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Headlines

Year 11's Prom

The Year 11 Prom took place on Thursday and was a fantastic evening. It was lovely to hear so many comments and thanks from parents to the staff for their work in supporting their son/daughter. The impressive range of transport continued the long standing tradition of spectacle for the Biggin Hill community. My very best wishes to all our Year 11 students. We look forward to seeing the majority of you in our Sixth Form in September. Have a wonderful summer break

Progress Pens

I had the pleasure of meeting with students this week to present them with their Progress Pens. This is always one of the highlights of the summer term for me. Congratulations to all the students who receive Progress Pens this term.

Thank you

Thank you all for adapting so well to the heat this week despite the challenging temperatures.

The extra effort that goes into adapting routines, ways of working, and planned activities, while keeping the school running smoothly, would not be possible without the flexibility and commitment of staff, students, and parents. Thank you for your continued support.

Well done to our Year 10 students who were sitting their examinations this week. They should be proud of the resilience and maturity they have shown throughout the examination period.

I hope all students have the opportunity to rest and recharge over the weekend ahead of what looks to be a lot cooler week ahead. Uniform expectations are back to normal on Monday and this has been communicated to parents as per my letter today.

Aston Smith, Headteacher

Renovation of the girls and boys toilets

To all Parents/Guardians

From **Monday 29th June** the planned renovation and refurbishment of the boys and girls toilet block will begin. This will enable completion of the project in time for the students return in September. During the last 3 weeks of this term, boys in years 8-10 and girls in years 8 and 9 will have access to portaloos on site, which will be located in the quad area. Girls in Year 10 will be able to access the Year 7 girls toilets in addition to the portaloos. Year 7s will continue to have access to the Year 7 toilets in Science and Sixth Form will use the toilets located in the Sixth Form Hub. **These arrangements are only for break and lunchtimes.**

Although the planned works may cause some initial disruption, this will be limited and the benefits to both staff, students and parents will be significant.

Mr Simpson
Assistant Headteacher

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

Bromley Rounders Tournament 2026

We hosted the Bromley Rounders Tournament on Thursday 18th of June
The sun shone and it was great to see so many girls enjoying the competition.
Charles Darwin entered 2 teams in both the Year7 & 8 Tournament.
Year 8 team came 2nd and year 7 team came 4th.
Well done to the following for taking part and helping run the tournament and making it such a success. All the students were great ambassadors for Charles Darwin School.

Year 7
Oliva Earls
Bethany Mears
Betsy Dehart
Ellie Downer
Isabelle Allison
Amelia Marchut
Phoebe Stockwell
Isla Atkins
Autumn Nash
Jess Garratt
Elsie Smoothy
Violet Warner
Molly Starrs-Freeman
Ellie Hodoroaba
Layla Mae lucas
Flick Evans
Pixie Plumber
Aleisha Reid

Helpers

Year 8
Ami Collins
Rosie Cookman

Year 9
Sadie Poole
Connie Smith

Year 8
Evie Murphy
Ciena Kentfield
Daisy Shier
Isabelle Jarrard
Freya Chandler
Ava Clements
Cynthia Lambart
Gabby Hodoroaba
Grace Brooks
Lyla Chapman
Chloe ford
Emily Bugden
Geiste Kersyte
Evie Rouse
Poppy Witts Morris
Victoria Domkova
Maisie Boo Williams
Charis Akioyame

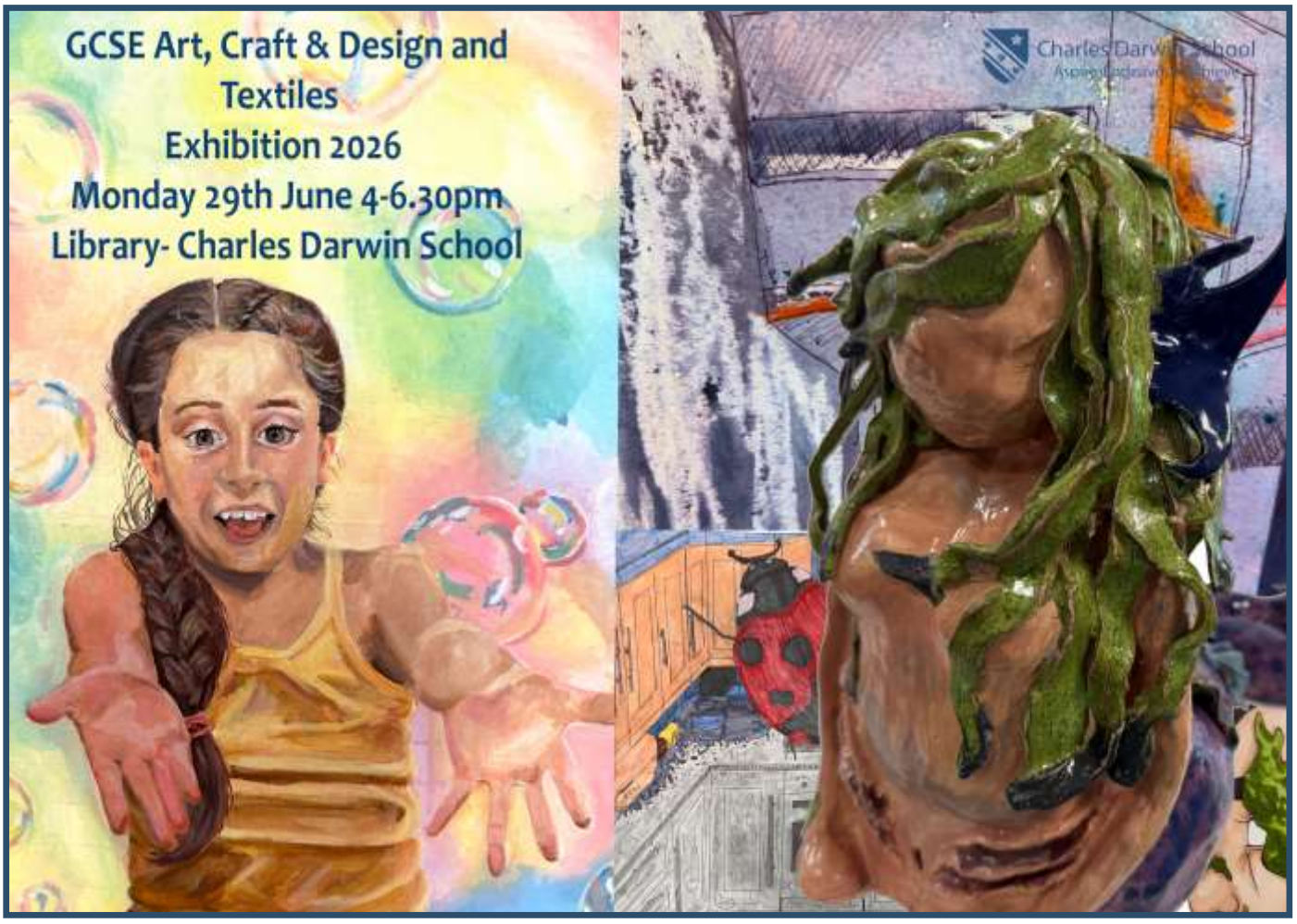
Year 10
Pola Tokarska
Rosie Kelly Johnson

Year 12
Lily Outram
Lacey Kensit
Ruby Varney

Mrs Wray

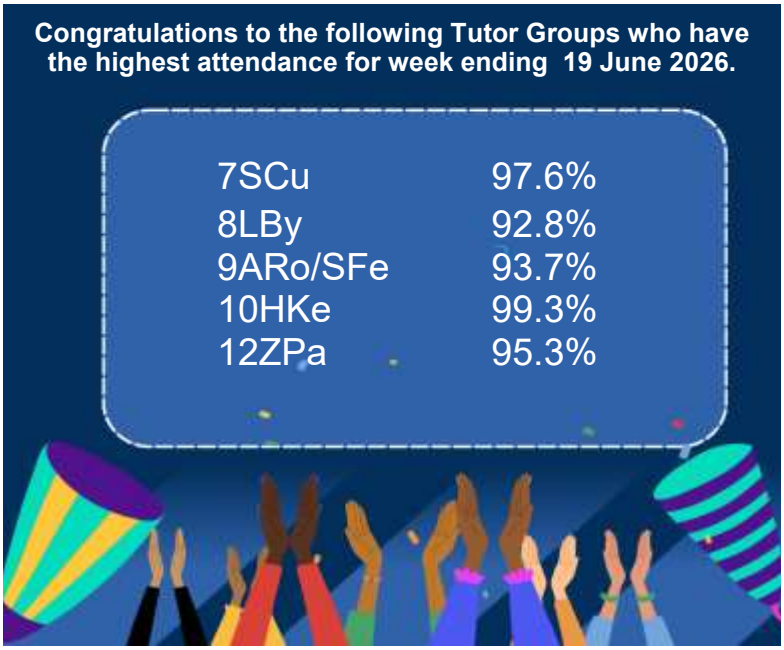
A reminder to parents that as well as the LINK and the 'latest news' section on the website, you can follow the latest events happening in our school community on:

@CDarwinSchool


GCSE Art, Craft & Design and
Textiles
Exhibition 2026
Monday 29th June 4-6.30pm
Library- Charles Darwin School

Please remember to bring a water bottle to school every day.
It is part of the essential equipment and helps you stay hydrated, focused, and ready to learn.
We have water stations at school where you can fill up your water bottle.

Attendance



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
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
6th-9th July - Year 12 Horizon
9th July - Trip: Year 9 Science & Technology Challenge Day - SE London College
10th July - Sports Day
13th-17th July - Year 12 Work Placement
14th July - Culture, Inclusion and Diversity Day
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

Finishing times:

Year 9 11.30am

Year 7 12.30pm

Year 8 12.45pm

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

Charles Darwin School - Term Dates

Year 8 Duty Pupil

Joshua Latter
Nathaniel Bates
Henry Lambert
Finlay Pender
Dexter Davies
Bobby Shipp
Alesha Reid
Sophia Bailey

Student Services Duty Pupils

Alfie Stevenson
Lacie Clarke
Elijah Gordon
Alexander Buxton-Wilmott

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

Two-dose MenB vaccine to be offered to young people ahead of the autumn as part of a one-off vaccination programme in England.

The London Borough of Bromley has published an article highlighting the eligibility of young people for a targeted vaccination programme, which offers two doses of the Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine to help protect them ahead of the new academic year. Online booking for the programme is scheduled to open on **13 July.**

Please use the link below for more information:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/news/article/998/eligible-young-people-offered-menb-vaccine-before-new-academic-year

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