

**Mr Hicks**

Dear parents/carers

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging year for all of us, I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months. We could never have envisaged that this year would present us with so many uncertainties, changes and challenges, but we have risen to meet the challenges together as a community.

As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. I am immensely proud of the achievements of the children and staff; together they have had a hugely successful term and helped us to accomplish what we set out to achieve: a safe return for all, a focus on quality teaching and learning and happy children.

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I hope that they will feel that they have all had a great start here at The Charter School North Dulwich and I trust that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours faithfully

Christian Hicks, Headteacher

**Mr Pain**

Dear parents/carers

I wanted to write to you before the end of the academic year to say hello and formally introduce myself. I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Head of School for The Charter School North Dulwich. These last few months have been an incredibly challenging time for everyone but I want to say what an amazing job you've done.

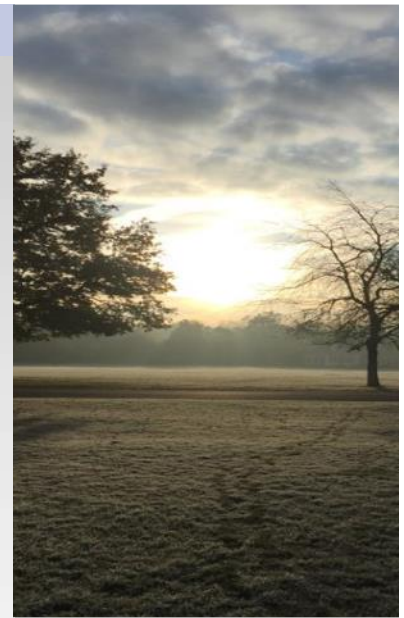
As you are aware, I have been Deputy Headteacher at the school for the last two years, and previously have served as an Assistant Headteacher at the school. This is an exceptional school, with committed students and dedicated staff who all strive for the students to achieve their ambitions. I look forward to leading the operational elements of the school whilst Mr Hicks continues to lead the strategic vision across the two secondary schools. I am passionate about learning and have high expectations, not only for myself but for all members of our school community.

Hopefully, the next year will return to some form of normality and give us the opportunity to meet and continue the journey for our students and celebrate their success.

Have a great summer holiday

Yours faithfully

Mark Pain, Deputy Headteacher



**Key Dates**

**Monday 30 August BANK HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 31 August 2021 – Inset Day**

**Wednesday 1 September 2021 – Autumn Term begins for students**

**HALF TERM Monday 18 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021**

**Friday 17 December 2021 – Last day of Autumn Term (school closes at 1:10pm)**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK Monday 20 December 2021**

**SPRING TERM**

**Tuesday 4 January 2022 – Spring term begins**

**HALF TERM Monday 14 February 2022 – Friday 18 February 2022**

**Friday 1 April 2022 – Last day of spring term**

**EASTER BREAK Monday 4 April 2022 – Monday 18 April 2022 (Bank Holiday)**

**SUMMER TERM**

**Tuesday 19 April 2022 – Summer term begins**

**HALF TERM Monday 30 May 2022 – Friday 3 June 2022**

**Friday 22 July 2022 – Last day of summer term**



# SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

## YOU TALK WE LISTEN

A voluntary service for ALL students Year 7 – Year 13.  
Just like our physical health, our mental health can also  
be impacted.


If you would like to speak to the school counsellor,  
please go to the school website to access a counselling  
referral form.

Email Head of Counselling, Miss Leanne Chapman  
[LChapman@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:LChapman@charternorthdulwich.org.uk)

ROOM 023 – C BLOCK GROUND FLOOR

“It is OK **not** to be OK, but you **deserve** to be  
**happy**”

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT DURING THE SUMMER BREAK

You do not have to suffer alone! 

NHS  
South London  
and Maudsley  
Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

**Distressed or  
in crisis?**



Call our 24 hour mental health crisis line  
**0800 731 2864**  
[www.slam.nhs.uk/crisis](http://www.slam.nhs.uk/crisis)

**NHS** **CAMHS**  
Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

**FOR: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 / PARENTS/CARERS**

All children and young people struggling with their mental health can call the helpline for advice and support. Parents, carers and families or professionals with concerns about a young person's mental health can also call the number.

CONTACT 24 HOUR GENERAL ENQUIRIES on **020 3228 6000**.

Urgent concerns to contact your local GP or dial 111.

**childline**  
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111

Childline is the free helpline and online service for children and young people in the UK. You can call 0800 1111 or visit the website to talk to a trained counsellor about any problem, or talk to other young people via their message boards.

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**kooth**

Kooth is a FREE online service offering emotional and mental health support for children and young people.

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**THE MIX**

The Mix is a UK based charity that provides free, confidential support for young people under 25 via online, social and mobile.

Text THEMIX to 85258 [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Text YM to 85258 [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

## Helplines and support for key issues

Anxiety  
**AnxietyUK**

Bereavement  
**St Christopher's Centre Project**  
Children, young people and families

Eating Disorders  
**Beat**  
Eating disorders

Drugs and Alcohol  
**FRANK**

LGBTQ+  
**LGBT**  
foundation

OCD  
**OCDUK**

Self-Harm  
**the wish**  
centre

Suicidal Thoughts  
**PAPYRUS**  
PREVENTION  
OF YOUNG SUICIDE

## Library News

On the 9th June, students in Years 7 and 8 were visited by prize winning author, Alex Wheatle MBE. He captivated the students with the story of his life and read from his latest novel "Cane Warriors", that some of Year 8 are studying in English.

The novel follows the true story of Tacky's Rebellion in 1760 against British slavers in Jamaica and the students were fascinated to hear the history and inspiration behind it.



It was great to have Alex visit our school after such a long break and we hope this marks the return of many more authors visiting our school once again.



## Careers & Enrichment

### Careers

We have had a number of exciting Careers events this term: University Insight Sessions  
In May all of Year 8 and 9 had the chance to hear about University life and choices from Oxford University's outreach programme.

### Post 16 Information for Year 10

Year 10 have had a number of Careers assemblies informing them about Post 16 options and we hosted 7 providers at the Post 16 Information event who gave informative presentations about a range of 6th Form provision and the different options available beyond our school the Film of the presentation is available on the year 10 teams page.

### Year 12 Alumni Event

The highlight of the term has to be our Alumni event which took place on July 14th, we hosted over 30 of our alumni including a number of students from The Charter Schools first year group. We were so proud to see what wonderful young adults they are and what interesting things they are doing, Doctors, Singers, Engineers, Lawyers to name but a few. Our current year 12 students were really engaged and inspired by the conversations we had.

Thank you to the alumni for giving their time so generously!

### Enrichment

We have three great new clubs this term  
Boxing Club for year 8 which has been a great success  
Mooting Club was so popular we had to move to the assembly hall  
Dance Club -Ingrid and Cleo who have just left year 13 came in to teach Dance to year 9 this is definitely the beginning of dance at the school – even though the numbers were small the teachers were amazing. This is a club to build on!



## Trips

### Year 10 Latin Trip

Fortuna fortes adiuvat. (Fortune favours the brave.)

Fortune favoured 41 brave year 9 Latin students on Friday 9 July: we travelled to visit Lullingstone Roman villa, set in the beautiful Darent valley in Kent.

The students enjoyed viewing magnificent mosaics adorning the dining room, and further signs of wealthy Roman lifestyle such as a bath wing and remains of Roman under-



floor heating.

Armed with plenty of Roman weaponry (see picture), we happily returned to Londinium in the afternoon.



## MFL

### Year 12 French Cooking

On Thursday 08/07, the Year 12 French students invaded the Food tech department to cook delicious recipes from the French-speaking world.

Armed with their chosen recipes (in French!), our students prepared 2 classic dishes: 'tarte aux pommes' (very popular in Normandy) and 'taboulé' (popular in Northern Africa, amongst many places).

Students were very enthusiastic and produced delicious results, bringing to life the Food unit of our Culture & Heritage A-Level module.



### Year 10 Roman Cooking

Fancy a Roman dinner party? Roman dinners were said to run 'from eggs to apples', featuring e.g. roast peacock or flamingo and famously, an interesting, multi purpose seasoning 'fish sauce'.

On 14 July, the year 10 Latin students decided to brave Roman fine dining. Skipping starters and main courses, they prepared two Roman deserts, following ancient Roman recipes: they fried hot Roman cherry and cinnamon fritters, as well as Globi (Cheese and semolina sweetmeats).

The result: a deliciously sweet success, sweetened not with sugar or chocolate, but by large amounts of golden, runny honey.



# The Friends of The Charter School North Dulwich

## THANK YOU!

We'd like to send a massive thank you to all parents and carers that have supported us over the last year. Despite the restrictions of Covid thanks to you we've had a very successful year, raising more than £30,000 in support of the school. Here are some of the things you've made possible:

- New bike sheds
- Art for the school walls
- New sewing machines
- New equipment for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
- Discounts for pupil premium students for school photos
- Teacher wellness fund
- The music ensemble room (NB this campaign is still running)



More importantly you've continued to build the parent/carers community by supporting each other through the WhatsApp groups and on our Facebook group. Our online uniform shop has been set up and we're now able to recycle outgrown uniforms and raise money for the school.

Thank you particularly to the people who have made this all possible. We know you mostly just see our names in communications but there are a lot more people who have worked hard to make everything happen - organizing the uniform, writing press releases, taking photos, coming up with ideas...the list goes on.

Running the Friends via Zoom is fine but we cannot wait to see you in person next term. The recent joint fun run with the Friends of East Dulwich was a brilliant reminder of how much better it is when we can meet and talk in person.

Work will begin on planning the Christmas Fair as soon as we get back and we'd love you to get more involved.

Our door is always open. Just email [friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk) if you want any more info or a link to join the WhatsApp or Facebook group, or indeed if you'd like to get involved.

See you in September.

Eleanor, Angus, Clare & Molly



Want to meet new parents, get involved or suggest ideas?

Please contact the Friends at:  
[friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk) and Follow us on Twitter @FoTCSND

Join our Facebook group: Friends of The Charter School North Dulwich



For general giving please consider nominating us as your charity on [amazon smile](#) or [easyfundraising](#). We can also help you obtain match giving from your employer for any donations to us. Please contact [friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:friends@charternorthdulwich.org.uk)

Remember, the easiest way to generate money for the school is via [easyfundraising](#). Visit this [link](#) for more information or get in touch with us and we'll take you through it.

# FINANCE

## ParentPay

Please ensure that your payments are kept up to date by regularly checking your ParentPay account for new payment item alerts. This includes all remote music fees for the Spring Term.

As you are aware due to budget cuts and restraints it is essential that payments are made on time as this will allow The Charter School North Dulwich to provide opportunities for all our students. Nonpayers, although minimal do cause a strain on school resources, this means that funds which should be spent on the children's education are used to cover these shortfalls. We request that all parents/carers and staff consider this. If you have any payment related issues or concerns, please contact [finance@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:finance@charternorthdulwich.org.uk)

## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Due to the rising cost of living and the unfortunate global pandemic everyone could use a bit of help.

Following the recent announcement to extend the COVID Local Support Grant, Southwark will be using their allocation to fund meals for FSM pupils over the summer holiday. Funding will be £3 per pupil per day. Summer 2021 holiday (27 days, from Monday 23rd July to Tuesday 31st August, inclusive and including the late summer bank holiday) totalling £81 per child who is entitled to FSM.

If you are on a low income or on benefits, then you may be able to claim free school meals for your child. The amount allocated for the free school meal will be credited to your child's lunch account confidentially. This will cover a hot or cold meal deal. Once your child is entitled to Free School Meals an additional funding called Pupil Premium is allocated from the Department for Education, the funding is paid directly to the school to improve the quality of these children's education. Your child will receive a 30% discount on all extra-curricular activities and 50% discount on all curricular activities as well as substantial discount in music tuition each term until the end of their current phase of education. If your child is in sixth form, they may also be entitled to a weekly bursary, paid monthly.

If you are NOT listed as FSM and would like to check to see if you are entitled, please visit <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Follow The below simple instructions:

- 1: Click - Check My eligibility
- 2: Click - Proceed, create a new Account
- 3: Click - Drop down box Local Authority - Insert - Southwark
- 4: Click - Drop down box School - Insert - The Charter School North Dulwich
- 5: Read Terms - Before you can use the Free School Meals Eligibility Checker, you need to read and accept the Privacy Notice.
- 6: Input your Details: You must complete all of the boxes - Paying particular attention to those in the green area, which indicates information that is matched against DWP/HMRC data
- 7: Results will show at the bottom. if successful GREEN - Download certificate and send to [finance@tscet.org.uk](mailto:finance@tscet.org.uk)

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE IS WITH US BY TUESDAY 20th JULY so we can process your vouchers in time**

## Music

If you would like to request music tuition for your child, please contact the Music team. If you would like to cancel your child's music tuition, we require 5 school weeks' notice BEFORE the start of next term. All requests must be made by email to [music@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:music@charternorthdulwich.org.uk) The Charter Schools Educational Trust have implemented a Pupil Premium music Bursary; this allows families to access music tuition at a significant discount of £50 per year for paired lessons or a 30% discount per term for individual lessons.

All payments for the following terms lessons need to be paid in advance of lessons commencing.

## Lettings

The Charter North School has a wide range of high-quality sports facilities, drama and assembly spaces and outdoor areas available to hire outside of normal school hours. We hire our facilities to the local community and external organisations for birthdays, sports clubs, conferences, charity events and much more. For more information or if you would like to view or book any of our facilities, please email [bookings@charternorthdulwich.org.uk](mailto:bookings@charternorthdulwich.org.uk)

