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# Charles Darwin School

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## Headlines

**Sixth Form Taster Day**
It was great to see many of our Year 11 students return for the Sixth Form Taster Day on Monday. We were also pleased to be able to welcome a number of external students. The students attended a range of lessons to give them a flavour of life in our Sixth Form and those that I spoke to said they had had a very enjoyable and informative day.

**Finch Room Parents' Evening**
We were pleased to host our first Finch Room Parents' Evening this week. It was a valuable opportunity for staff and families to work together in supporting our pupils' learning and development and discuss next steps. Thank you to everyone who attended.

**Year 9 End of Key stage event**
Thank you to Mr Lamb and all the staff involved in organising a fantastic day of sports and challenges for the year 9's on Thursday.

**Sixth Form Summer Ball**
Tonight is the Sixth Form Summer Ball, which will be attended by students and staff for an evening of fun, music and celebration. For the Year 13s, this event marks the end of an important chapter and the beginning of exciting new opportunities. It is a chance to celebrate their achievements, reflect on the memories they have made, and wish them every success as they take their next steps into higher education, apprenticeships, employment, or other exciting pathways. I hope everyone has a wonderful evening.

**Warm Weather arrangements**
At present, there are no weather warnings in place for next week. With this in mind, pupils should wear their usual school uniform. However, to help everyone stay comfortable, blazers can be left at home. A letter with further information was sent home today.

Aston Smith, Headteacher

## Important Canteen Update - Student Overdraft Limits

From September 2026, any **overdraft limit** available on student accounts used to pay for food in the Canteen will be removed.

This change has been made to encourage positive financial habits and ensure that students only spend the funds that are available to them. We believe this is an important step in supporting responsible money management and helping students develop good financial practices.

**Ms Kelly and Harrison Catering**

# Bromley Rounders Tournament 2026

Charles Darwin School 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 Year 7 & 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

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

**Helpers**

**Year 8**
Ami Collins
Rosie Cookman

**Year 9**
Sadie Poole
Connie Smith

**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

# Year 10 Fun Run/Walk - Charity Event

**Reminder**
To celebrate the end of the Year 10 summer exams, all Year 10 students will be participating in a Fun Run/Walk to raise much needed funds for their chosen charity – The British Heart Foundation. This will be held during period 5 on Monday, 6th July.

The suggested entry fee is a donation of £1 but it can be as much as you would like to donate. Students will challenge themselves to run or walk around the field – 2 laps – 1 mile! Please do sponsor your child and set them a challenge! Each student will be given a card to be ticked off every time that complete a lap.

Students can bring their own clothes into school to change into during afternoon registration. They can dress in fancy dress, sports wear or their PE kit. Of course, they can choose to remain in school uniform if they wish too.

Finally, there will be refreshments on sale if they wish to buy anything (students will need cash) – all profits going to charity.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child and The British Heart Foundation.

**Mrs Holloway and the Year 10 Student Voice students**

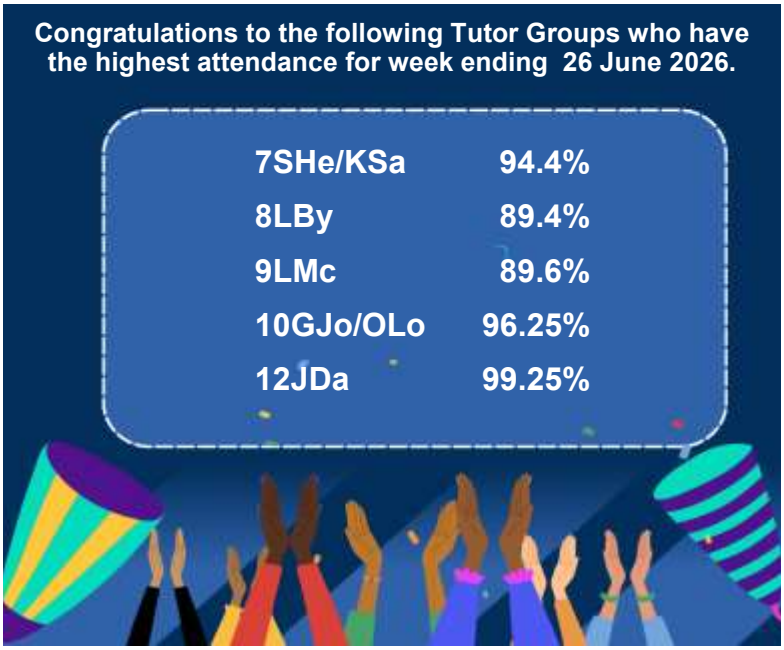
# CDS Library

The library is ready for summer! Whether you're planning beach days, travelling to exciting places or getting lost in a mystery we have a book for you. Head to the library to choose your next summer adventure!

**Remember** - reading a small amount every day over summer will help keep your mind active, build confidence and gets you ready to start the new school year in September.

**Mrs Waite**
**Library Supervisor**

# 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

**July**
**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

**September**
1st September -INSET DAY
2nd September -INSET DAY
**3rd September - Year 7 only**
**4th September - Whole School** (Year 13 starts Monday 7th September)

## Year 8 Duty Pupil

Frankie Coleman
Mike David
Leanne Clark
Roddy Preston
Miah Keegan
Alesha Reid
Rahil Serwanja
Dolcie Thompson
Faye Paton
Melissa Matei

## Student Services Duty Pupils

Nathan Raszga
Jessica-Jane Bruckner
Sophie Dilling
Scarlette Doherty
Lily-May Smith

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

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# Wellbeing Webinars

## For Young People

**Stress & Worry Management**

Mon 13 July @ 5:00pm
Mon 28 Sept @ 5:00pm
Sat 14 Nov @ 10:00am
Fri 11 Dec @ 5:00pm

**Managing Academic Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits**

Fri 18 Sept @ 5:00pm
Sat 17 Oct @ 10:00am
Mon 9 Nov @ 5:00pm

## For Parents & Carers

**Helping Your Child With Fears & Worries (Primary)**

Fri 31 July @ 10:00 am
Fri 25 Sept @ 12:00pm
Fri 20 Nov @ 10:00am

**Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries (Secondary)**

Fri 17 July @ 10:00am
Fri 23 Oct @ 10:00am
Mon 14 Dec @ 10:00am

**Changing from Primary to Secondary School**

Fri 3 July @ 10.00am
Mon 20 July @ 10:00am
Mon 3 Aug @ 10:00am
Fri 14 Aug @ 10:00am
Sat 5 Sept @ 10:00am

**Helping Your Child With Sleep (Primary)**

Mon 6 July @ 12:00pm
Fri 11 Sept @ 12:00pm
Mon 26 Oct @ 12.00pm
Sat 5 Dec @ 10.00am

**Emotionally Based School Avoidance**

Fri 28 Aug @ 10:00am
Mon 14 Sept @ 10:00am
Fri 6 Nov @ 10:00am

**Visit our Eventbrite page to book your place**

bromley-y.org @bromley_y_ @bromley_y_ @bromleyywellbeing

Please use the link below to book your place:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bromley-y-31612643251

## 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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# Summer Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food Programme

**Bromley is running a holiday club programme for eligible children and young people**

**To find out more and to book**
Scan the QR code or go to the Bromley website

**www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme**

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