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Charles Darwin School

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Headlines

Year 11 Leaving Event
On Tuesday morning, our Year 11 students gathered for their leavers' assembly, which was filled with memories, thank-yous and goodbyes. This was followed by ice cream and the traditional shirt-signing celebration. A huge thank you to the 11 year team for organising such a wonderful event.

I look forward to seeing them again on Thursday 20th August for results day and sixth form enrolment. Until then, I hope they enjoy the sunshine, take a well-earned break from studying, and stay safe.

Year 10 Theatre Trip
On Tuesday evening, Miss Currie, Miss Lobb and I took a group of our GCSE Drama students to see 2:22 A Ghost Story at the Churchill Theatre. The play combines humour, mystery and suspense, and the students were engaged throughout, right up to the dramatic twist ending. The production provided an excellent opportunity for students to experience live theatre and explore how tension and atmosphere can be created on stage. My thanks go to Miss Currie for organising the trip. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all involved.

Musicfest
On Wednesday after school, it was a delight to attend our annual Musicfest concert, which showcased a wonderful variety of musical performances from students across the school. The event highlighted not only their impressive talent but also the dedication and hard work they have invested throughout the year. Thank you to all the students and staff involved and parents that supported the event.

A Level Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition
On Thursday evening, I had the pleasure of attending a showcase of work produced by our A Level Art, Textiles and Photography students. The standard of work was exceptionally high, and the students should be very proud of their achievements. Well done to all students that exhibited work and thank you to staff for organising this event.

INSET Day
A reminder to parents that Friday 26 June is an INSET Day, as we join colleagues from other Lumero schools for our annual Trust training and conference day.

Warm Weather arrangements
A letter was emailed to families yesterday to set out our expectations, as well as some tips and advice during warm weather. Students have been made aware that they do not need to wear their blazers during the school day next week. However, they must bring their blazers to school each day and wear them for assemblies, which are formal occasions and take place in an air-conditioned space. I will continue to keep the situation under review.

Aston Smith, Headteacher

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generous contribution towards the purchase of achievement badges and Amazon vouchers for our students.

Their support will help us celebrate and reward students who reach our Bronze, Silver and Gold achievement point thresholds, recognising their hard work, commitment and positive contributions throughout the year.

These rewards provide extra motivation and make our achievement programme even more meaningful for our students.

We are incredibly grateful for the PTA's continued dedication to enriching our school community and supporting student success.

Jack Johnson has now completed the Junior Dart Advance Tour 2026 and he has finished 5th in the world.

Also he has qualified to represent England in the junior World Cup which will take place in November. Congratulations Jack. What an amazing achievement!

Culture and Inclusion Day - Thursday 25th June

Dear Parents/Carers

Building on the success of last year's events, we would like to invite students once again to contribute to our day of celebration on **Thursday 25th June**, in the following ways:

The theme this year is: **'Many Stories, One School' - Identity, Culture and Inclusion Day**

You could:

- **Bring in a dish** to share with your form group (during period 5) that is special to you and your family and celebrates your cultural background
- **Bring in a recipe** to add to our 'Cultural Cuisine' cookbook – we will collate these recipes and create a virtual cookbook – feel free to write about why this dish is special to you and why you and your family enjoy it so much
- Add **ONE item** to your uniform to celebrate individual cultural backgrounds and diversity
- Take part in the following **art competition**: Create your interpretation of our theme: 'Many Stories, One School'

There will be three different prize categories:

Best Digital Art: Use digital technology to blend photos and graphics to celebrate your cultural background and diversity

Best Traditional Craft: Use mixed media (fabrics/beads/ papier-mâché/clay) to create a 3D poster/model to celebrate cultural background and diversity

Best Educational Poster: Create a poster that promotes cultural backgrounds, inclusion and diversity

We are a nut-free school and we would ask that any dishes or food brought in do not contain nuts. Pupils with any allergies or food intolerances should be mindful before sampling any food.

Thank you for all your support with this.

Miss Kaye, Mrs Tigoue, Mrs Haugeneder and Ms FitzGerald

RSHE

Relationship Ambassadors

Year 9 Relationship Ambassadors have been rehearsing after school for the last month, creating a performance about the online world and relationships. So far, they have worked on scenes highlighting the use of AI and deep fakes, the impact of trolling and online tracking and stalking.
As part of devising the piece, students have been in the recording studio working with Mr Andrews creating voiceovers highlighting the dangers the online world which will be incorporated into the performance. The final piece will be performed in September and I look forward to sharing more about their fantastic work then.

Your Choice Your Voice

On Wednesday 8th July, the x half of year 9 and on Thursday 9th July, the y half of year 9 will be off timetable P1-4 to take part in a series of workshops around Relationships, Health and Sex Education. Some of the sessions will be run by staff and others will be run by external facilitators who specialise in delivering age appropriate RSHE to young people. The sessions will cover contraception, sexual harassment, drugs and alcohol and pornography. Please email gcurrie@cdarwin.com if you wish to know any further information about the content.

Miss Currie
Head of Expressive Arts

Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 12 June 2026.

7COn	97.7%
8SAs	95.4%
9KMa	93.8%
10PDg/JSt	95%
12ZPa	96.8%

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 clearly stating your child's name and form. Please do 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.

Students Services Team

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence **before 8.30am**, clearly stating your child's name and form. Please do not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.

If you wish to report your child's absence, **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS**, please call the school on **01959 574043** and when prompted to enter the extension number, please **dial 1** and you will be taken through to the student absence line where you can leave a message regarding your child's absence. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible.
Thank you for your support.

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.

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.
Thank you

Mrs Booth
Health Care Lead

Dates for the Diary

June
25th June - Year 11 Prom
26th June - INSET DAY
29th June - GCSE Art Show, 4-6.30pm, School Library
30th June - Sixth Form Taster Day
30th June - Sixth Form Parent's Information Evening

July
1st July - KS3 Careers Day
1st-3rd July - Trip: Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition, Adamswell Scout Site
3rd July - Sixth Form Summer Ball
6th July - Year 10 Walk/Run Charity Event
9th July - Trip: Year 9 Science & Technology Challenge Day - SE London College
10th July - Sports Day
13th-17th July - Year 12 Work Placement
15th July - Year 10 Mock Interviews
15th-16th July - Trip: Year 7/8 Daytrip to France
15th July - Personal Development Day 1
16th July - Personal Development Day 2
16th July - Year 10 Work Shadowing Day
17th July - End of term
Celebration of Success Assemblies, early finish

Exam dates:

22nd-26thJune - Year 10 exams

22nd-26thJune - Year 12 exams

Term dates for **2026/27** can be found by clicking on the link below:

Charles Darwin School - Term Dates

Year 8 Duty Pupil

Emily Bugden
Viktorija Domkova
Gabriella Rodrigues
Geiste Kersyte
Isabella Jarred
Daisy Shier
Eason Vince
Harry Wilson
Elizabeth Craggs
Isla Comley

Student Services Duty Pupils

Evie Ryman
Ellie D'Costa
Darcey Manning
Maisie Cannon
Rosie Reed

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

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

FOOTBALL FRIDAYS
GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS
5–6pm | Charles Darwin School
SHAUN WILLIAMS
6
FOOTBALL SCHOOL
STARTING 19TH JUNE
AGES 8-12
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
BOOK NOW TO SECURE
YOUR FREE TRIAL SESSIONS
@sw6footballschool

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FOOTBALL CAMPS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
EFL
FREE football camps
this summer!
Need holiday activities
for your child?
Kellogg's is offering FREE football
camps for children aged 7–14!
Why parents love them:
• Run by FA-qualified coaches
• Fully supervised (free childcare support)
• Inclusive and confidence-building
• Fun, active sessions to keep
children entertained
Kellogg's
Available at EFL
clubs across the UK
Find your nearest camp:

THE MUSIC KLUB
THE MUSIC KLUB CREATIVE ARTS AND DEVELOPMENT
HAF
SUMMER PROGRAMME
SUMMER
OUR PROGRAMME
Our Summer HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme provides young people aged 8-16 with a fun, safe, and inspiring space to learn new skills, express themselves creatively, stay active, and connect with others through healthy eating, sports, music, arts, and exciting summer experiences.
WHERE
Anerley Methodist Church
Oatfield Road,
SAnerley
London
SE20 8QA
WHEN
Monday 27th July to Thursday 20th August 2026, operating Monday to Thursday each week, and is open to young people aged 8-16.
10:30am - 3:30pm
Bromley
FREE FOR ALL
REGISTER AT:WWW.THEMUSICKLUB.COM/HAF
FOR MORE INFO: 02079670833
INFO@THEMUSICKLUB.COM

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SUNDAY JULY 19TH
12PM
Bromley Rugby Club
Barnet Wood Road, BR2 7AA
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u6s through to u11s
YOUTH SECTION
u12s upwards
GIRLS SECTION
u9s through to u18s
SCAN TO REGISTER
TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ENJOYMENT
DISCIPLINE
BROMLEYRFC.ORG
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BROMLEYRFC_GIRLS
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