## Half Termly Bulletin

**Dear Parents and Carers.** 

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Spring is here and the sun is definitely shining a little more! On behalf of all the staff and students at The Charter School East Dulwich. I would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement of your children and the school over the last half term.

It has been both one of most exciting and challenging terms yet this year, as we have dealt with further high staff absence due to illness and Covid whilst putting on a whole range of activities for the students both inside and outside the classroom. I am extremely proud of both students and staff in how they have shown resilience and a positive attitude across this term.

Today I am keeping my message short as there are so many different interesting articles for you to jump ahead to including our Music events, School Production, 6<sup>th</sup> form Culture and Representation Club, exciting sports wins and our first full Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) day.

So instead I will leave you with some



wonderful pictures of students at our first TCSED Culture Day held yesterday, where we celebrated all the different diverse cultures in our school community.

As our Race Equity lead Ms Lawrence led staff and students to organise this great day, full of music, languages, competitions and most importantly celebration of our fantastic young people and their identities.

I wish you a wonderful Easter Break and hope that you enjoy time with friends and family as Spring unfolds

### Ms. A. Harbottle, Head of School

Please note: to support with start of term organisation and activities, all students will start back on Tuesday 19th April at 10.50 a.m. for tutor time. The rest of the day will be as normal.

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## Music department welcomes Hannah Jane Lewis - songwriting workshop

The music department welcomed singer-songwriter Hannah Jane Lewis to run a whole day workshop with our GCSE Music Year 10 and 11 students. Hannah has previously supported the likes of Rita Ora, Jess Glynne and Shawn Mendes to name a few and has been streamed over 27 million times. She gave our students an insight into her career and her experience in the music industry and then led them to create their own song in a day. Hannah was incredibly impressed by our students eclectic style and creativity & they demonstrated excellent behaviour and made fantastic progress generating ideas for forthcoming compositions.





### Modulo Orchestra Meet - Cecil Sharp House

On Monday 14th March, the TCSED school orchestra took part in a whole day of performance, this time as part of the Modulo Orchestra which is comprised from schools all around the country! During the day, our students rehearsed and performed a variety of different repertoire including 'Crossfade' by Jack McNeill and Symphony in A minor, Movement 4 by Alice Mary Smith.

It was a great day where our students made new friends and really developed their performance skills. Something they will be developing even further next term as we prepare for our joint tour to Edinburgh with TCSND in July!

Ms Withers, Music Department

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## World Book Day treat with The Orpheus Sinfonia and Southwark Schools Learning Partnership

In celebration of World Book Day and music - the music dept. took a group of year 7 students to St Saviours and St Olave's School to participate with other secondary schools in the premiere of 'Fred and the Fantastic Tub Tub' a narrated book with orchestral accompaniment. The trip was organised by the Southwark Schools' Learning Partnership and our students were treated to the Orpheus Sinfonia performing the music. There were hundreds of school children involved, creating an exciting atmosphere for the world premiere of this inspiring project. It had been a while since our students have managed to go on such a trip and they were a real credit to the school. More on the book and the project can be seen in this link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9F6VIoR3GE



Ms Withers, Music

### Year 12 Culture and Representation Club first trip to the Black Cultural Archives



Miss Pemberton's Year 12 Culture and Representation club had their first trip to the Black Cultural Archives on 16th March. They took part in a workshop on the Brixton Uprisings, engaging with the testimonies of those involved and archival sources. They all did so well, and worked together at the end to present their ideas for solutions the community in Brixton faced.

It was a really rewarding day and students did themselves proud! Some of them will also be working with Year 9 on a project next term to interview people involved in the Brixton Uprisings and make national resources. Members of the club will also be planning and delivering assemblies across the school for Stephen Lawrence Day on 22nd April. They are all proving themselves to be excellent role models for the younger year groups. Well done all of you:

Sophia D, Jayden S, Reyhan B-K, Kazeem C, Malachai D-K, Wilkie P, Rasheedat G, Max S, Shyanne B, Javiena F, Sasha H, Jason D-C, Shania S,Nuno P, Nusrat R, Beki A, Temi A, Brianna B-M, Finn O

Ms Pemberton, Humanities

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#### PE News

This term has been great for PE at TCSED, there has been plenty of exciting fixtures, matches and tournaments.

Our first highlight would be the Crystal Palace trials day, where we took 15 year 7s and 8s to explore the brand new multi-million-pound Crystal Palace indoor training ground. The awe inspiring facilities played host to a Borough tournament which allowed our students to showcase their skills to talent scouts that were on the lookout for new young recruits. All staff and students had a fun day out getting exposure and experience in grassroots and pathway football.

The Girls Under 13s team had a very tense and close game against Colfes Secondary School, where the score constantly levelled all the way through, which resulted in extra time and then

into penalties. The team managed to stay composed when the pressure was on and came away with the win. Just a few weeks later the Girls Under 15s team were up against Latymer school. The match began with a nervous and unsettled start, however once the team got used to the away pitch they stormed their way through, winning 8 - 2. We are super proud of the way our teams demonstrated courage and resilience in these games.

The year 8 boys had a friendly game against North Dulwich which provided a run out for the whole training squad and A and B teams. Both matches were very close and were fantastic to watch and both Schools came away with 1 win each. The year 10s boys team continue to compete in the cup tournament and have recently competed in some highly competitive matches. The highlight was a hard-fought match and a strong win against Streatham and Clapham High School. Lastly the year 11 boys finished their exams week with a fantastic match against Graveney, coming away with a 2 - 0 victory in the last 15 minutes of the match.

Mr Hold, PE Dept.

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#### **PSHE Deep Learning Day**

Sixth Form News

On March 2nd, students across all year groups took part in a deep learning day in support of their Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. Year 9 students rose to the challenge of working as a team to create their own social enterprise, presenting their ideas to a panel of Dragons. The focus for all other year groups was on their health and relationships education and whilst lead experts 'Brook' and 'The Rap Foundation' led sessions on sexual education, local partners 'The Nest' also delivered training on resilience and coping with exam stress. Other highlights included Year 8 and Year 10 students developing their team working skills by taking part in Wise Up's 'The Hub Challenge', Year 7s exploring anti-bullying through virtual reality headsets and Year 12s demonstrating their maturity in tackling adult themes such as 'Stop and Search' and the 'Everyone's Invited' campaign. Students made themselves proud by demonstrating integrity and care throughout the day. The day included 13 external providers and over 70 activities and was the launch of a series of Deep Learning Days that will be embedded throughout the academic year.

Ms Anderson, PSHEE

Please see <u>this link to the Sixth Form Bulletin</u> for news about what's been happening this term in Year 12.

Ms Godfrey, Sixth Form Team

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### Easter Tree of Hope at Borough Market

Year 7 Arts & Crafts Club have been painting Easter Egg decorations for the Easter Celebration at Borough Market. Come and visit the "Tree of Hope" where you can see our students' work from 12th April for one week.

Ms Verry, Learning Support Team

## Year 10 & 11 Drama Trips to the The Globe and The National Theatres

On Monday 28th March, Year 11 finally visited the Globe Theatre to watch an adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. We had a wonderful afternoon and the sun even made an appearance!

### A review by Amira Collins and Ania Dawson:

I believe that this adaptation of Macbeth had many strengths, such as the imposing and unpredictable demeanour of the witches and Malcolm's questionable reaction when he learns of his father's

death. I also rather enjoyed the fight scene between Macbeth and Macduff as the battle was amazingly choreographed and left the audience audibly surprised and excited, and despite two of the actors being replaced by stand-ins due to Covid, they managed to convey enough emotion with the delivery of their lines in order for the flow of the relationships between the characters to not be broken. We really enjoyed it and would give it 4/5

Ms Coates, English Department

The Year 10 GCSE Drama students had an excellent afternoon seeing a fabulous production of Small Island at The National Theatre. Everyone was excellent throughout and enjoyed the production and will now use it for their examination.

Ms Gooch, Drama Department



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### **News from the Friends**

The Friends of The Charter School East Dulwich



The friends will be once again running their summer term quiz to support fund raising activities for the school. This will be face to face, in the school dining hall including both curry and a bar on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 18:30 doors for 19:00 Quiz – Bring your friends, family and anyone who enjoys a question or two (even your children!). Tickets available from the friends website: <u>click here to book</u>

The friends would also love your support with future events and will be holding elections for the coming years committee – everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there and hear from you.

Our Whatsapp Groups for Y7, Y10 and Y8 are going strong. Please email <u>friends@chartereastdulwich.org.uk</u> with your details if you'd like to be added to a group, including your child's name and class. Can you run a WhatsApp group for a different year? We'd love to get one going for years 9, and 11. We're also on <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u>, follow/like us there!

Have a great break!

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

Please visit the Friends PTA events website for more information on Friends activities: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fotcsed