding trips and bookings until we have closed the trips or they are full. We are also not able to accept requests to pre-book any trips.

Mr Jones

D-Day Celebration at Charles Darwin



This week on the 6th of June we celebrated the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Eighty years ago, the weather broke and the greatest invasion force in history left the shores of Britain to liberate Europe.

Charles Darwin in true style, came together to celebrate this occasion. Some great assemblies were made in recognition of this momentous event. Moreover a tutor seminar was made to reinforce the lessons of D-Day. We have asked all students from year 7-10 to design a D-Day stamp and I cannot wait to display these in some great picture frames I have ordered with the help of Interior design students.

Staff embraced the day by wearing red, white or blue, attire that was typical of the period or black to mark respect for the soldiers that faced a 1 in 4 chance of surviving the risky attack. The winners of the staff dress up are definitely Ms Elliot and Ms Harris. I will post some more pictures once the stamps are in....

Ms Davies

Reading Corner at Charles Darwin

Congratulations to all of our Y7, Y8 & Y9 students who have taken part in Lexia reading intervention sessions. Many students have improved their reading age by up to 6 years – an incredible achievement! The programme continues for our final cohort this year...

D-Day

Students may have noticed teachers dressed up in 1940s dressed or red, white and blue in honour of D-Day on Thursday 6th June.

Why not try reading up on the events of D-Day?

Mrs Pitt



Well done to Florence Adler Year 7 who has been chosen to represent Bromley at the London Youth Games. She is part of the U13 football team and will be playing this weekend.

Florence also has now competed for district twice (Cross Country and Football).

What an amazing achievement!

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



CDarwinSchool



Mr Jones

Maths Challenge 2024

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the students across Year 7 and Year 8 who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge this year! You will receive your certificates in your End of Year Celebration of Success Assembly later this term.




Students performed really well across the board and I'm pleased to announce that as a school we achieved 35 Bronze Awards, 21 Silver Awards and 1 Gold Award as well!

A special mention goes to Logan Allison in Year 8 who accomplished an incredible score of 91 and achieved a Gold Award, as well as Elliot Johnson and Lucie Kempster who got the joint highest score in Year 7 of 85 and both achieved a Silver Award. Really well done!



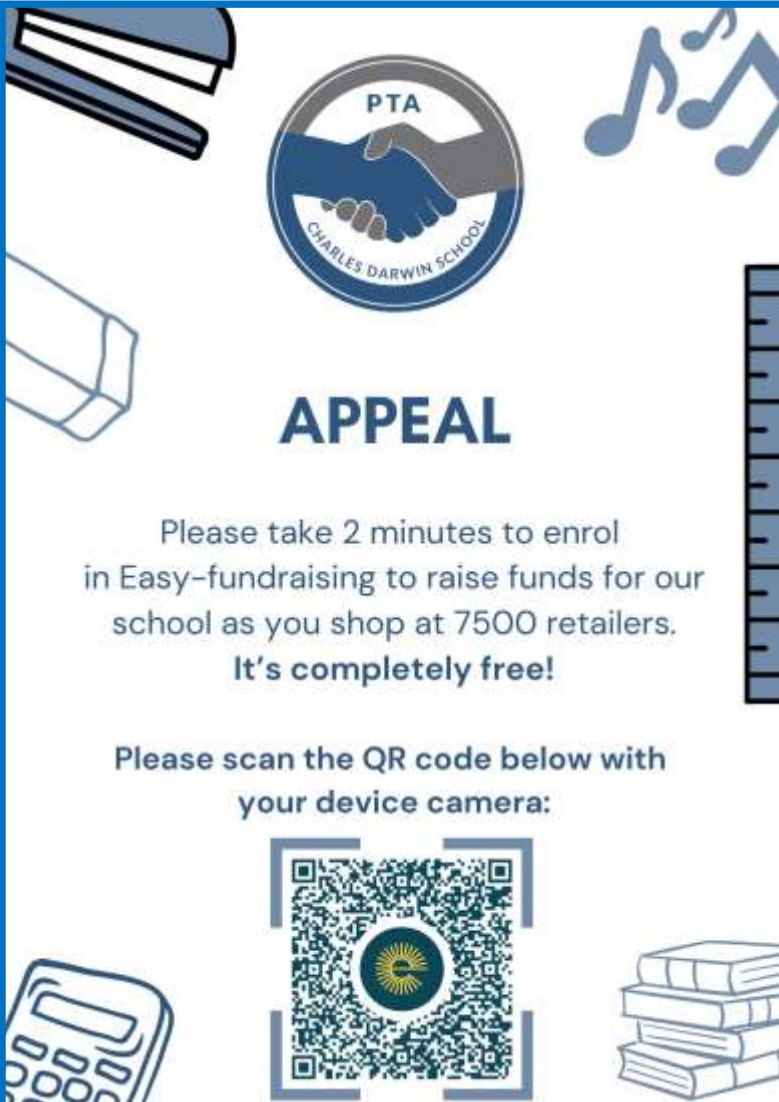

Mr Brown



APPEAL

Please take 2 minutes to enrol in Easy-fundraising to raise funds for our school as you shop at 7500 retailers. It's completely free!

Please scan the QR code below with your device camera:



DANCE CLUB 3:15 - 4:15

Da1 WEDNESDAY

Open to all students
Bring a drink and your PE kit



SEE MISS WINTER FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Darwin Leisure Centre – Leisure Assistants £9.73 per hour

We are looking to appoint a number of Leisure Assistants for our busy Leisure Centre. Applicants should have good inter-personal skills, a professional attitude to work and be able to work both independently and as part of a team. Successful candidates will be required to work during the afternoon and evening, including some weekends. Previous experience of working in the leisure industry would be advantageous, although training will be given.

Application forms and details of the post can be found on our website:
[Charles Darwin School - Vacancies \(cdarwin.com\)](http://www.cdarwin.com)

Please note all applications must be made on the Charles Darwin Academy Trust application form – CVs alone will not be considered. Please return completed application forms to Mrs. J. Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager, Charles Darwin School.

Interviews will take place as and when applications are received.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure with the Disclosure and Barring Service and full background checks.

School Cleaners (£13.77 per hour)

We are looking to appoint a number of school cleaners to join our committed Site Team. Actual hours are negotiable but are likely to be between 3.00pm – 7.30pm Monday – Friday during term time. Some additional hours may be available during school holidays. Applicants should complete the non-teaching staff application form on our website (www.cdarwin.com) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager.

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School Uniform Grant

Please see the link below for more information:

[School Uniform Grant | There for You \(UNISON Welfare\) | UNISON National](#)

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence before 8.30am. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible. Our Attendance Officer is having to spend an increased amount of time each day chasing for responses.

Thank you for your support.

School jumpers, PE kits and school bags needed!

Parents/Carers

We need your help! We are specifically short of navy school jumpers, red and black PE hoodies, white polo shirts, red socks and school bags. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son has outgrown, we would greatly accept donation of these. We also welcome any other parts of school uniform like school and football shoes.



All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Preloved Uniform Shop Team

PE Department Appeal

We are in need of football shoes and trainers for our spare PE kits. If you have any lying around that your child has outgrown, we would gladly take them off your hands.



All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

PE Department Team



All students are requested to leave the school site promptly unless taking part in supervised activities after school. For safety and security reasons no casual or recreational activities should take place without direct supervision from staff.

The Darwin Leisure Centre fitness gym is open to student paying members only between 3.15-4.30pm who must then leave the premises as quickly as possible; from 4.30-6.00pm only School/Club bookings are allowed on the 3G.

For students booking the astro pitch, bookings must be made in advance (no walk-ins) and a parent must be present on arrival. A limit of 16 students per booking applies.

The mathematics department are holding revision classes after school on the following days from 3.15 to 4.15:

Higher Tier

Monday MA7 Mr Yerassimou
Wednesday MA2 Mr Watson

Foundation Tier

Monday GE2 Ms Harris



SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday 22nd July
and Tuesday 23rd July

THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE, TWO DAY TRANSITION
EVENT ONLY OPEN TO NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS
STARTING CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2024

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF ACTIVITIES:
TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITIES/SPORTS
INCLUDING LITERACY AND NUMERACY AND MUCH MORE

COST: £50 FOR BOTH DAYS



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i feel so much
more confident to
to talk to my child

Hosted by

Ivison Trust,
a parent with lived experience & a
local police officer.

The MET Police Central Youth Team, are currently running a project, offering **FREE and online, parent/ carer engagement webinars** in partnership with IVISON Trust. The sessions will give advice to parents/ carers, on how to spot signs of **County Lines, gang affiliation, grooming and exploitation**. The input will also include a lived experience speaker who will explain how they themselves or their children, became involved with gangs and exploitation. The charity will also offer free long term support, to anyone who needs it or believes their young people have been or are being exploited.

Please find attached the advert, that contains the Eventbrite link for them to reserve their free place.



CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL PTA
**MONTHLY
DRAW**



**WIN cash (currently around £75 monthly
jackpot) AND fundraise for our school**

Card payments or bank transfers accepted

To join, scan here with your device camera: to visit our online store

**SCAN
ME!**



Wellbeing Dance

Fusion

**Starting Wednesday 5th June
Darwin Leisure centre -Dance studio**

5-5:45pm- Years 7-9

5:45-6:30pm Years 10-13

Discover an array of enjoyable dance routines set to lively music in a stress-free and supportive atmosphere.

Conclude the session with soothing guided relaxation, prioritising your personal wellness.

📞 Contact @abbott_movement
or email abbottdance5@gmail.com for more information
and to book in!



Qualified Secondary Dance teacher and certified Health and Wellbeing coach , Full DBS , First aid and insured.

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 24 May 2024.



7CMo	97.8%
8LBr	91.3%
9SAr	96.3%
10COn	91.7%
11JBi	100%
12MMe	95.6%
13RPi	100%

As you are aware attendance is linked to a student's attainment and at Charles Darwin we work closely with the parents to keep students' attendance levels as high as possible. Please could we ask that if your child feels unwell in the morning (headache etc.) and they do feel better later on, that you send them in. This will benefit them as they will not miss a whole days learning.

Please can we also remind parents to call in before 8.30am for each day of your child's absence and not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.

A reminder that pupils **should not** contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Mrs Booth, our Health Care Lead.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Mrs Booth in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Students Services Team

First Aid

Hay Fever Season - Medication for Students

Hay Fever and the symptoms for children studying at school can be very uncomfortable, please ensure that if your child suffers with Hay Fever that they take any relevant medication/antihistamine before school. The school is unable to provide this medication to students.

Parents should be advised that the school does not provide students with Paracetamol unless it is a medical emergency. We have a limited supply in school and prefer that medication wherever possible is administered at home.

Many thanks for your support.

**Mrs Booth
Lead First Aid**

Year 8 Duty Pupils

Ruby Ferguson
Freya Brandrick
Nancie Bamber
Carlo Chatterton
Maya Thompson

Mia Marks-Belaon
Scarlett Reed
Emily Bumstead
Andrew Nobrega
Ellie-May Friend



Student Services Duty Pupils

Alfie Rapley
Jake Platt
Cameron Gainey
Jenson Witt Morris

They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable.

Dates for the Diary

June

11th June - New Year 7 Induction Day 2

17th -18th June - Trip: Year 10 GCSE PE kayaking trip, Danson Park

21st June - Sixth Form Summer Ball

27th June - Year 11 Prom

27th-28th June - DofE Silver Y10 qualifying expedition

28th June - **INICIO DAY, Students home learning**

KS3 Exams dates:

Year 7 and 8 exams - Monday 3 June to Friday 14 June

Year 9 exams – Monday 10 June to Friday 21 June

July

8th-9th July - Trip: Year 10 GCSE PE kayaking trip, Danson Park

10th-12th July - DofE Silver Sixth Form qualifying expedition

12th July - Sports Day

15th-20th July - Trip: Year 8 MFL Residential Trip (coach and Eurotunnel)

16th-18th July - Trip: Year 8 History Trip to York (coach)

17th July - Trip: Development Theatre trip - Wicked - London Year's 8 & 9

19th July - Celebration of Success Assemblies

19th July - End of term



As the weather is getting warmer please can all students bring in a reusable water bottle to school each day.

The water bottles can be refilled at the canteen and near to Students Services at break time and lunchtime.

We only have a limited supply of plastic cups for First Aid and medical emergencies only.

Thank you

Student Services Team

2023-24 Term Dates

Summer 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

(Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday)

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

INSET Days - School closed to students

Friday 28th June 2024 - INICIO Day (home learning for students)

Monday 22nd July 2024

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn 2024

Friday 30th August – Friday 18th October

Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Spring 2025

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

Notes:

Good Friday 18th April
Easter Monday 21st April

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

[Monday 5th May Bank Holiday]

Half term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July

INSET Days:

Friday 30th August 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Wednesday 15th January 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

All staff Trust Training Day – Friday 27th June 2025



Foodbank in Bromley is able to offer clients a choice of 3 days worth of food along with a supermarket voucher or 7 days worth of food. This is for **Bromley Borough residents only**. For out of borough residents they are able to offer 3 days worth of food. Please remember you can get help by contacting them directly on ifo@bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk.