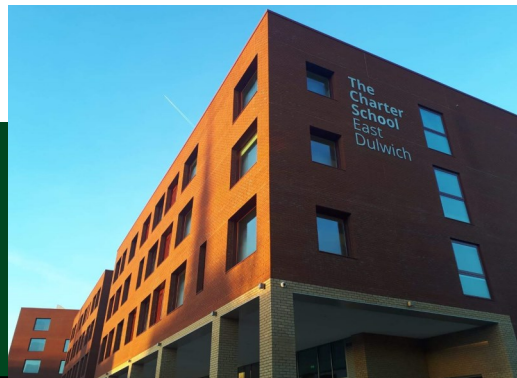




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Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of the Spring Term is always a balance of hope for the new year ahead and the day to day reality of cold days and shorter winter evenings. This year continues to bring the challenges of the impact of Covid whether individually, for families, or in the stretch of Educational resources. Against this backdrop, it is with great pride that I see our students, staff and family community continue with their determination, positive approach and ability to keep developing the excellence we want to see for our young people at The Charter school East Dulwich. This term's newsletter brings you a flavour of some of the exciting projects, events and achievements going on around the school.

In particular this term, we've been pleased to introduce the TCSED School Culture Committee. This brings together our lead staff and students on topics ranging from Race equity, Gender equity and Eco Sustainability to our PSHE curriculum and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Amongst the wider enrichment offer of Sports and Clubs, this new collaborative approach of developing our school culture to reflect our school values gives students further opportunity to work with lead staff and make a positive difference in our own community.

After 2 years of restrictions, we are particularly pleased with the full return of the Duke of Edinburgh award led by Ms. Nyaulingo and Mr. Wells. We have 120 Year 10s signed up for the Bronze award and 50 Year 12s starting their Gold Award, showing the enthusiasm of our young people to expand their experiences and learn from each other. We are also pleased to announce that from September 2022, we will be running the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Years 9, 10 and 12.

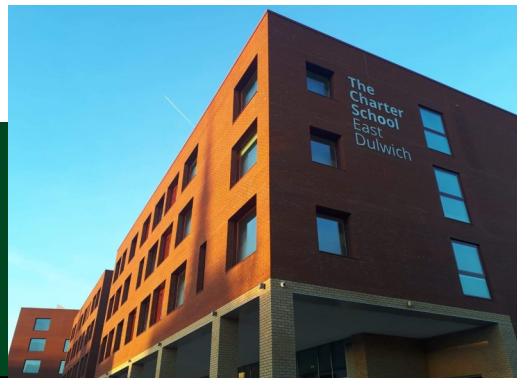
The core of our school is of course the delivery of high quality academic learning, providing students with the knowledge, skills and qualifications they need to go on to their individual next steps. This term our subject staff and leaders have been working hard on adapting our curriculum into family and student focused formats to help develop continuous learning conversations and assist you as families in supporting your child's learning. Sharing has already begun through our Knowledge Organisers and Google Classroom adaptations but we look forward to discussing more resources with you over the rest of the Spring term. In particular, we have our two separate Family Forums coming up for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 academics, which will be an additional opportunity to meet with subject leads and see the launch of our new resources. I encourage you to keep an eye out for details on return to school and join us for these informative events.

As we look ahead to the next half term, whether GCSE exam preparation for our Year 11s or study skills development and GCSE option choices in Year 9, on behalf of everyone at TCSED I wish you a restful half term holiday, making way for a new term of learning, opportunity and hopefully collective enjoyment!

Ms. A. Harbottle, Head of School



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Trying to email a teacher or tutor?

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



Stem Workshop Year 9

Huge congratulations to all the year 9 students who took part in the STEM workshop delivered by the Engineering Development Trust on the 25th January. All groups came up with incredibly creative ideas for a new technology, from Bluetooth water bottles that remind you when to drink, to a layered portable allotment for those who do not have the garden space or mobility. They worked really well in their teams and were competent presenting in their Dragon's den proposals.

Ms. Batey, Science Department

Free Online Webinars and Support for Parents & Carers

The Student Support Service (run by the Mental Health charity: Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families) is collaborating with our school to offer free parent and carer support groups, dads and male carers support groups and online webinars to support parents with their adolescents and prevalent issues. For the online webinars, five topics have been chosen to reflect core developmental processes in adolescence and common difficulties parents can struggle with. The content is psychoeducational, strategy-based and solution focused. The webinars will cover the following topics:

- Building resilience, staying connected and nurturing your relationship with your teen
- Weathering the storms of strong teen emotions: do's, don'ts and when to consider talking to someone
- Managing teen behaviour that challenges: tips and tricks
- Adolescent self-harm: how to make sense of it and when to seek support
- Anxiety in adolescence: how can parents help?

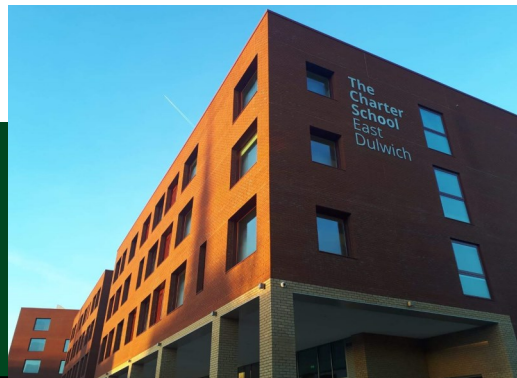
[Please follow this link to our website to see full details of how to join](#)

These have proved hugely beneficial to families at our school and are great resources during a time when supporting Mental Health is a such a priority. Many thanks and best wishes

Amy Hesse School Counsellor



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Charter Orchestras Collaborate with Southwark Schools in Southbank Spectacle

Members of our school orchestra took part in a Southwark Schools Playing day in the Clore Ballroom, Southbank Centre where they joined forces with other Secondary schools in the Borough to create a 100 strong symphony orchestra. They performed a variety of pieces and created their own! Our students were a credit to the school and the day culminated in a concert to friends and family, a wonderful experience and their first performance to a live audience in over two years!

Mr. Pappon, Music Department

Steel Pans Club

Vacancies have recently opened up for the KS3 steel pans club. This is a free activity which takes place after school on Tuesdays in B2.10. Places are limited so we request pupils visit the music department to register their interest early to avoid disappointment.



Instrumental Lessons

We're delighted to announce that some spaces have become available for instrumental lessons at school. Please fill in the form below to sign up and we will contact you with further details once the lessons slots have been assigned. <https://forms.gle/46d9TA43G5JNCKKEA>

Mr Stephens, Music Department

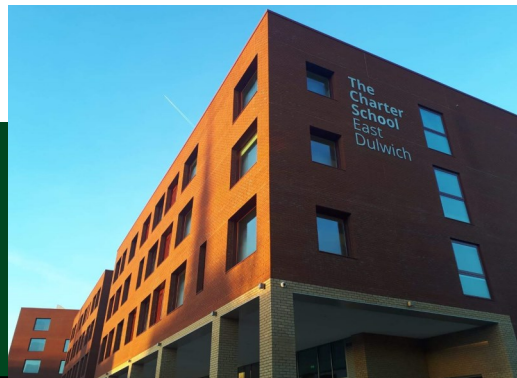
Year 11 GCSE Theatre Trip to the Young Vic

The Year 11 GCSE Drama class went on their first theatre trip to The Young Vic. We saw an excellent production called Best of Enemies. It was interesting, lively and gave the Year 11's excellent ideas for their forthcoming examination pieces. Their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent.

Ms Gooch and Ms Jordan, Drama



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Sixth Form Notices:

What is the Taster Day and why is it important?

The Taster Day and lessons are a vital opportunity for our Year 11s to meet the teachers and know for sure - by experiencing live lessons - that they are making the right choices for their subjects.

UCAS trip for Year 12s

All year 12 students will be visiting the UCAS higher education fair at London's Excel Centre on Monday 14 March from 12.30 – 3.00pm.

This is a free event which we are delighted will be attending in-person again, having taken students in the past pre-Covid, and is highly beneficial to their decision making. As well as information about universities they will also be able to find out about careers and apprenticeships. Attendance is compulsory.

Please see this link for further info: <https://www.ucas.com/events/london-ucas-exhibition-2022-403786>

Launching next half term....

Exciting new lecture series especially designed for our Sixth Formers at Charter East Dulwich and Charter North Dulwich. What is it? A trust-wide initiative across our Charter East and Charter North secondary schools: TCSET Spring / Summer 2022 Super-Curricular Lecture Series. A bi-weekly lecture delivered by high calibre, expert guest speakers on a variety of professional topics, with aim to enhance the cultural and social capital of our Sixth Formers across both schools.

When? Every two weeks over - after school on Thursdays at 3.30pm. Inaugural lecture - Thursday 24 February 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Lisa Godfrey, Sixth Form Administrator

Well done Year 12

A massive well done and congratulations to you for completing your mock exams this half term. Everything this term has been geared towards this week and with that comes some pressure. It is with great pride I can say that you have risen to that pressure, showing great resilience, perseverance and character. I am personally proud of how hard each of you have worked this half term particularly in exam week. Your conduct in the exam hall has been a brilliant example to the rest of the school on how to approach exams. I hope you all have a well earned rest during half term and look forward to seeing you all next half term.

Mr. Tubby Year 12 Year Leader

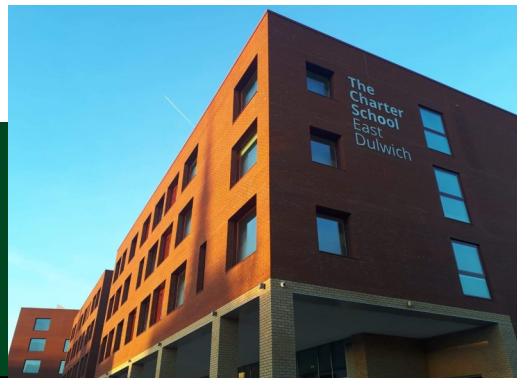
Drama Notices:

GCSE Drama Exam

The GCSE Drama practical exam for Year 11 will be happening in the theatre at The Charter School North Dulwich from 3.30pm on Thursday 10th March. Parents of these students can attend and details will be sent out shortly.



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Year 10 GCSE Drama Trip

The Year 10 GCSE Drama classes will be seeing the matinee performance of *Small Island* at The National Theatre on Thursday 17th March. Details and Parent pay will be sent out shortly.

School Production of Our Town

The school production of 'Our Town' will be happening in the Drama Studio on Wednesday 9th March at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale on Parent pay soon.

Ms. Gooch, Drama Department

PE News

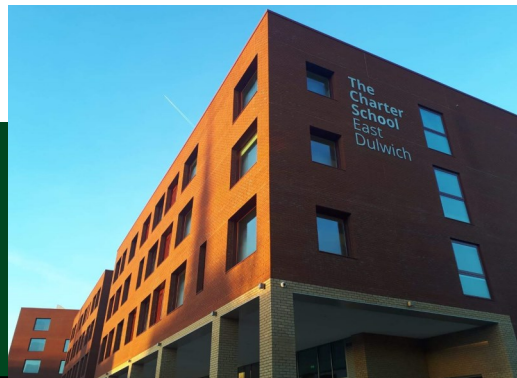


PE's first half term of the new year has been fantastic. Plenty of fixtures have been played with some tough matches and strong wins. The year 7 boys football team had a tough match against Bishop Thomas Grant with only 1 sub. Unfortunately, they narrowly lost in extra time. On the same day, the year 10 boys football had a great game winning their first match of the season 3-1. All teams are showing major improvements in team bonding, fitness and skills both on the pitch and in training.

The teams are ready and hopeful for some more wins next half term, there will be more football, netball and some volleyball matches to look forward to. In addition, we are excited that the Butlins Football trip is back on and this year we are taking 6 teams in total!



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PE Continued ...

All the information has been sent out to parents/carers of students that have been selected, as well as payment set up on parent pay. Extra curricular clubs have been great, with Volleyball becoming increasingly popular throughout the whole school. We are now looking to put a team together and get some matches on the way.

The trampolining club has also generated keen interest throughout the school, with the help of Kaydeen Crosdale who has been a fantastic coach to other students. Our external Club coaches have been giving great feedback for all students involved in the Tennis Club and Cycling Club.

Mr. J. Hold, PE Department

SEND Saturday Sports Club

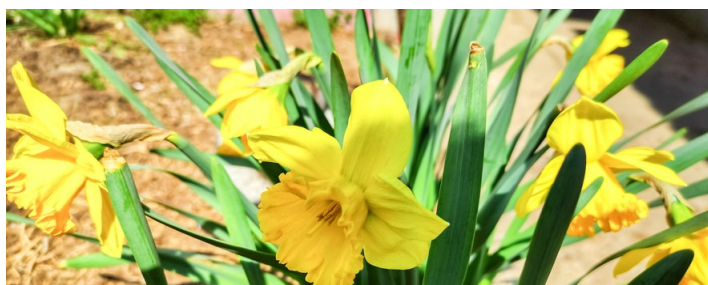
Southwark PE & School Sports Network have an exciting opportunity for SEND students in Southwark to attend their SEND Saturday Sports club. If you feel your child could benefit from the club or you know of other Southwark students who might be interested, please pass this information to parents and carers. There are spaces in all slots and they are able to take students from the ages of 5—18. This club is based at Bacon's College. [Click here for the flyer](#) which gives full information and contact details.

Ms. C. Campbell, SENCo & Ms. Modeste, PE Department



February news from the Friends

As we finish up for half term and hopefully a bit of a rest, here is an update from The Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich on our work supporting the school community.



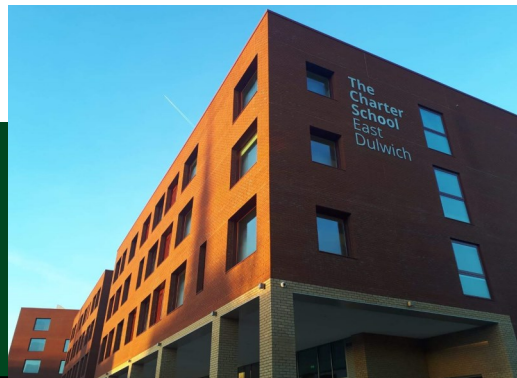
Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 15 March – put the date in your diary!

We need your help! Lots of roles will be available to volunteer for as we look to elect a new committee to drive the work of the Friends for the coming year. After several years of stalwart service and as children move on, we will be sadly losing both our Chair and Treasurer. The more people that get involved, especially parents/carers new to the school, the more great stuff we can do for the school and its community – we look forward to your nominations!

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Please help us beat the success of our Christmas tree sale – we sold over 90 providing valuable funds and enabling us to pay for Therapy Room equipment which was gratefully received. We would love to hear your ideas of how we continue to raise funds for the school especially as we hopefully escape the confinement of recent months.

The AGM will be held in the drama studio directly after the Family Forum on Tuesday, 15 March at 18:30pm – refreshments will be available!

Jumpers getting a little short in the arms?

Kids grow so fast - and you might have time to gather a few bits together over half term. Donate via reception and have a look at what's on offer here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fotcsed/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=32839#.YY5DDC-I35Y>

Keeping in touch

Our Whatsapp Groups for Y7, Y10 and Y8 are going strong. Please email friends@charterschool.dulwich.org.uk 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 [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#), follow/like us there!

Have a great half term!

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>

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