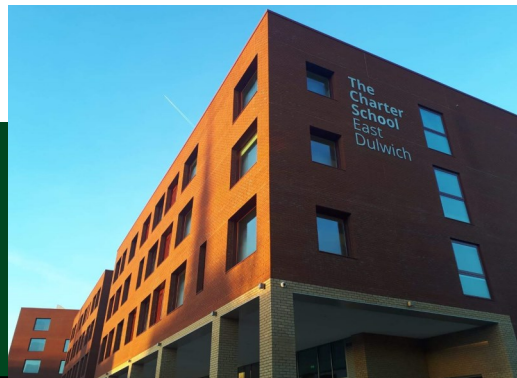




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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of our half termly newsletter. As you will see from the articles the school has been a busy place with lots of exciting and enriching events taking place. Some of the highlights include our Year 10 Business and Economics Sustainable Product pitches to Southwark, a whole range of sporting successes and our TCSED Winter Concert. All this week students have been receiving recognition for their efforts and successes in our termly celebration assemblies. Students received certificates, including academic progress in subjects, recognition of their accumulation of merit points across the term, punctuality and for displaying our school Values. Our values of Curiosity, Creativity, Courage and Care have developed into an important expression of what it means to be a student at our school, and it is something that we are excited to develop further over the coming year with students, staff and families.

As we move towards the Holiday Season we've had an enjoyable and outward looking range of events including the Christmas Jumper charity collection and family hamper prize draws where staff have donated a range of Christmas treats, received by one family in each year group chosen at random. This year, the new Student Council been working hard caring for our community and have decided that each of our School Houses will donate to a different local charity.

- Bowie House: Peckham Sponsors Refugees
- King House: In 2 Science UK
- Jowell House: Tess Jowell Foundation
- Marson House: Macmillan Cancer Support
- Faraday House: Maudsley Mental Health Charity
- James House: Just Like Us
- Boyega House: Rain or Shine

All money collected at different events and activities will be used to support these excellent projects and there will be a reward for the House that raises the most money at the end of the year. Another highlight of the festive period has been our annual Christmas decorated boxes of food, donated by you, our families, which we then give our local Albrighton Community Fridge project.

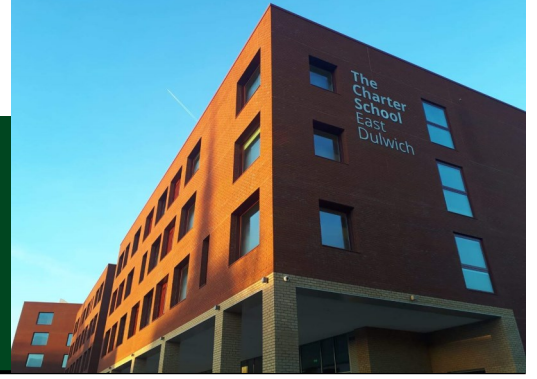
Green Shoots This term has seen many changes and new beginnings at The Charter School East Dulwich.; new staff, a new sixth form, new subjects, new ways of working and new friendships. At the end of any year we often reflect on what's finished, what's done, but instead perhaps it's worth reflecting on what's new, what's just been planted and gives us the green shoots that will end up flourishing. It has been a pleasure getting to know you as families and your children over this first term. I know through all the work and collaboration there have been many green shoots planted in the life of TCSED, whether that's an individual student achieving something new, collective honest feedback, or new projects. Your children matter to us and so we know there is always much to do done, but we also know that these seeds will grow and develop over the coming weeks and months, by working together we are able to a build a place of excellence, opportunity and value for everyone.

I would like to end by thanking you for all the support you provide to the school and by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms A. Harbottle, Head of School



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PE

It has been another great half term for PE and fixtures, making this an amazing first term of the academic year. Lots of fixtures and tournaments have been played with some great wins and close matches. The year 9 and 10 girls' football team are through to the final at Crystal Palace training grounds, after putting on a great performance at The City of London Academy Tournament.

Furthermore, the year 7 boys football had a tough close match against Acland Burghley, the match went to extra time with the score tied at 4 all. The match finished 6-4 with a last 10 second goal from outside the keeper's box!

Cycling Club has seen some new faces to the track showing some promising power, coaches are really pleased with how much the students have improved from the beginning of the year. Also, a shout out to Arlo in 7H and Marla in 7D who haven't missed a week of cycling yet, they have shown some great development since the beginning of the year. Tennis Club is going strong with all members making improvements, the coaches have been giving great feedback on their development and look forward to seeing how much more they can improve in the new year. Also, a shout out to Milo in 10R who has made the biggest improvements and always brings energy and positivity to the sessions. This half term we have been able to offer some Zumba classes in KS4 core PE which students have really enjoyed; because students have enjoyed the sessions, we are going to offer Zumba next half term as an after-school club, so that more students can get involved.

During anti-bullying week we put on some team bonding activities. Students during this week really showed how well they can communicate and work well with each other to problem solve and overcome these challenges.

The PE Team



Borough Market Enterprise Challenge

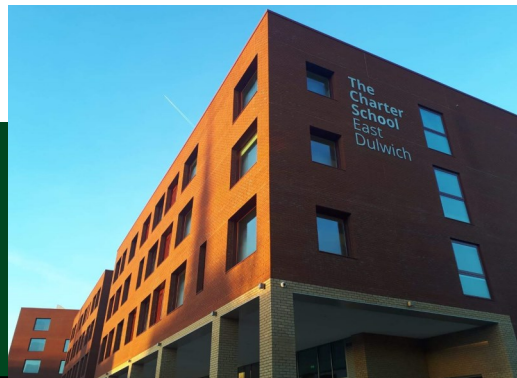
Year 10 Business & Economics students have been busy this term. They firstly pitched ideas for sustainable & innovative products to judges from Southwark Council and Southwark Businesses. The winning 3 groups then went on to make their items (handmade Christmas cards, bamboo cutlery and recycled keychains) and sell them at Borough Market. Each team chose a partner charity to raise funds for. Despite the reduction in footfall at Borough Market due to Omicron, all teams did really well and sold enough stock to break even. The

Mayor of Southwark also came by and was very impressed with our teams and the way they conducted themselves. Borough Market and Southwark Council would like to organise another round for the summer so watch this space!

Mr. Clarke



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

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Lateral Flow Testing at Home

A reminder that students should be conducting lateral flow tests at home twice weekly as per guidelines set by the Government. Test kits are free and are available at main reception in the school. You can also order online from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or collect from a range of local pharmacies and shops see <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If any person tests positive on a lateral flow kit you should book a PCR test to confirm the results <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> Please inform the school of any student's positive test results as soon as possible via email office@chartereastdulwich.org.uk with the title Positive Covid test. The person with the positive test should self-isolate immediately for 10 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate unless 1) they are aged over 18 years and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated 2) they start to show Covid-19 symptoms (please ensure a PCR test is taken) Positive PCR test? Continue to self-isolate until the date stipulated by the NHS You may be contacted by NHS Test & Trace about any close contacts. If your PCR test identifies the Omicron variant, please inform the school.

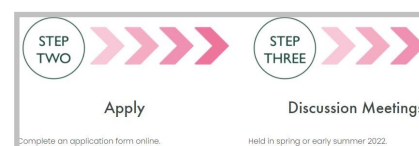
On-Site LFT testing Tuesday January 4th

Thank you to all who have consented to students taking part in the on-site LFT testing on Tuesday January 4th as requested by the Department for Education. Students should arrive at their year groups appointed time and will be dismissed to return home immediately after taking their test. Students are reminded to wear masks and maintain the appropriate social distancing. Please note if your child has tested positive for Covid within the last 3 months, re-testing is not advised.

Final deadline for Yr. 11 Applications to the Sixth Form

The last day of term (Friday 17 Dec) is the final deadline for applications to the Sixth Form at Charter East Dulwich. Many thanks to all those who have completed applications. Next stages will be one to one Discussion Meetings with each applicant to discuss their choices, and a Taster Day of A level / BTEC lessons later next year. If you have questions, or for any reason have not submitted your application yet - please contact sixthform@chartereastdulwich.org.uk asap.

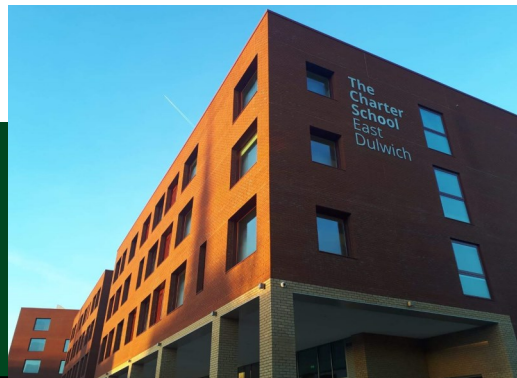
Year Group	Arrive at
Year 8	08:30
Year 11	09:30
Year 7	10:15
Year 9	11:00
Year 10	13:00
Year 12	14:00



Ms Godfrey, Sixth Form Team



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Careers

Our vision for Careers & Destinations at the Charter Schools is to enable every individual student to understand the career options available so that they can choose the most suitable and inspiring career pathway for them, and raise and exceed their aspirations so that they can go on to be successful and happy in an increasingly competitive and ever-changing world. We have a newly appointed team of staff whose job it is to ensure that this happens. They are: Andrew Somerville – Director of Careers & Destinations Ria Williams – Careers & Destinations Coordinator, The Charter School East Dulwich Ebony Brown - Careers & Destinations Coordinator, The Charter School North Dulwich Francesca Hall – Careers Adviser

Our overall aim is the provision of high quality and effective careers guidance for all students across both the secondary schools in the Trust. This supports the aims of the schools, to help our students to flourish and to become creative, confident and caring citizens who are happy in themselves, excited about learning, and ambitious for success.

Key Dates: Thursday 6th January – Post-16 Providers Fair 2-4pm at the Charter School East Dulwich (Sports Hall) w/b 9th May – Year 10 Work Experience Week (TCSND) w/b 20th June – Year 10 Work Experience Week (TCSND) There will be other events throughout the year – including our Careers Fair where students will have the opportunity to engage with a wide range of global, national and local employers - keep an eye out for announcements!

Recent events have included an inspiring talk given to years 7-9 on the topic “So you want to be an architect”; an Apprenticeship Awareness assembly for year 13; an introduction to the Flying Start Degree programme with PWC for year 12; year 10 have started writing their CVs prior to applying for work experience placements; and year 10 and year 11 are preparing for the forthcoming post-16 colleges fair. We have over 16 colleges attending. We welcome the involvement of our parent community! If you are willing and able to provide support to our students whether in the form of careers advice, a careers-related talk or workshop or a work experience placement then please [complete this short survey](#): Contact us at: careers@tcset.org.uk

The Careers team

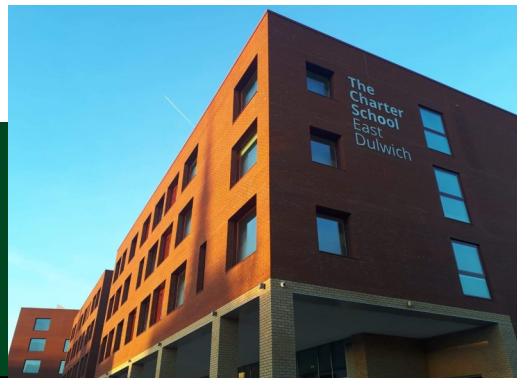
Rag Bag scheme—donate old clothes

One of the Eco-team’s targets is to cut down on waste. We are going to be taking part in the ‘Rag Bag’ scheme next half term. This involves donating old clothes/handbags/shoes/belts. For every kg we donate, we receive 4p, which we will use to buy flora to help improve the school grounds. For more info see this link: <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/ragbag-scheme.php> If you have any of the items mentioned above, then please hang on to them and be prepared to donate them during January. Each student will be sent home with a bag to try and fill. Thanks for your help.

Mr. Harvey and The Eco-team



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Space, sustainable style and sums Maths workshop

We were lucky enough to offer female KS4 Further Maths students the opportunity to take part in a workshop presented by the London Mathematical Society. The workshop was aimed at encouraging female maths students to explore the further study of and careers in maths, as well as supporting them with GCSE content. Students participated in 3 workshops: Stats in style, studying maths after GCSE and at University, and challenges faced by space travel

Ms Cottell, Maths Department

TCSED News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItxUyeQyaOM>

Introducing the first edition of the 2021-22 Charter School News! Our news team of students in each year group have been working hard over this term to present to you all of the most interesting School and World news. Read about interviews with modern writers, check out pictures from our Christmas Jumper Day, watch interviews with student footballers, and much more! Keep an eye out for the issue at the end of each term!

Winter Concert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuNcSJEdCn4&t=1s>

Please enjoy our virtual TCSED Winter concert. This term, our students were able to work across year groups and attend many extra curricular activities. They and their teachers, have all worked incredibly hard in their various ensembles and also in their instrumental lessons. Here is just a small selection of some of our talented performers for you to enjoy. Hopefully next year, you will be able to attend in person and experience the real emotional connect that only a live performance can provide. Best wishes for a happy and healthy festive break.

Ms Withers & the Music Department

A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip

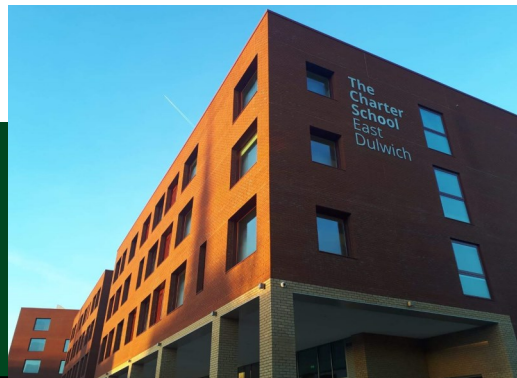
Year 8 are studying the Dickens text this half term and a group of students went to enjoy a stage adaptation of the novel at The Old Vic. The production is adapted by Jack Thorne (co-writer of the Harry Potter and the Cursed Child) and features Stephen Mangan as Scrooge. The trip was great fun - complete with dancing, mince pies and fake snow! Thank you to the students who attended for representing the school so well, we hope you enjoyed the show!

Mr. Eaton, English Department





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News from The Friends of TCSED



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We wish all parents, carers and school staff a good break. Thanks for helping to support the annual Christmas Tree sale with collections on Saturday 4 December. As a result of 68 trees being sold, hundreds of pounds will go towards worthy projects in the New Year to help the school and its pupils.

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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