



# The Charter School East Dulwich



## Newsletter

Thursday 14th September, 2017

### Forthcoming Dates

#### Autumn Term:

5th September—20th  
December (school closes  
at 13.10pm)

Half term: 23rd Oct—3rd  
Nov

INSET days for staff:  
2nd and 3rd Nov

#### Open Days for 2018 Ad- missions:

Tuesday 19th Sept  
Thursday 27th Sept  
(School will close to stu-  
dents at 1pm on these  
days)

And Tuesday 3rd Oct  
(school closes at 3pm on  
this day)

#### Year 8 Reward Trip

20th Sept  
'Wicked'  
Selected students.

Activities week for  
Year 7  
W/C 16th Oct

December 13th—Yr 8  
Trip to British Library

*\*Advance notice—there will be no enrichment activities on Tuesday 26th September due to staff training\**

#### Year 7 Settling in Evening

Thank you to all parents of Year 7 students who attended our Settling In event on 13th September. It was great to meet so many of you again and for tutors to be able to listen to your feedback. We have attached Mr Crossman's presentation from the event so that anyone unable to attend can see what was discussed. Ms Daly was able to share some useful tips and advice to parents about keeping their child safe online. We have attached her presentation as it is relevant for all parents, not just those with children in Year 7.

#### E-Safety

We would like to draw your attention to the 'Our Pact' app that can be used on most IOS and Android phones. This app enables parents to monitor their child's phone usage and set boundaries where necessary. It can be a very useful tool for those of us that feel lost in the sea of new phone technology today. For any further advice, do contact us on the office@ email address and we will forward your queries to a member of staff who can help.

#### Enrichment activities

This week students have been handed information about enrichment activities and asked to select the activities in which they wish to take part. Students have been provided with two sheets, one of which should be signed by a parent. Information regarding enrichment activities, times and venues, will be on our website. Additionally, some enrichment activities that are externally run and require payment—for these activities you will be emailed and payments will be collected via our ParentPay system. A reminder that we ask that parents ensure they have spoken to their child so that they know exactly which activities they will be doing and what time they will be leaving school on each day. Reception will not be able to answer these questions on a student-by-student basis.

#### Open Days—Admissions for 2018

Our next round of Open Days begins on 19<sup>th</sup> September from 2-6pm. These events are aimed **only** at

parents with Year 6 students in our local Primary schools. We will be inviting Year 7 and 8 students to assist us in showing off our wonderful new school. Details to follow. **Forms will be sent home for parents to sign permission for students to stay behind for Open Days and be dismissed from the site at 6pm. For those staying, we ask that they bring in a packed lunch and snacks for the day. Free School Meal students will be provided with a packed lunch.**

*Please note—in order to prepare for Open Days on 19th and 27th September, the school will close to students at 13.00pm to allow for staff lunch and set-up.*

#### Permanent school buildings update

We regret that we are unable to invite parents to the official ceremony on 6th October marking completion of the foundations and floor plate of our permanent school buildings. A small number of students will take part in the ceremony, completing the floor plate for the main teaching block. Parents of those children will be contacted directly.

#### Dulwich Picture Gallery Event—Yr 7 parents

We have been sent an invite (attached) by Dulwich Picture Gallery offering tickets to a special opening on 20th November, from 6-7.30pm. The event is open to new Yr 7 parents and offers information on how the gallery can support your child's needs as they enter Yr 7 as well as enjoying special access to the upcoming Tove Jansson collection. Please contact Jane Findley on [j.findley@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](mailto:j.findley@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk) if interested. There are only 70 places available so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

#### Google Classroom

We are moving to Google Classroom as a replacement to our previous VLE system. Students are already using this system at school. You will be sent an email within the next 10 days inviting you to receive daily, or weekly, summaries of your child's homework and assignments. Please check your emails! Should you have any difficulty accessing this programme, please email [SShum@charterseastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:SShum@charterseastdulwich.org.uk)