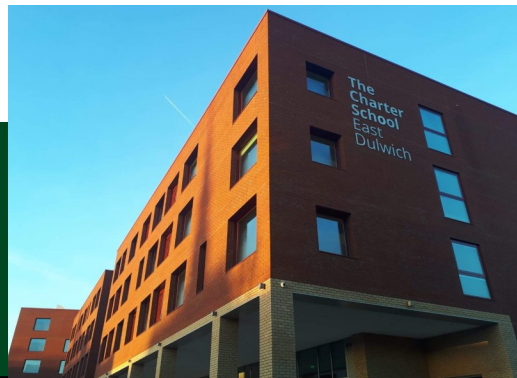




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Trying to email a teacher or tutor?

Use their first initial followed by their surname (no punctuation) @chartereastdulwich.org.uk

Coronavirus and Ski Trip

Some parents will know that students and staff who took part in our school ski trip over half term travelled via a Milan airport. The recent news of an outbreak of coronavirus in the Milan area may have caused some anxiety. Parents should take reassurance from the following:

- The school party travelled via Malpensa airport, which is located 50 kilometres outside the city of Milan
- The school party visited the airport three days prior to the declaration of a public health emergency
- No student or member of staff has shown any symptom of ill-health associated with the coronavirus since returning to the UK
- The school is operating in accordance with health guidance from the Department of Education

For all of the above reasons, the School has no reason to believe that its staff or students are at any greater risk than any other members of the public. The School will remain open and will not take any extraordinary measures unless advised to so by an official body.

Please provide your child with a supply of tissues and remind them that the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, is to always carry tissues with them and use them to catch their coughs and sneezes, or use the crook of their elbow if they have no tissues. They should bin any used tissues and wash their hands with soap and water, especially before eating and after using the toilet.

Enrichment Cancelled - 11 March

Please note that due to the Year 8 parents evening on 11 March, there will be no Enrichment club that afternoon.

Sports Relief - Non Uniform

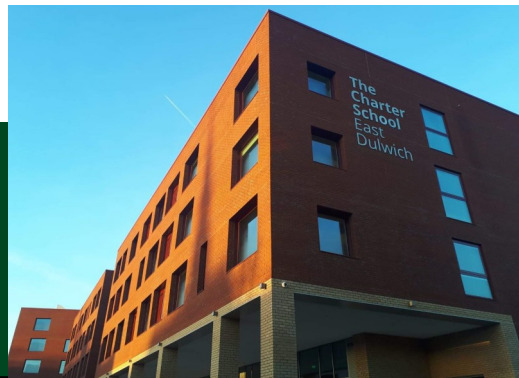
On Friday 13 March we will be raising money for Sports Relief to run alongside our House Sports Week (details of which are to be found in this newsletter). Students will be allowed to wear either a red top or a sports top (e.g. football shirt). We recommend that students donate £1 towards Sports Relief to wear the red top or sports top. However, this is not compulsory. Heads of House will be visiting tutor groups on the morning of Friday 13 March to collect donations. Students MUST still wear their school trousers/skirt and school shoes. Please email Mr Heath if you have any questions. rheath@chartereastdulwich.org.uk



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Year 10 Exhibition

In February, The Charter School East Dulwich ran a pop-up exhibition of selected artwork by GCSE Year 10 students. The event gave students the opportunity to have their work framed, mounted and displayed in a unique space lent to the school by local business, Pavilion Construction.

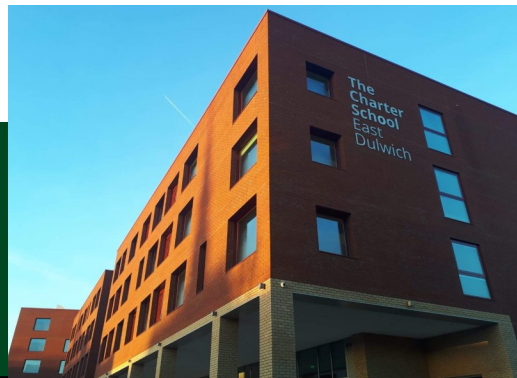
It was really pleasing to see so many students, staff, parents and carers, as well as local people, attend and show their support for the young people.

New Menus

Please see our new menus which are attached with this bulletin mail-out. Menus 1 -3 will be rotated for the remainder of the term.



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House Sports Week 2020 / Sports Relief

From Monday 9 March - Wednesday 18 March, we will be running The Charter School East Dulwich House Sports Week. Houses will compete against each other at different sports. Houses will also gain points for the amount of students that sign up for each event and for the position they finish in each event. (See the schedule below.)

Students must wear full PE kit to the tournament or they will not be allowed to play.

Please email Mr Heath if you have any questions. rheath@chartereastdulwich.org.uk

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Second Payment

7 February was the deadline for the second Duke of Edinburgh payment on Parent Pay.

A number of people have not managed to meet the required deadline. If you have not paid the second instalment, please do this immediately. If you require an extension for the payment, then please contact Mr Heath as soon as possible. He will be able to help you. All students have had multiple meetings and reminders and should now have filled in their online DoE profile and be completing their volunteering, skills and physical sections. Again, if you have any questions or you are worried that your child is far behind, then please contact Mr Heath as soon as possible. The deadline for completion is 3 July.

Charter East - House Sports Week

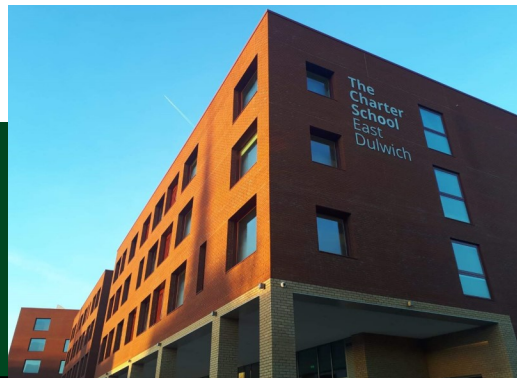
<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Sports Events</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Times</u>
<u>Monday 9th March</u>	Year 7/8/9 Basketball Tournament (Boys and Girls Seperate)	Sports Hall	3:20 - 4:30
<u>Tuesday 10th March</u>	Year 7/8 Handball Tournament (Boys and Girls)	Sports Hall	3:20 - 4:30
<u>Wednesday 18th March</u>	Year 7/8/9 Netball Tournament (Girls)	Sports Hall	3:20 - 4:30
<u>Wednesday 18th March</u>	Year 7/8/9 Rugby Tournament (Boys and Girls Seperate)	Field	3:30 - 4:30
<u>Thursday 12th March</u>	Year 7/8/9 Table Tennis Tournament (Boys and Girls)	Dance Studio	4:10 - 5:15
<u>Friday 13th March</u>	Year 7/8 Football Tournament (Boys and Girls Seperate)	JAGS	4:00 - 5:30

Great Men Project

We are excited to have joined up with an organisation called the Good Lad Initiative, a community interest company working across the UK to promote healthy behaviour and an awareness of gender issues amongst young men and boys. The project aims to combat the negative stereotypes and attitudes held by boys towards girls - as well as themselves - that can lead to violent behaviour in later life. It will also tackle issues beyond violence; these include self-esteem, body image, consent, homophobia, mental health, peer pressure and pornography. As with all this work, your son may have thoughts or questions that he would like to discuss with you following the workshop. Please do look at the website to find more information about the project and for resources to support you as parents: <https://www.goodladinitiative.com/> All Year 8 boys will take part on Thursday 5 March, and Year 9 boys will take part on Friday 6 March. Should you have any questions, please contact rhardy@chartereastdulwich.org.uk



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News from The Friends of TCSED

School Social and Friends AGM, Wednesday 4th March 6pm - 8 pm

Venue: TCSED Dining Hall, Block C (East Dulwich Grove entrance)

Join us for a social evening and update on the school, plus the Annual General Meeting for the Friends on **Wednesday, 4th March**. Venue: TCSED Dining Hall, Block C, entrance on East Dulwich Grove. The event is free to attend. We need and welcome your involvement in the Friends Committee

The evening will start at 6pm and end at 8pm with a school social event, including an update from Alex Crossman about the next stage of the school's development (in April the school takes over the rest of the hospital site.) There will be menu tastings from the school meal provider: Jerk Chicken, Tomato & Basil Pasta, Chickpea & Sweet Potato Curry, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting and Plum & Coconut Cake. In addition, there will be a second hand uniform stall, refreshments and wine, plus lots of information about the Friends' work and fundraising.

The Friends AGM will follow, and we are inviting parents, carers and friends of the school to get involved and join the Committee or help us at various events through the year. The elections for the Committee will form part of the meeting - see details below.

Please register your attendance by booking a FREE place via our pta website:

[The Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich](#)

Uniform donation reminder: If you have any good-condition second-hand uniform to donate, please drop this off at school reception tomorrow, Friday 28th February.

The FoTCSED Committee Elections

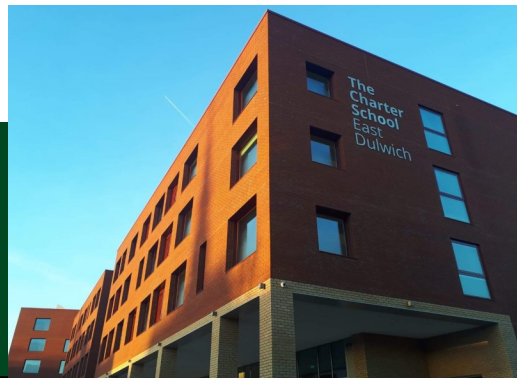
Being on the Friends' Committee is a great way to work in partnership with the school, helping it grow. We are looking for parents to join the Friends' Committee from March and help support the school in our community. We have several people stepping down from roles and from the Committee, and would really welcome your involvement and new ideas.

There is a really good core Committee of about 10 people at the moment, and we have been brilliantly supported by other parents who help out when asked. We work as a team, taking different roles, and sharing the work, with parents taking on projects that they are interested in. We recognise that many parents are already incredibly busy, and only plan activities that we feel we have the time to deliver. The more involvement we have from parents, the more we can do to raise funds and hold events.

The Committee meets once every half term, and members need to try to attend as many meetings as they can. It is a really friendly group, and also an opportunity to link in with other parents at the school.



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The Committee

The Committee is a team of volunteers who are elected at the AGM to manage the Friends association on behalf of the members. There are two types of Committee member, Officer and Ordinary member. Officers have specific roles such as Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. Ordinary Committee members play a vital role working alongside and supporting the Officers. Officer roles that need filling are Secretary, Communications Officer and Sponsorship Officer. All Officer roles can, and have, been done by two people who work together i.e. Co-chair, Co-secretary.

Co-Secretary

The Secretary role is mainly an organisational role. Half-termly Committee meetings need to be arranged, which involves finding out availability of Committee members via a Doodle Poll, and then selecting and communicating the most popular date. The venue also has to be booked. The other main role of the Secretary is to take Minutes at the meetings, and then circulate them to Committee members. Our Secretary Rachael is standing down and so we are looking for two people to share this role as Co-Secretaries. We have already received interest in this role, but as this can be shared, please come along to the AGM or email us in advance.

Communications Officer

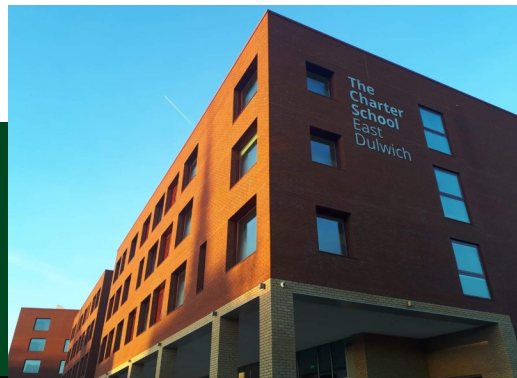
Communicating news about all the events and activities we run is of vital importance, ensuring that people come to our events, contribute to our fundraising objectives, enhance the wide and inclusive community involvement with the school and inform everyone about the funds we raise and how these are allocated to the school. We use an emailing platform called Mailchimp which holds our GDPR compliant mailing list and pre-created templates. We issue a termly newsletter that has a round-up of all our news, as well as on-off news items as necessary, to promote our activities. The Mailchimp account and mailing list is up and running and contains a large number of templates that can be adapted and re-run as necessary. A number of our events and activities are now well established, so much of the hard work is done in terms of drafting copy. A bit of experience with Mailchimp would be ideal (but not essential!) for the new Communications Officer. The Communications Officer works with a small team of volunteers on the Committee who do other jobs such as maintaining our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter and ensuring the website is updated.

Sponsorship Officer

Fundraising is at the heart of what we do, and this role was added to the Committee last year, to provide the point of contact with local businesses to secure sponsorship and support for our events, including the Fun Run, the Spring Fair, and to provide raffle prizes and so forth for social events such as the Quiz nights. It is an exciting role and can be developed further this year by the new post holder. Again, this role can be shared by two Co-Sponsorship Officers.



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We particularly need people to step forward for these roles in order to effectively continue the fund-raising and community building initiatives this year. If you would like to nominate yourself or have any questions, please email us at friends@chartereastdulwich.org.uk.

SAVE THE DATE

Dulwich Physic Gardening Session

Join us on Saturday, 7th March, 10am - 12 noon

Join the Eco Friends for our next gardening session on the **first Saturday of every month**. Signs of spring are appearing, and there will be lots of fun stuff to do this month.

We'll be there from 10am to Midday. No gardening experience needed, just come along and join in on the day. Please bring gardening gloves if you have them.

Hope to see you there!

FoTCSED Quiz Night, Friday 1st May 7.30 - 11 pm

Join us for the annual Friends of TCSED Quiz Night - **Friday, 1 May**, running from 7.30 - 11pm. The Quiz will start at 8pm. Venue: TCSED Dining Hall, Block C, entrance on East Dulwich Grove. Quiz-master will be Mr Fogarty, as per previous years.

Tickets are available to purchase via [The Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich](https://mailchi.mp/0a340a114be9/join_friends_of_tcse)

Are you receiving news about social events and fundraising for our school community from The Friends of The Charter School East Dulwich? Don't miss out: click on the link to subscribe and ensure you are kept up to date:

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Thank you, from The Friends of TCSED.

