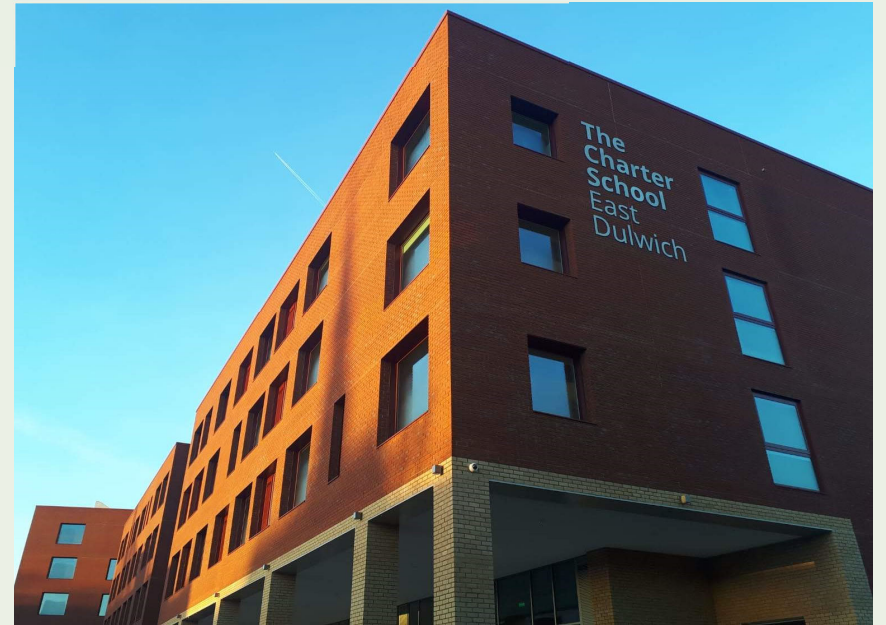


# The Charter School East Dulwich



## Half Termly Bulletin

Autumn Term 1, October 2022



# A Note from the Head:

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our families at The Charter School East Dulwich as we share with you our first Newsletter of the academic year. It's been an exciting time over the last seven weeks as our new Year 7s and 12s have joined us on their educational journeys and our Year 13s continue to flagship the school as our first cohort due to take A levels at the end of the year. Over the summer we were pleased to celebrate with our Year 11 students as they received their GCSE results; we are proud to have achieved an 83% pass rate in English and Maths and an overall Progress score of + 0.47 across the school. The majority of our Year 11s have continued into sixth form with us here and it's been wonderful to see them developing their knowledge and interest in their subjects of choice.

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As we look forward to the year ahead, our staff and students are working hard – together with your support – to build on the strengths of last year in order to provide the very best for our young people. You'll see in our newsletter some of the inspirational trips and events students have been taking part in, including our Year 11 History trip to France and Belgium, the Year 7 Bewl Water activities trip and our STEM-focussed trip to Thorpe Park. This week, we've been celebrating Black History Month and providing students with many opportunities to explore their own, and others', cultures, whilst honouring the impact of Black History on our collective lives and communities.



This year our goal as a school is to achieve an excellent academic and behavioural culture across all aspects of TCSED. We'll be doing this through developing student opportunities and personal development, digging into student learning strengths and gaps, supporting our staff with focussed teaching coaching, and communicating more with yourselves as our families.

I hope that you enjoy the articles ahead and wish you all a wonderful half term break.

***Ms Alison Harbottle, BSc Hons***

Headteacher

# Mount Snowdon Update - THANK YOU!

13th August 2022

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Ms Illidge

A huge THANK YOU to the many teachers and parents/guardians that donated to our charity fundraiser hike up Mount Snowdon back in the summer. 10 of us set off up the mountain: we all made it halfway, 8 of us made it just under 3/4's of the way and 3 of us made it to the top in 6 hours 25 mins on the hottest day of the year in Wales! (Don't ask me how I did it) Including both online and offline donations, we raised just under £4000 which is amazing. With this money, we have purchased 3 cuddle cots which will be donated to Basildon Hospital, Queens Hospital and King's College Hospital. Thank you all again for your support and generosity!







## The music department welcomes composer Harry Escott

16th September 2022

On Friday 16th September the music department welcomed the composer (& parent) Harry Escott. Harry is a renowned composer and a frequent collaborator with Michael Winterbottom,, Paddy Considine, & Steve McQueen. His recent television credits include BBC One drama series Roadkill, for which he received a BAFTA award and Steve McQueen's Uprising for which he won the Royal Television Society award in 2021. He gave talks to the Year 10 and year 11 Music GCSE students during their music lessons and enlightened our students on his journey and career as a composer . He also gave out some top tips on how to approach their set brief compositions which is part of their coursework. During his talk, Harry gave us a detailed insight into his work for the recent ITV television drama series The Thief, His Wife and the Canoe. It was particularly enlightening to hear about how many versions of the same scene he had to compose music for to really capture the director's vision and create the right tone for the scene.

We look forward to welcoming Harry back next term to support in a Christmas busking club where students will be learning music from his Christmas music book 'Sing Carols!'

**Ms Withers**

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"It was inspiring and insightful learning about the opportunities the music industry can offer. I enjoyed finding out about the wide range of job roles there actually are "

*Una Wachter 10E*

"The lesson was really engaging and full of useful tips that I can take away to use for my composition"

*Josef Morris 11C*



# History Battlefields Trip

27th September 2022

Year 11 history students at the Charter School East Dulwich had a memorable experience visiting the battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium at the end of September on a trip organised by Miss Pemberton and Miss Antay. Students got to visit historical sites including Ypres, the Somme and Vimy Ridge to name a few, as well as attend the famous Last Post Ceremony.

**Ms Pemberton**

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# Another successful Bewl Water trip!

3rd October 2022

Year 7 successfully attended you water team building days on the 3rd and 4th of October. It was great to see year 7 working together to solve problems and challenge themselves to go outside their comfort zones while making new friends. We will share more photographs with parents of year 7 students and put them together into a montage shortly, but for now here's a few snaps of the day.



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# Inaugural ACS International School STEAM Event

4th October 2022

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70 Year 12 and 13 students from "Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics" subjects spent the day participating in a range of educational activities at Thorpe Park. They enjoyed the "gamified" system in which participating in activities earned them stamps to get access to roller coasters! Demonstrations from the Army, Air Force, Mercedes F1 and Bloodhound alongside a performance from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra exposed students to the variety of career pathways that are available in STEAM. Many thanks go to Linda Ewen and the SSLP for letting us know about this exciting opportunity.

*Mr Jeffreys*





# PE this term

Fixtures are back! Already this year we have played several fixtures both football and netball. Here are some match reports from this half term:

Huge congratulations to our **Y8 & 9 football team** on their first round Inner London Cup win against The Charter School North Dulwich. The team bounced back from defeat last year and claimed a strong 2-0 victory in what was a very exciting Dulwich Derby! This team will now be playing against Skinners Academy after half term.

Well done to the **Year 7 football team** on their first competitive fixture with a great result against Highbury Grove 6-1 - Special mention to Shakiel McGregor scoring a hattrick on his debut!

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The **Year 8 Netball team** had a great first match against Orleans Park, we had a slow start allowing the opposition to get ahead. However in the last 3 quarters we got stronger and stronger but there just wasn't enough time to get the win.

It has been a good start to the year for all teams and we are looking forward to seeing how far we can go in these cup matches.

**Mr Hold**



# Black History Month

12th October 2022

Miss Pemberton and students from her culture club, Jayden Singh, Kazeem Crosdale, Reyhan Borde-Kuofie and Rasheedat Gbajabiamila delivered whole school assemblies for Black History Month. The students did a brilliant job of exploring little known examples of Black British history and what work still needs to be done around this.

*Ms Pemberton*

## Y13 Biology Field Trip to FSC Juniper Hall, Surrey

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Earlier this term, our y13 biologists took part in a residential field trip near Box Hill in Surrey. They spent three days completing their A level biology practical work in the countryside. Plants were counted; snails were collected and painted with “snail varnish”; woodlice were observed in choice chambers and mice, voles and shrews were humanely trapped and released, causing great excitement. Students enjoyed getting out of London and learning outdoors. It was a real pleasure to be part of this trip and we are looking forward to going again next year.



*Ms Bateson*

## Free School Meals Checks

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, you can check this using the Free School Meals Eligibility Checker: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

To use this site:

- Click on 'Check eligibility'
- Under 'Create a new account' click on 'Proceed'
- In the ' --Select a local authority' drop down click on Southwark
- In the ' --Select an establishment' drop down, select The Charter School East Dulwich then click 'Next'
- Read the privacy notice and click to confirm you have read and understood
- Then enter your first name, surname, date of birth and your National Insurance number.
- Click on 'Submit'

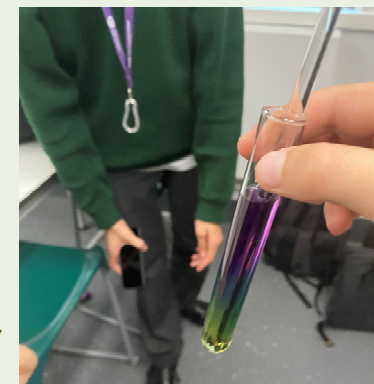
If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be able to download a certificate to confirm this. Please send this certificate, along with your child's name and year group to Ms Ayton:

[edfinance@charterseastdulwich.org.uk](mailto:edfinance@charterseastdulwich.org.uk)

## Science Club

Fantastic work from our Science club students this term with their acid investigations!

*Ms Batey*



# Next Term:

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 1st November:** Paul Crooks Talk for Year 12

**Thursday 3rd November:** Family Forum PSHE + Launch Event

**Tuesday 8th November:** Sixth Form Open Day, 16.30-19.00. 13.20 close for students.

**Wednesday 16th November:** Aggregated Inset (13.20 close)

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**Tuesday 22nd November:** KS5 Volver Study Day (BFI, Southbank)

**Wednesday 23rd November:** Year 12 Achievement Evening

**Tuesday 29th November:** Year 12 Media Studies Trip (BFI, Southbank)

**Monday 5th December:** Rewards/Winning House Trip to Winter Wonderland

**Tuesday 6th December:** Year 10 Achievement Evening



## Class Charts



We are in the process of transferring our parent-school communication to Class Charts, a school managements software system which can be used by parents, students, and teachers. The move towards this software will increase communication and information sharing with parents.

Parents will be able to see:

- ⇒ Behaviour incidents (both merits and negative sanctions)
- ⇒ Homework
- ⇒ Detentions
- ⇒ Timetables
- ⇒ Attendance
- ⇒ Absences
- ⇒ School announcements

A handbook on parents' Class Charts can be viewed [here](#).

After the half term holiday, we will be launching the app to parents. You will receive your login details at this point. We will phase in several of the app's functions, so certain features will not be immediately available to you.

### PSHE Families Forum: 3rd November

Parents and carers are warmly invited to consult on the Personal Social Health Education programme. An overview of our objectives, themes and some example resources will be shared on the evening with the opportunity for parents/ carers to propose adaptations to the schemes of work. Following from last year's successful two Deep Learning days, this year we will be running three PSHE Deep Learning days and this forum will also be a chance for you to make suggestions on themes and providers for these events. At last year's consultation, one of the key proposals from parents was for more financial literacy and these ideas have been listened to and embedded into our whole school plan. We look forward to sharing our vision and having a constructive conversation about how to enhance your child's personal development education further.

