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Trying to email a teacher or tutor?

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

Parents Dropping off Students

There has been a notable increase since the start of the year in the number of parents who are driving their children to school. This practice is contributing to traffic congestion on Melbourne Grove and, I'm afraid to say, to increased risk for those students who walk to school.

I must remind parents that driving students to school is contrary to school advice. The overwhelming majority of students, including our youngest, live very close to the school site and have no need of a lift to school.

A small number of students have particular needs requiring them to be driven to school. Even in these cases, we advise that parents should drop off their children at a safe distance from the main entrance on Jarvis Road.

The school is in full support of local initiatives that would either greatly reduce traffic flow along Melbourne Grove or stop it altogether at specific points of the day.

Every parent can make a positive contribution to the safety of the wider school environment by supporting the school's position that students are best served by walking to school in friendship groups or by taking public transport.

Thank you

Mr. A. Crossman Headteacher

Could You Run a Careers Fair Stall?

We will be collaborating with our sister school again this year and taking all Year 9 students to the annual Careers and Education Fair at The Charter School North Dulwich on Friday 13 December. At the Fair students can meet over 40 exhibitors from the worlds of work and education; it is a key event in each student's career path.

Such a rich and varied careers event could not be offered without the help of our school community. We are seeking parents, carers, and their contacts who work either for a Further Education or Higher Education provider, or in a company who is available to run an information stall. If you could host a stall providing information on work and recruitment, or can share a contact of someone else willing to, please email eseed@chartereastdulwich.org.uk



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LAMDA Public Speaking Classes

If your child is in Year 8, 9 or 10 and you missed last week's payment deadline for LAMDA public speaking classes but your child would still like to continue, please let Mr Surridge know as soon as possible.

If your child is in Year 7 and would like to begin LAMDA public speaking classes, please also let Mr Surridge know. For those who have already expressed an interest, you can now make payments on ParentPay.

Mobile Phone Usage

Many of our Year 7 students will be experiencing personal mobile phones and increased freedoms around their use for the first time. This is a big responsibility for them and, at times, a confusing and difficult world to navigate. We urge you to monitor your child's use of social media platforms carefully and to also talk with them about what is necessary to stay safe online.

As a general rule, most social media platforms require young people to be at least 13 for their use; many are 16+. This is to keep them safe. Unfortunately, many of the issues we come across as a school around fall-outs, friendships, disagreements and childhood anxieties originate back to issues around social media use and pressures.

A list of parental monitoring apps can be found on **Tech Radar**

It is very difficult for us as a school to have to deal with social media matters that originate outside of the school, that spill over into the day to day, high-quality teaching and learning environment that we seek to provide. Please help us to minimise the issues created through social media use by monitoring it closely in the home.

For further details, please contact the school and/or read:

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11 13/

Y10 and Y7 Evenings

A reminder about the **Year 10 KS4 Welcome Evening** taking place on **Wednesday 2 October**. This event is for parents only and is from 6pm to 7pm. Entrance to the school is via the Jarvis Road gate.

The Year **7 Settling In Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 8 October** and is from **5pm to 6pm**. Again, this is a parent only event. You will get to meet your child's tutor and there will be an antibullying talk. Booking for this opens tomorrow, 27 September, at 8am.

Please go to the **Parents Evening System** to book your place at either of these events.



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News from The Friends of TCSED

Reminder: Southwark-to-the-Sea Walk - Sunday, 29 September

Here's a short reminder to invite you to join us for TCSED's annual Southwark-to-the-Sea Walk. This is a one-day walk every September, from 2017 to 2022 following the Thames from London to the Sea.

For further details, please click here.

Save the date: Friday 15 November for Auction Promises and Wine Quiz Night hosted by Planet of the Grapes' Matt Harris.

Organised by The Friends of TCSED, this event is designed to raise funds for enriching the school for all our children. It will also be a great opportunity for fun, meeting other families, showcasing your talents and taking home some fabulous prizes!

The Auction of Promises needs you to donate something to the silent auction. Auction promises can be anything and everything – experiences for children, unique experiences, perfect or unusual gifts or just your time, professional skills or expertise, for example...

- 12 x home-made cupcakes or 2 trays of brownies
- 3 hours of Japanese / French / Arabic or any language lessons
- 2 hours of CV writing help / career coaching
- Complementary tickets to a sports / tv / cultural event
- Computer help
- Sri Lankan / Caribbean / Thai meal for 4
- 2 hours of a drawing / profiterole-making / yoga workshop

...the possibilities are endless!

Please email in your promises by the end of half term ie Friday 18th October to: promisesandwine@gmail.com

Feel free to email us, even if you just need help deciding what you might be able to donate! No promise is too big or small!

More details coming soon on booking tickets for this fundraiser.

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:

https://mailchi.mp/0a340a114be9/join friends of tcsed

Thank you, from The Friends of TCSED.

