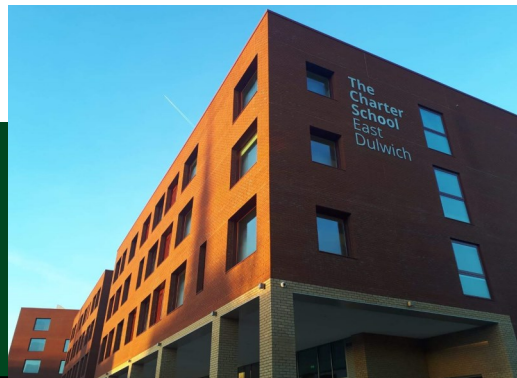




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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is in full swing and with it bringing both important academic assessments for all our students and plenty of exciting activities and experiences inside and outside the classroom. In the first half of the term we were able to continue a range of trips and events such as going to see the musical *Hamilton*, our Stephen Lawrence Assemblies, our 6th form Science students meeting Lord Robert Winston and training sessions for our Key Stage 3 students with ex-England Footballer Peter Crouch. Our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students took part in their training drop down days and are now looking ahead to their final expeditions with anticipation.

At the core of our school life is ensuring our students academic success. This is particularly key as students draw to the end of their year and prepare for their next steps in their learning journey, whether moving into this newly chosen GCSE options or preparing for the final year of 6th form as our new Year 13s. All our year groups have focused well on preparing for their upcoming end of year exams and staff have been working hard to ensure students and families have all the information and support needed to be successful in these.

We have been particularly proud of our Year 11 Cohort. As the first year group to sit full formal National GCSE examinations since the pandemic they have risen to the challenge and shown excellent focus and motivation as the examinations begin. With just a few weeks left of study this year we continue to be pleased with their attendance at revision sessions and peer support as they revise together at our Revision Breakfast and after school groups. We wish them all the success for their final few exams.

Family opportunities!

In this final half term of the year the staff at The Charter School East Dulwich want to encourage our families to join us in celebrating the hard work of our students and staff, alongside helping us plan and develop for the future. We have a number of events coming up that we'd love you to be part of, including:

Sports Awards (Tuesday 28th June) – A chance to celebrate the achievements and engagement of all our student sporting stars

Year 11 Leavers Assembly (Wednesday 29th June)

We will be sending off our students with lots of praise and pride

Family Forum (Thursday 30th June)

We want to get family input on some of our policies and plans ready for the new year

Survey Feedback (w/c 11th July)

We'll be sharing a video update on what staff, students and families have said on the most recent surveys and how we're acting on these.

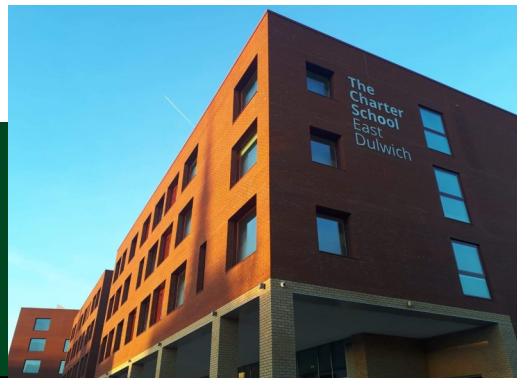
TCSED Summer Get Together (Monday 18th July)

We'll be hosting our school and local community in a summer celebration of all things summer with food, performances, music and lots of activities for all the family to enjoy.

In response to family feedback for more regular communication we'll be trialling a new weekly family update 'Head's Highlights' for the remainder of this term. Please keep an eye out each Monday for this in your emails, this will help keep you updated on the events above, and other aspects of school life. We hope you find it a useful addition.



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Trying to email a teacher or tutor?

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

(continued ...) I hope you enjoy reading about all the great work from our students over the pages ahead and I wish you all the best over this hopefully sunny half term ahead.

Ms Alison Harbottle, Head of School

Brixton Uprisings Interviews Trips

Year 9 students from the Charter School East Dulwich and the Charter School North Dulwich were involved in an inspirational event, interviewing people directly involved in the Brixton Uprisings at the Black Cultural Archives on Tuesday 10th May. This was organised by Dan Townsend and Annabelle Pemberton, with the assistance of the Black Cultural Archives and Cavalier Communications. Interviewees included George Rhoden, Michael Groce, Chris Elliot, Leila Howe



and Ros Griffiths. Students represented the school exceptionally well, producing interviews that will be shared on the BCA's website and across a scheme of work based on the interviews. Well done Prince Wright Martin, Omarley Clarke, Sienna El-Semman, Sabir Ayub and Benjamin Kuhnert and Sophia Dickenson and Jayden Singh for supporting.

The Humanities Department

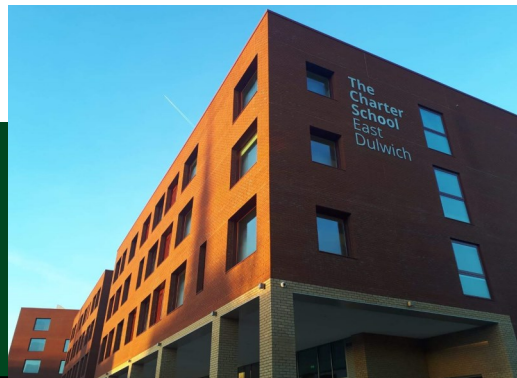
Mount Snowdon Fundraiser

I'm doing a fundraising trek up Mount Snowdon next Thursday 2nd July (wish me luck!) so I thought I would share my fundraising page with you all. I'm raising money on behalf of my son Ruben who was stillborn 6 years ago. All funds will go towards purchasing and donating cuddle cots to hospitals, which are an invaluable piece of equipment that supports bereaved families to spend some much needed time with their baby after their passing. If you'd like to and are able to donate, or equally just want more information about what cuddle cots are; [the fundraising link with all the info can be found here](#). Any amount, no matter how big or small, would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Ms Y. Illidge, English Department



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Sixth Formers meet leading voice for Science, Lord Robert Winston

On Thursday 12th May, we were invited to "An audience with Lord Robert Winston" at JAGS. The year 12 students who attended are all interested in taking science/ medicine based courses at university. Lord Winston talked through his distinguished career, highlighting notable opportunities that came to him. He is most known for his pioneering work in pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, but did you know that his production won at the Edinburgh Festival and he nearly didn't go back to medicine? Lord Winston explained how his research role began and about the patients he came into contact with. He talked about his television work with "Child of Our Time" and the qualities he looked for in people when he was expanding his research team. Our students were asked individually about their career plans and he encouraged them to take opportunities that come to them and to read Winnie the Pooh!

The Sixth Form Team



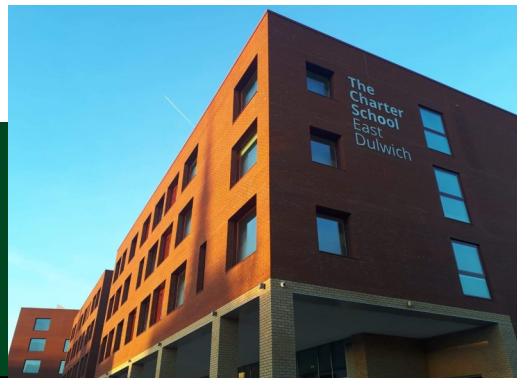
Historical Association Awards Ceremony

Miss Pemberton has secured tickets to take 5 students to the Historical Association Awards Ceremony on 7th July in Central London. The Awards Evening is a special part of the year that allows the Historical Association to recognise the achievements of specific members and schools. The evening will include a talk by the esteemed historian, David Olusoga, 2022 winner of the Medlicott Medal.

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City University and Bayes Business Collaboration

On 24th May, Miss Pemberton organised a trip for her Culture Club and additional Year 12 students to visit London City University's campus for an event in collaboration with the university and Bayes Business School. Students were welcomed by the President of the Black in Business Society and Senior Bayes Lecturers, as well as University Ambassadors and Masters students. They were given campus tours and participated in a professional speed networking event where they had the opportunity to meet professionals, academics and fellow students committed to increasing the representation of Black professionals in the business world.

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Holocaust Beacon School

Miss Pemberton and Ms Kempster submitted a successful application for The Charter School East Dulwich to become a UCL Holocaust Beacon School, which will start to be implemented in the upcoming academic year. UCL Beacon Schools in Holocaust Education, work to significantly improve their provision for teaching and learning about the Holocaust and be in a position to, in collaboration with the Centre, become dynamic hubs serving a network of local schools to improve teaching standards, raise pupil achievement, strengthen SMSC provision, enhance safeguarding and support whole school improvement.



Stephen Lawrence Day Assemblies

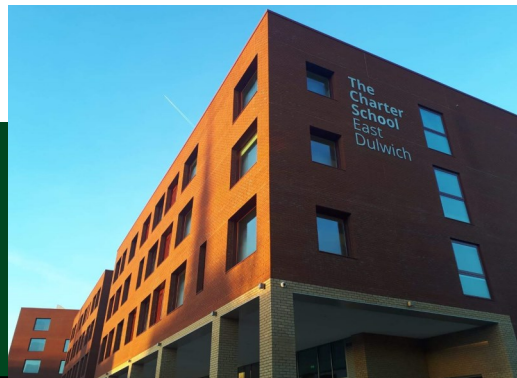
At the beginning of term, Miss Pemberton and Jayden Singh, Kazeem Crosdale, Rasheedat Gbajabiamila and Reyhan Borde-Kuofie in Year 12 delivered assemblies to all year groups to commemorate Stephen Lawrence Day on 22nd April and highlight our responsibility as a school community to continue his legacy. Miss Pemberton's Culture Club helped plan the assembly and the students represented themselves brilliantly, continuing Stephen's legacy for change and inspiring the younger year groups.

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Hamilton Trip

On Tuesday 24th May we were treated to a special educational performance of Hamilton! We took 45 students who have chosen drama or music GCSE and not only did they get to watch the phenomenal performance but they also got to take part in a Q&A at the end of the show. The cast had a quick change and told the audience what it is like to work in a West End show and how they still feel excited before each performance no matter how long they've been doing it! We also got to meet a few of the many back stage staff such as costume dressers and the lighting and sound engineers. It made us realise just how much of a community the whole show is and how much they all really enjoyed their work!

Ms Withers, Music Department



TCSED Joins Forces with the Multi-Storey Orchestra

The Music Department is very excited to be involved in two projects with the Multi-Storey Orchestra. Selected instrumental students will be rehearsing and performing alongside the professional orchestra in a performance on 23rd June at the Carpark in Peckham and a group of 20 other vocalists will be rehearsing and performing in a musical 'The Endz' with the Orchestra and professional vocalists in their performance on 7th July. Please follow the links for further information and how to buy tickets!

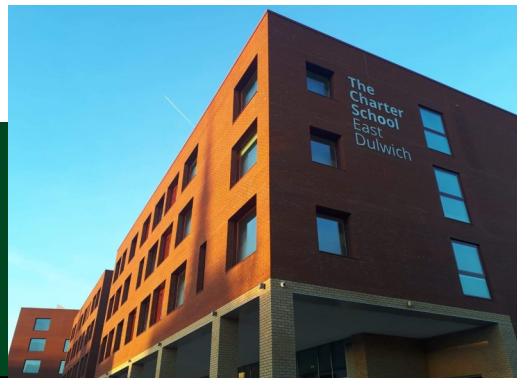
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Ms A Withers, Music Department



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PE News



PE had a fantastic trip to Butlins in Bognor Regis for a weekend packed full of football. We took 6 teams, 3 boys teams and 3 girls teams. Over the course of the weekend each team was competing in lots of matches against other schools and football teams from around the country; roughly 400 teams attended this tournament! All teams put in 100% determination on the pitch, leaving nothing behind, they showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and skill. The PE team were so proud of the efforts and performances that students showed during the weekend. After the hard days of football, teams had time to relax and enjoy what Butlins had to offer, like swimming, bowling, fun fair rides, arcades and many more great activities. After all the football matches were over, the ceremonies began. Although we didn't win, students were proud and heads were held high as they received their rewards for participating. Year 7 and 8 girls' teams were the winners of the Fair Play awards! So a special shout out to both teams. Overall we had a great trip and will be looking forward to next year when we go again!

Mr J Hold, PE Department

Rail Strike next week.

You will have seen in the news, that the trains are going on strike on Tue 21st, Thurs 23rd and Sat 25th June, along with another tube strike on 21st June. Whilst we fully appreciate this may be a challenging situation, we would encourage you to plan ahead of this in order to support your child arriving at school. Please note that this is the end of year exam season **for Year 12 and Year 11 students!**

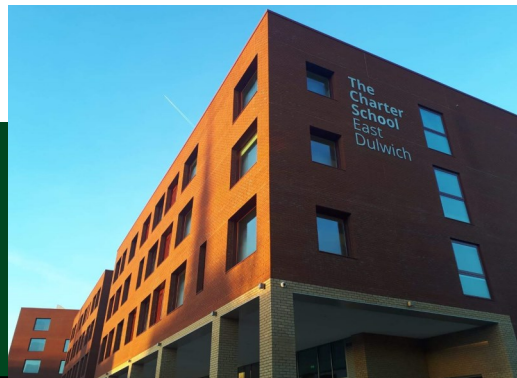
Summer term dates

We would like to confirm the term dates and any school closures for the remainder of this term and the start of next year. Please consider these when booking holidays and activities for the summer.

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Friday 24th June – Inset Day (Please see additional note below)

Monday 4th July – Inset Day

Friday 22nd July – Last day of term, students dismissed at 12:20

Thursday August 18th - A level results day

Thursday 25th August - Year 11 results day and Sixth Form enrolment

Autumn term 2022-23

Tuesday 30th August- Inset Day

Wednesday 31st August – Inset Day

Thursday 1st September – Students first day – staggered start, details will be shared in July.

Note – Friday 24th June. This is an inset day calendared in line with our planned number of days but an addition to the latest calendar information. This is to allow effective planning for the new academic year, particularly in light of high staff absence and Covid challenge throughout the year. The day will be as follows:-

- Full inset day for Years 7 – 9 and Year 12, students do not need to attend school.
- Year 10s will attend school for the morning to complete their Year 10 Mock exams in line with shared information. This will allow students the opportunity to fully focus on their first exam series in the exam hall under external exam conditions. Students will be dismissed early in the afternoon following their second exam and further details will be shared with Year 10 families directly.

Autumn Uniform

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing a full reminder of the school uniform for September. However please be aware of two key alterations that may impact on your current plans for purchasing.

- Boots will no longer be allowed instead of school shoes, this included Dr Marten style boots
- Coats should just be plain black

If you have any queries about uniform please contact the office. A reminder that uniform can be purchased from [White Hall Clothiers](http://WhiteHallClothiers), 77 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EZ. Tel 020 7703 3604 will@whitehallclothiers.co.uk.