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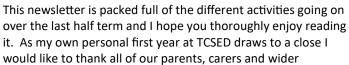
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year it has been! We started the year in the uncertainty of Covid closures and have ended it in the uncertainty of heatwaves, along with everything else in between. Despite the challenges we've all faced, our students at The Charter School East Dulwich have made us truly proud. First and foremost they have worked hard to achieve success in their studies. Our end of Year assessments have shown the great progress many of them are making and our final celebrations assemblies tomorrow will highlight some of the exceptional talent and individual determination shown across our year groups.

Alongside this core focus on academic learning, it has been exciting to see all the activities we missed so much in the pandemic, re-established, ranging from sports fixtures to Duke of Edinburgh (see right), adventure trips and even just being able to meet for in-person assemblies. I would like to thank our hard working staff for bringing all these things back into play, they really do make a difference to our young people and to the relationships they build as a whole school community.





community for making the new leadership team and I welcome over the last year. I have been grateful for the honesty, support and genuine intent from so many families in creating an excellent school that serves our students well. In the 'Where next?' section below you'll see the link to our recent Challenge Partners external school review, which shows some of the ways the school has developed over the last year. We are very proud of this progress and much of this would not be possible without your input, so thankyou.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you and our students a wonderful summer with friends and family, although perhaps one that is a little cooler than this week!

Ms. A. Harbottle, Head of School

Where Next?

Or staff are always striving for the best for our students and to do this well we want to keep you Informed and ask for your views as a key part of our school community. Here are a couple of key things to be aware of:

Challenge Partners Review June 2022

As part of the South London Hub we had our first Challenge Partners Whole school review since April 2019, conducted by a team of four reviewers. You can see the outcomes report HERE on our website.

School Vision and Values

After the last two and a half years of Covid, we want to make a really strong start to the new year in September, and so we are thinking hard about what makes The Charter School East Dulwich special, and what a Charter East student should be like when they leave the school at the end of Year 13/11. We have put together a really quick survey so that you can put forward any ideas you have about this. Please click on the link below and try to answer in as few words as possible.

The Charter School East Dulwich Parent Vision & Values Survey

Thanks for your help with this.



The Charter School

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Historical Association Awards Ceremony

On 7th July, Miss Pemberton organised for five Year 12 students to attend the Historical Association Awards Ceremony in Central London. The students who attended were Sophia Dickenson, Jayden Singh, Beki Alia, Reyhan Borde-Kuofie and Rasheedat Gbajabiamila and were selected due to their ongoing commitment to History this year. They had the opportunity to meet David Olusoga, the esteemed British historian, writer, broadcaster, presenter and film-maker, who was the recipient of the 2022 Medlicott Medal.



Windrush Day

On 22nd June, Miss Pemberton took 9D to the National Maritime Museum to commemorate Windrush Day. Students had the opportunity to watch performances from the Caribbean Social Choir, as well as take part in activities such as playing Dominoes with people from the Windrush Generation and a Calypso and Soca dance class. Well done to 9D for representing the school so well and celebrating the Windrush Generation!







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Borough Market Eco Challenge

Several members of the eco team were selected to represent the school at creating an eco friendly product to sell at Borough Market. Starting with a Business Proposal, students were then tasked with working out a marketing strategy, a sales plan and plans for production of the items. Students were very resourceful and used the Science Labs to make soya wax candles, used the DT labs to dye t-shirts with natural ingredients such as turmeric, coffee, beetroot and cabbage, and used their expertise to combine the best 'Seeds for Bees'. On Wednesday 13th July students then set up their stalls at Borough Market and made sales throughout the day to tourists, workers and locals alike to raise money for their chosen charities. The students had an excellent day in the sunshine and made front page news on the Borough website.

Mr Clarke, Business & Economics Teacher





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Careers & Destinations

The Careers & Destinations Team has had the most wonderfully busy term. Working collaboratively across East and North Dulwich the team has delivered a programme of events designed to give students access to some exceptional careers education, information, advice and guidance.

Here's a quick review of some of the highlights:

<u>The National Careers Challenge – Birmingham 7th July (Year 9 at East Dulwich)</u>

The National Careers Challenge is the UK's largest careers and enterprise competition and provides students aged 11–15 with a real-life business challenge set by some real-life businesses. Students were challenged to create their own social enterprise to address a common issue affecting their daily life, their school, their family or their local community. Our winners, Ellis Lamont, Sophie Wharton, Harriet Ungoed-Thomas, Theo Sarker and Zachary Hanlon represented the school at the National Finals in Birmingham. Their idea was to reduce the effects of homelessness and to reduce food waste by collecting left-over food from local restaurants and shops in order to run cooking classes. Homeless people would be able to attend for free in order to give them the skills they need to have a better chance of being employed. They presented to a panel of judges from different organisations across the UK. The level of competition was fierce and they did a great job in making it to the finals of the competition.



The Annual Careers Fair - 13th July (Year 8, 9, 10, 12)

We had around 50 different exhibitors volunteering their time and expertise from a wide variety of different industries and enterprises, from national global companies such as investment bank Goldman Sachs to more local businesses in art restoration and conservation (see full list attached). Students were able to get first hand information from volunteers who gave insights into what their business do and their own personal career journeys. Despite the challenging weather and difficult logistics of getting everyone together (a testament to our Career Co-Ordinator's from both sites) the feed back from both guests and students was overwhelming positive, guests were quick to praise our student for their curiosity and curtesy and students were exposed to careers they might not otherwise have known existed. A huge thank you to all staff involved who made it so successful.



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Work Experience (Years 10 and 12)

Students in both schools have benefitted from a week's work experience. In spite of challenges set by rail strikes and hot weather, all of our year 10 students and most of our year 12 students have been out on one week placements in May, June and July. We are very grateful to the employers who were kind enough to offer placements. Work experience is a highly valuable part of our careers programme as it gives our students a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the world of work and informs their decisions around A Level, degree and apprenticeships and employment later in life. 10 of our students were lucky enough to spend a week with the Crown Prosecution Service where they were able to gain first hand experience of the workings of our criminal justice system.

Destinations Week (Year 12)

Year 12 students at both schools participated in our annual Destinations Week which incorporated a wide range of careers-related sessions including hearing from alumni about their career paths since leaving school, external speakers sharing their personal successes and challenges, an introduction to psychometric and personality tests, participating in a group assessment task and, finally "Talk about the Future" workshops (funded partially by the Jack Petchey Foundation). All-in-all the objective was to enable students to prepare more fully for employment once they graduate from the sixth form. We will continue with this once we come back in the Autumn term.

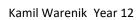
Many thanks to all the organisations who have participated in our careers and destinations activities this year, in particular those who attended our Careers Fair.

The Big Summer Get Together

We were lucky that the weather held out enough on Monday 18th July for over 450 students and families to join us for our Big Summer Get together. Amongst all the games and stall our students also showcased some of their best creative work through music and art.









Sophie Francis Year 10



David Odah Year 11



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Multi Story Orchestra Projects

TCSED music department became an official partner with the Multi-Story Orchestra at Bold Tendencies in Peckham for the Summer 2022 season. The Multi-Story Orchestra presents extraordinary performances in unexpected settings and 30 of our talented musicians got to perform in two diverse performances with the professional musicians of the multi story orchestra and the musicians of The Young Creative Programme. A scheme aimed to involve talented young musicians at every level, from creative direction, to marketing and strategy.

On the 23rd June, 10 of our students rehearsed together at school with visiting musicians from the orchestra and joined forces for a joint performance of songs by Italian Baroque composer Barbara Strozzi - a female composer from the 17th century who had more music in print than any other composer of her time but has largely been forgotten by history. The audience were treated to a performance with traditional Baroque instruments such as a harpsichord and a Theorbo which is a type of larger lute with an extended neck.

On the 7th July another group of 20 talented vocalists performed with students from Harris Academy Peckham and performed a vibrant and energetic performance of The Endz - a powerful modern day story of friendship triumphing over heartbreak and loss - a unique tale told through spoken word, song, rap by The Young Creatives and accompanied by the Orchestra. This was received with rapturous support from the audience and was truly gripping.

Want to get involved over the summer?

Finally, as part of our partnership we have a Summer project for any TCSED student - Awake! - 4-7 August

The project will involve our students working alongside Multi-Story musicians to create a brand new piece of music, that will be performed with the orchestra at the end of the week. The project is for age 13+ and they can be singers, instrumentalists, composers, spoken word artists - everyone is welcome! All students are welcome and they don't have to have taken part in this year's projects to apply and there is no fee to take part.

If you want to get involved please complete this form and Multi Story will be in touch. https://forms.gle/ Vck9jQxT8AULstni9



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Edinburgh Orchestra and Choir Tour with The Charter School North Dulwich

Ms Withers, Mr Pappon and Mr Stephens were delighted to join forces with The Charter School North

Dulwich and take 52 young musicians from across all year groups to experience the delights of an Edinburgh music tour on Monday 11th July for 4 days.

We performed repertoire for two x 1 hour concerts in St Andrew's square gardens and St Cuthbert's Church, the oldest Christian site in Edinburgh. Our students' learnt the valuable skills of a roadie and learnt to set up and dismantle our equipment in record time as well as lug equipment on and off trains and buses! In between concerts, we also managed to fit in a visit to Edinburgh Castle, an after dinner stroll up Calton Hill, a hike up Arthur's Peake with an



impromptu sing song, a ghost tour, bowling and even some free time!

There is nothing better than performing together to unify a group of people. Our whole group had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Everyone returned with new friends and lots of fun memories. Plans are already afoot for the next joint collaboration and music tour so watch this space...

The Invisible East Project

On Tuesday 12th July, a group of Year 7 students from across the year group had the opportunity to attend an outreach session organised by Miss Pemberton in collaboration with the University of Oxford and the Invisible East team. Today, in the popular imagination, the vast and pivotal region that stretches from Iran and Afghanistan to Central Asia is notorious as the cradle of terrorism, violence, and war. However, in medieval times, this region witnessed a mixing of cultures and religions that was both unique and extraordinarily influential upon neighbouring societies. A team of scholars have shed light on the region's fascinating history by deciphering ancient texts written in seven languages and shared this with students. Students engaged with Persian texts, stolen objects, ethical dilemmas and had the opportunity to create their own panegyric. Well done Thomas Bateson, Pablo Cortes Castano, Leo Rayner, Luca Sawyers, Logan Harris, Ran Rolls, Shanice Alveranger, Aline N'Guessan, Asa Segor, Tyler Kontor, Max Odeon, Zy Biragi, Muhim Ali, Zeyna Sheakh, Grace Apperly, Alfie Hurley, Louis Rimmer, Dylan Payne, Patsy Murray, Seraphina Oldfield, Miami Lodge-Hyacienth, Akokor Sowah, Celeste Bedoya-Prado and Meliah Baah for your excellent engagement and representing the school so well! Thank you to Jayden Singh in Y12 for your support too.



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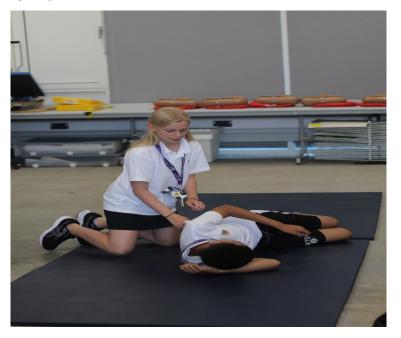
Sports Day

Our Key Stage 3 students rounded off the year with their Sport say on Wednesday 20th July. Ms Modeste and the PE team ran an excellent vent with a chance for our students to showcase their talents and of course have fun! Lots of students were involved in the races and events, leaving with a smile and a chance to celebrate each other's success.





PSHE Deep Learning Day





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Key Notices for Next Academic Year

School Uniform 2022-23

We want our students to wear their school uniform with pride, as members of our community who are proud of their learning. Please be reminded, following previous communication there are two key changes in our uniform policy for September. These are:

BOOTS

No boots will be allowed as school shoes, including Dr Marten style (we allowed these this year as a transition)



COATS

Coats should be plain black, waterproof and warm (not navy or green as allowed this year)



We understand some people will already have uniform ready and that, especially with the current cost of living, adjustments may be difficult. If this is the case please contact your child's Year Leader for support with individual cases.

The remainder of our uniform is unchanged, as follows:

- Jumper: Forest green V-neck sweater featuring the Charter East Dulwich logo
- Lanyards: Coloured lanyard provided at the start of the year by school including the ID Card
- Shirt: White polo shirt featuring the Charter East Dulwich logo No long sleeve tops under the
 polo shirt except for religious reasons, in which case they should be plain white.
- Trousers: Smart, tailored, plain mid grey trousers of waist height and ankle length. (No jeans, denims, chinos, cords, combats, hipsters, skinny fit, recent fashion trend or other casual trouser. No trousers with accessories including leg pockets, zips etc.)
- Skirts: Smart, tailored, plain mid grey skirts, knee length or longer.
- Socks/tights: Plain black, grey or white knee or ankle height socks, or plain black or grey tights.
 No over the knee socks or leggings
- Shoes: Plain black leather shoes. No trainers (regardless of colour), canvas shoes or boots of any description. No suede shoes or Vans of any description. Plain black Kicker shoes are acceptable.
- Coat: Plain black coat only no additional logos or colours, no leather jackets. No denim jackets.
 Sportswear/tracksuit tops or hooded tops are not allowed
- PE Kit: Forest green PE jumper and T shirt, both featuring the Charter East Dulwich logo. Black shorts/skirt as appropriate and long black sports trousers.
- Headwear: Hair should be of natural colour; head bands should be plain black or forest green.
 Headscarves may be worn for religious reasons only and must be plain back, white or forest green.
- Jewellery: Students may wear a single pair of small matching plain studs only.

September Start Dates

Tuesday 30 August; Inset Day (no school for all students)
Wednesday 31 August: Inset Day (no school for all students)

Thursday 1 September: Transition Day (New Year 7 and Year 12 in school, no school for

Years 8,9,10 and 11)

Friday 2 September: Full School Start (All students back in school)



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Single Lunches 2022-23

One of the key areas we want to develop for our students is around break time and lunch time. From September 2023 we will be running the school day all on the single timetable shown below, rather than split lunches. This will help reduce the impact on learning of students being on breaks whilst others are learning, it will provide more opportunities for lunchtime clubs and it will allow a better use of our sports and eating areas during the breaks. This is in response to student, family and staff feedback. The overall timings of the school day will not change. Full details of what's on offer and how the outdoor/indoor space will be shared with students and families in September, but for the moment please see a summary of key changes below.

08:30	Tutor Time
09:00	Period 1
10:00	Period 2
11:00	Break
11:20	Period 3
12:20	Period 4
13:20	Lunch
14:05	Period 5
15:05	End of Day

- An additional food cube will be installed, food will now be available at both break and lunchtime
- Additional lunchtime clubs will be put on
- The MUGA will now be fully open at lunch and the sports hall and activity spaces can be used.
- There will be increased seating and quiet spaces for students to sit and relax with friends.
- Additional accommodations and provision will be available to SEND students

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Staying Safe over the Summer

Our aim is to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by: protecting them from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking robust action to enable all children to have the best outcomes possible.

Out of school hours : -

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr Nathaniel Wilson, Deputy Head of School. nwilson@chartereastdulwich.org.uk

During the summer holiday period, this email will only be checked on a **weekly** basis. Should you have an emergency please call 999