The Charter School East Dulwich

Bulletin

Thursday 5 September, 2019

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Autumn Term

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Y7 - Bewl Water

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Open Day

Tuesday 17 September

2pm to 6pm

Students to go home at 12.10pm

Open Day

Wednesday 25 September

2pm to 6pm

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Open Day

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4pm to 6pm

Y7 Settling in Evening

Tuesday 8 October

5pm to 6.30pm

School canteen - East Dulwich Grove entrance

Trying to email a teacher or tutor?

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

Welcome

On behalf of my colleagues at The Charter School East Dulwich, I would like to offer a warm welcome to new Year 7 students and their families and an equally warm welcome back to all other members of our school community. I hope that everyone has had a restful summer.

This is an exciting time in the development of our growing school. We have welcomed our fourth cohort of new students. Our oldest students have begun studying towards their GCSEs. We have welcomed new specialist teachers, all of them from Good and Outstanding schools, in maths, English, the sciences, history, geography, modern languages, design technology and drama. We are settled-into and improving the brand-new learning environment on our permanent school site. We are about to appoint architects and building contracts to complete our school campus. We are delivering against the promises we made to our community and the objectives in our own strategic plan to establish a first-class community school in the heart of East Dulwich. We have many ways of measuring success, but the most important is surely that students continue to show real pride in their school -- just as we, of course, are very proud of them.

I hope you will take a few moments to familiarise yourself with the contents and format of this bulletin. It is an essential source of information about school routines, policies and upcoming events.

This promises to be a very busy year. I look forward to working with you to make it a rewarding one.

Drop Offs

Please be reminded that we are a community school in a quiet residential area. Please continue to support us in ensuring that all students know their safest walking, scooting, cycling or public transport route to school. There is neither vehicle access nor parking at the school. There are also no safe dropping off points within the close vicinity of the school.

Uniform

Students arrived this week looking wonderfully smart in their new uniform! Can we also remind parents that, as per our uniform policy, students are **not allowed to wear hoodies, trainers, denim jackets or leather jackets to school.** Coats should be plain and of a dark colour. As we move into Autumn, it is also helpful for coats to be at least shower proof. Thank you for your continued support.



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Climate Strike

The Student Climate Network is organising another youth climate strike in central London on Friday, September 20th.

I've previously expressed my admiration for those young people prepared to take direct political action in support of our environment and their future. As their headteacher, however, I must balance my respect for our students' convictions against my responsibility to ensure that they secure those qualifications that will give them the best possible start in adult life.

The beginning of Year 10 is a particularly critical stage in these students' schooling. These are weeks in which critical knowledge is learned and more mature habits of learning embedded. Even a day's absence in this period can have serious implications. I therefore strongly recommend that parents and carers of Year 10 students direct their children to the many other opportunities for political engagement on environmental and other topics that can be found outside of school time.

As always, our duty of care to all of our students means that we will not allow children to leave the school site during the school day unless collected by a parent. Parents who have given their children permission to take part in the strike should ensure that they go there directly.

Camera Amnesty

The Art department is looking for donations of usable camera equipment.

Please contact Mr Rogers for more information.



any queries please email Mr Rogers at jrogers@chartereastdulwich.org.uk

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News from The Friends of TCSED

Welcome from the Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich (FoTCSED)!

Please join us for any, or all of our September events. Updated details for each event can be found at <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fotcsed/#.XXEUGShKiUk</u>

- Saturday, 7 September, 9.30am - 12.00pm: Dulwich Physic Garden Drop-in Gardening Session

- Sunday, 15 September, 3.00pm - 6pm: Welcome Picnic at Peckham Rye Park for all students, their families, school teachers and governors

- Sunday, 29 September, 10.00am - 6.00pm: Southwark-to-the-Sea Walk

Get the latest news, updates and events details from FoTCSED by signing up to receive our weekly newsletters - click here to join our mailing list: <u>https://mailchi.mp/0a340a114be9/join friends of tcsed</u>

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.

