



Charlton School Newsletter

In federation with Dothill Primary School
Principal: Mr N Renshaw
Head Of Secondary Phase: Mr L Tristham
Spring Term 2 - 2010

welcome

Welcome to our Easter newsletter at the end of a really exciting term where so much has gone on. We would like to use this opportunity to thank all parents who responded to our parental survey, which is currently being analysed to enable the school to consider views supporting us in taking our school into the future. In the prize draw Sophie Wood was pulled from the hat, she received the iPod and parents are set to enjoy a meal for 2 at The Fox at Chetwynd Aston.

The views of parents and students are really important to us as a school, with one such area being the work of our School Council and Student Leadership team. Mr Arnold has been working hard with members of the teaching team with groups of students to reshape the structure of the School Council and to look closely at the House System in school. We look forward to the resulting developments.

Within the curriculum we have many exciting projects taking place with 'Thematic Days' being at the centre of these developments. These days have enabled students to undertake extended project work over a full day, working with members of teaching teams across a number of faculties. These days have been extremely well received by students who have been involved.

Our 'Across the Continents' sports and geography project is another exciting project involving all Charlton and Dothill children and staff – many thanks for family support with sponsorship.

Learning Community work has included a wide range of activities. Friendship Week involved children from Year 11 in Charlton working with Year 6 children from our partner primary schools on the theme of encouraging internet safety and promoting multicultural awareness.

Year 6 children from across our learning community have enjoyed a range of events to develop their awareness of a variety of future careers, as well as experiencing activities at Keele University to develop their enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Within the newsletter there is a review of the school production, Les Misérables. It was a fantastic production and truly captured the spirit of Charlton. The togetherness of all staff and students, supported by many volunteers, resulted in a wonderful event; our thanks go out to all.

We are now looking forward to an exciting term ahead supporting all students in making further progress, together with working with our new Year 7 children who will be arriving at Charlton in September. Having been oversubscribed again this year for Year 7 places, we now know which students will be joining us and planning is underway to support their induction into school.

We wish you all a restful break over the Easter period and look forward to future developments.

Mr Renshaw & Mr Tristham

Science News

Revision Sessions for GCSE
Science (Years 9, 10 and 11) will
start
after Easter!

The sessions will be after school on **Tuesdays for year 9, Wednesdays for Year 10 and Thursdays for Year 11**. More details to follow!!



Prom News

Leavers Prom Reminder – The final payments for this year's Leaver's Prom are due in by Friday, 30th April 2010.

(Total cost £30 less deposit already paid)

Prom is on Friday 2nd July 2010 - The evening will begin at 6.15pm with an opportunity to have a photograph taken by a professional photographer.

This will cost £5 per print, payable on the evening.

The meal will be served at 7.30pm

The evening finishes at 12.30am

RE News

A reminder that after school support is available for all students in Years 9 and 10 taking RE GCSE Module 2 on May 18th. Every Thursday till 4pm in HU3 with Mr Pickering

After school support is also available for Year 11 retaking a GCSE module on Wednesdays till 4pm in HU3 with Mr Pickering



Library News

We are collecting the new Tesco Vouchers for Schools and Clubs.

These are the green ones that Tesco have recently started to hand out.

There is a collection box in the library and they can also be handed in at the reception desk.

The deadline for getting the vouchers into school is the 11th June 2010!



Performing Arts

Les Misérables

*What an amazing experience!! Blown away! Shocked! What talent!
Huge achievement!! How Proud!*

These are just some of the comments that rang in our ears when we finished the play each night. I know it's just my opinion, but I think that Les Mis is one of the most inspired musicals ever written. Most shows have one or sometimes two musical numbers, which send the audience home humming, but with LM everyone is a winner.

One of the characteristics of this show is that it is through sung, which means that all the dialogue is sung as opposed to spoken. This inevitably puts a lot more pressure on the lead singers, but my goodness, didn't they rise to the challenge!

Talking about rising.... It takes a show Like Les Mis to bring potential out of the cracks.

When we auditioned last October, We found our Valjean in Tom Blakemore, who worked his socks off learning his part. He was the one who could sing all those impossibly high notes. Unbeknown to him, as he sat alone in the quad, plugged into his ipod upon which the whole show had been

downloaded, singing his heart out, he was observed, by Mr Tristham, Governors, visitors and parents, as he apparently serenaded to an accompaniment, only available to his ears. They never stopped him, thank goodness. Be ye warned all you students who use the quad, you can't see in but we can see out. (How is it that a teacher always seems to be able to show up just as you have completed your latest act of lunacy, and when the coast seemed to be clear?)

Josh Cotterill, appeared at audition, and didn't know the song....typical Cotty! Such is his talent, I gave him the sheet music, played it through once, and second time through he sang it perfectly, almost doing himself a permanent injury, trying to reach those high notes so effortlessly reached by the aforementioned Mr Blakemore. Luckily for Josh, love stricken Marius, did not have to reach such dizzy heights in the vocal register, and he was the obvious candidate for this role, particularly as his amazing voice matches so well the beautifully pure voice of Becky Jones, who played the part of the heroine Cosette.



The Cast



Enjolras



Little Cosette

Equally impressive, was the unloved Eponine, played by Year 9 student Chloe Newnes, who adored Marius, the only time getting his serious attention, as the pair sung the heart wrenching duet *Little Fall of Rain* as she lay dying in his arms, having been shot in the street. That made me cry on both nights. Chloe has the ability to get to the heart of the meaning in all her songs, and realise this through her amazing voice.

Hannah Allen was persuaded by Jenny Coventry to audition for the unhappy Fantine. This is a role requiring great understanding and maturity, and Hannah gave us both. Again a huge vocal range required for her songs, but I am sure that those of you who were there will agree that her impassioned performance of *I Dreamed a Dream*, will go down as unforgettable.

And then we have our funnies! Even the most serious of shows is never without humour. Two candidates at audition stood out for the roles of Monsieur and Madame Thenardiere. Tom Chiverton and Jade De Monye, were the perfect pair in comedy, and their rendition of *Master of the House*, brought the house down. They were such good fun, you could imagine yourself in that pub having a good time, and they certainly made sure we heard all the naughty bits. What a pair of rogues!

Gavroche, the little street urchin, holding court in the streets of St Michel, was a much-coveted role, with great competition at audition. Isabel Bradley stood out head and shoulders above others and she didn't disappoint. She had her lines learnt weeks before everybody else, and she really worked at developing her character. When she was shot and died on the barricade, I heard a gasp of "Oh no!" from the audience. Such is her talent for drawing the audience into her story.

The smaller but no less demanding role of the little girl Cosette, was sung by Year 7 student, Corren Macpherson. She bowled us over at audition with her beautiful voice, strong and confident singing "*Castle on a Cloud*". This is a student to be watched. If she can sing like this aged 11, what do we have in store in years to come?

The emerging voice of Jack Chiverton, Year 9, was put to the test in a number of smaller roles. First as his Worship the Bishop of Digne, followed very quickly by the lecherous foreman from the factory, who by sacking Fantine, drove her to her downfall. We later see him as a student. Well done Chiv Minor for letting us mess you around in so many roles.

And then the chorus. What a huge role they play in this show, and so many having to take solo parts for this and that. Special mention must go to Becky Holliday, Bethany Craik, and Amy Aston from Year 11; all who took support roles, and to Robert Rouse Year 8 student, with another emerging voice. Watch this space when it comes to that one, he is going to be quite something in years to come.

And now for our real find. No one knew that Aidan Turnbull could sing!! Not even me. His musicianship has never been in doubt, but as he, alongside many others were tried out in support roles in the early days of rehearsal, it became clear he had something special. Also we had a bit of a problem. We had been unable to find a voice who could cope with the demands of the Police Officer Javert, who spends his life hunting down our hero Valjean. Aidan and I had words, Aidan had a sing one lunchtime, when no one else was looking and ear wiggling and we found Javert. You guys out there don't even know what Aidan saved us from..... We had staff in the shape of Mr Price trying to nick that part.

Aidan has found his voice, and what a voice it is too. He made me cry every time he sang "Stars" and I wasn't the only one, and his final soliloquy was something quite special. His mum came to the dress rehearsal, and shared with me that she had never heard Aidan sing, so this was a real gift for her as she watched him sing his heart out. Now he tells me that he's driving her round the bend because he won't stop singing his and everyone else's songs at home.

But what of the other stars of the show? The stage crew, in the shape of Louis Ashley, James Smith, Roxanne Roscoe, Shayna Caruana, Joe Harrop, Shane Mace and Mathew Gilham (when he wasn't playing chief student Enjolras and getting himself killed on the barricade alongside all the others) were left in no doubt that Mr Beach was going to steal this one. He paid pounds for a ticket to go and watch the touring show in Manchester just weeks before ours went on the road, but at least he nicked some excellent ideas for special effects and lighting. Technology played its role in the set and backdrops, without anyone getting covered in paint. Many thanks to Mr Beach for his creative ideas in the lighting department.

No less important were sound technician Mr Pritchard and backstage manager Mr Tanner, ably assisted by Wilf's mum Kate Hatton. It was Mr Tanner that got hold of all those guns, but in case you didn't know it was Mrs Johnson who produced the Knife, and she still hasn't got it back, Tom. Mr Tanner was also that voice responsible for the off stage Army Officer, who gave orders to kill all those passionate students fighting for change.

Now, costume and make up doesn't just happen, but Mrs Bridge, God bless her, opened her mouth and offered to help, and got landed with organising all those amazing costumes, and she's never done it before. Mrs Bridge spent time in half term and on her days off working hard to get all the costumes. She persuaded New College and the Belfrey Theatre to hand over what they had, and then begged, borrowed and made the rest with the very able help of Mrs Hunt, Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Manville, and Mrs Jones from Science.



Factory Scene



ABC Cafe

We could not have done this without parent power, We also couldn't have done without Sandy Ottley professional make-up artist who offered her help each night, ably assisted by Year 11 student Katie Wakeling and all those staff who stood behind the stage door ensuring students didn't miss cues. Miss Wall guardian of the dressing rooms, had everything under control in the dressing rooms, and they didn't even get a chance to see the show.

And now I come to the Band. Most of the members were parents, friends of parents, ex-parents, friends of staff who came to play and produced the icing on the cake. Secret practises in the music room till late into the night brought about this amazing ensemble. My thanks to all of them for the very special part they played but because they are Dads I should mention by name, Mike Cotterill, Gary Hickey, and James Hoyle who joined us in the band. Whoops I mustn't forget Mr Johnson and Mrs Chambers who spent hours practising the most fiendish piano parts in order to accompany all the rehearsals. Rehearsal accompanists always seem to be taken for granted, no one thinks of them slaving away on the old Joanna

Finally two very special people: Mrs Annie Smitheman who directed the stage, and Year 11 student Jenny Coventry, who galvanised the students into action as Assistant Director. Would Les Miserables have got on the road if it hadn't been for them? Jenny knew every single line of the show, and prompted right up to dress rehearsal. She could have understudied most parts. She took rehearsals, and taught songs, and then played violin in the band. We are indebted to her leadership and unfailing faith in the students and us. As for Annie..... well it will be notes at six as usual!!!!



Before The Final Battle



Grown up Cosette

School Garden

GARDEN CLUB GARDENING ADVICE

Plants For March

Cabbage

There is a wide variety of cabbage types to choose from, depending on when you want to sow and when you want to harvest. Now is the time to be planting summer cabbage, in soil that will both retain its moisture and benefit from good exposure to the sun. If you plant in late March, you'll be enjoying the fruits of your labour in August.

Leeks

Leeks are a great all-round vegetable that are very versatile in cooking and a low-intensity alternative to onions in things like quiche. While you may still be harvesting last year's sowing (we are), it's time to start preparing for this winter's harvest by planting your next batch. This particular vegetable takes a long time to mature.

Beetroot

This is really your last chance to get a good crop of beetroot before the second half of the year. They like the cool, and although we had success in growing beetroot through the summer last year, they are not particularly well-suited to full-on heat. If you have only ever eaten pickled beetroot and been put off by the taste, then consider growing your own and simply boiling it, removing the skins and eating it either hot or cold. Alternatively you could bake it into a delicate pink cake.

How to Plant the Above.

Cabbage

Nearly all cabbages should be planted in a seedbed or in modules under glass and then transferred. Seeds should be sown thinly, as this reduces the amount of future thinning necessary and potential risk from pests.

- Sow seeds 1.25cm (1/2in) deep and rows should be spaced 15cm (6in) apart.
- Once the seeds have germinated, thin the seedlings to 7.5cm (3in) between each plant.
- Cabbage and broccoli seedlings are ready for transplanting when they're between 6 and 8cm high (2.5-3in). Brussels sprouts and kale should be 15cm (6in). Water the day before moving, and keep well watered until established.
- Space the plants according to the instructions on the seed packet. It can vary from 30cm for small cabbages to 75cm for Brussels sprouts.

Leeks

- The easiest method is to sow seed directly into the soil between March and April. Alternatively, you could cheat and buy ready-grown seedlings, many nurseries offer a good range. By careful choice of varieties you could have an ample supply of leeks to harvest from mid-summer until the following spring.
- On the allotment, seeds are best sown in rows, 30cm apart. Mark a straight line and use the corner of a rake to make a shallow groove in the soil, about 1cm deep. Sow seed thinly along the trench, cover with soil, water and label. When seedlings have three leaves each, about four to five weeks later, thin to leave plants every 15cm - the seedlings you remove could be used to plug gaps elsewhere.
- Alternatively, buy ready-grown plants. They will arrive as young seedlings during May and June, ready to plant out straight away. To do this, make a hole with a dibber, 20cm deep, and drop a seedling into each. Using a watering can, fill the hole with water and allow to soak away - this will draw enough soil over the plant to cover the roots and produce wonderful blanched stems as the leek grows.
- Keep plants well watered, especially during dry spells and harvest from summer onwards.

Gardening club meets on a Wednesday after school in Sc1.
Everyone is welcome and we would love more people to join us.

Technology

NEWS

Rotary Young Chef of the Year

Heats were held within school to discover two young budding chefs who were keen to represent Charlton in this competition. The standard was extremely high and all those involved created well crafted thoughtful dishes. Sam Gatley and Shane Mace (Year 10) were chosen to carry forward the challenge to the area final held at HLC in February. A fantastic effort was made by each participant and following a tense time Sam was awarded the Senior prize and invited to attend the District final held in Stafford on Monday, 1st March.

It was an exhausting day during which he battled unreliable equipment and serious competition. He was publicly and privately congratulated for his outstanding performance but sadly missed the prizes by 1 point.

Well done to all concerned!!!!

Let's Get Cooking Club

Now in its second year the club has sessions on a Tuesday after school. These are fully funded, fun sessions where learning new skills is vital but enjoyment is key. Year 7 are currently participating in a number of themed activities based around foods from different countries. Parents will be invited to attend a 'feeding' event where they are welcome to see their children create food for them to sample.



Young Chefs in the Kitchen

Collecting a Certificate



PE NEWS

P.E.

The Yr8&9 and Yr10&11 girls football teams have been taking part in the TWSSA Indoor Football League. Both teams have had fantastic victories and should both be going through to the finals after Easter. Well done and Good Luck girls.

Many of our cross country students took part in the English Schools Cross country event in Manchester with I Bradley coming 25th out of 339!!! This is an impressive result and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

SSCo - Ms Byrne

This term students have been taking part in a table tennis sports unlimited project club at lunch times. The students have had a coach coming in and teaching them the skills and rules of the game.

Four students from Yr9&10 have attended a Top Link Conference at Lacon Childe School. These students will be running a Top Link Festival for the Charlton Partner primary schools in National Sports Week.

National Sports Week is from the 28th June to the 2nd July. Lots of exciting sporting events and cross curricular activities will be happening during this week.

The Yr11 Level One Sports Leaders helped run the County Secondary School Sports Hall Athletics Final at Charlton. The students did a fantastic job and will also be running an indoor football tournament for the local primary schools.

After Easter there will be a Bike Ability course for all students who cycle to school. If you would like your son/daughter to be involved please contact Ms Byrne.

In the next term a Living for Sport project has been set up for the Year 7&8 girls. The girls are going to be having football coaching from a company called Crossbar Coaching.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Year 11 Boys Football team have reached the District and County Cup Finals.

This follows their triumph in the Regional Final of the National Cup. The District Cup final is to be held at The Bucks Head Stadium on Wednesday 21st April. Kick off 4pm.

The County Cup Final is due to be played at The Pro Star Stadium (Shrewsbury), details will follow shortly.



STEM DAY



STEM day at HLC By Nathan Yeomans

On Thursday, 4th March 10 students from Years 7 & 8 went to HLC for a fun day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). During the day we participated in such events as rollercoaster building and an inflatable planetarium. When we arrived we were taken to a room and for the following ten minutes we were to be told to make friends with pupils from the other schools. The chosen schools were: Ercall Wood with 14 Year 9 students, HLC had 7 Year 10 students; Bulls Head had 7 Year 7 students and Charlton.

Next, we were put into groups and told to design our rollercoasters on paper. After the designs were made we were told that we only had a limited amount of materials to make our coasters out of so we got to work constructing them.

At 1pm, groups 1-3 were sent to the planetarium and the rest of the groups had lunch. Half an hour later the groups returned to have lunch while the other groups got to work on the coasters. The planetarium show was about the solar system and all the stars in the galaxy.

When all the groups were together we were given a 5 minute warning to finish our rollercoasters.

The coasters names were: Death Drop (with a Death Drop), Splosh (with a jump into water), Failure (which did fail), Unknown (with no name), G-Force (with a loop) and 2 other coasters which unfortunately I cannot name.

When all the coasters were tested, the runners up and the winners were chosen. The runners up were Splosh and they won a rocket eagle, while G-force won first place and each one a rocket blaster. Finally it was time to leave and return to school.

A great day was had by all!

MFL NEWS

This term has seen the MFL department take part in some exciting days out, full of language learning and fun!

On 18th January, 14 Year 9 students, accompanied by Miss Jenkins, spent the day at the University of Wolverhampton. The aim of the day was to show students how languages can be used in the world of work and how their language studies may be useful to them in the future.

Firstly, we had a lecture with speakers from business backgrounds who had all used their language skills in their jobs. These men and women had not all realised initially as pupils how languages would help them get ahead in their careers, but they are now an integral part of what they do.

After that, pupils were involved in looking at advertising in French and even had the opportunity to create their own using either a PowerPoint or a short film. This part was especially interesting and enjoyed by everyone!

A group of four girls, Sophie Hill, Ruth Owen, Abbi Lycett and Abigail Buckley had fun making an advert for sugar cubes, all in French language they had picked up earlier in the session. Rhiannon Davies, Robyn Field, Henry Breen and Connor Whitehead made an excellent presentation advertising delicious French sweets.

At the end of the day, each group showed their adverts to other schools taking part before making their way home.

Friday 26th February saw a group of Year 11s take part in a Language Taster day hosted by the University of Birmingham. They were joined by other students from all over the West Midlands, all finding out about what it's like to study a language at University level.

After a somewhat stressful journey, the day started off with an introduction from Sonja Berhardt, the School Liaison Officer. The Year 11s were astonished to discover that only approximately 20% of the world speaks any English at all, stressing the importance of learning another language! We also found out that graduates with a language are much more successful in finding employment after leaving university, and can earn higher.

After the introduction, the group split up to try a brand new language ab initio. Some tried Italian, others Chinese and Kim Short was brave enough to experience a lesson in Arabic! Those who tried Chinese left singing the song we had learned which we all enjoyed singing on the bus home (Frankie Kier especially).

The bus driver probably didn't.

We then moved on to a lecture in the languages already studied for GCSE and did sessions in French or German.

After a tasty lunch in the University cafeteria, students went into a First Year-style lecture in European Film Studies. This was really interesting, watching clips from iconic French and German films. After an interest was shown in film studies, Miss Jenkins decided to show foreign films in after school sessions on Thursdays, any Year 11s interested are welcome.

Feedback from the students who went was very positive and an enjoyable day was had by all. Hopefully, some of these students will carry on studying languages at university in the future.



John Morris Marathon Man



John Morris -Charlton school staff member is running the London Marathon this month, it's his third London Marathon and this year he is raising money for the Brooke animal charity.

The Brooke promotes healthy working animals in the world's poorest communities and was set up in 1930 -it has become one of the world's leading equine charities. John hopes to raise £1000, which will make a significant contribution to veterinary care or blacksmithing in one of the 10 centres the charity works in.

The Brooke reaches nearly 3/4 million horses a year and the charity works to provide simple treatments which the owners often cannot afford .

At the moment John is 3 weeks from running the 26 miles and weekday nights and Sundays are dominated by a strict training schedule -he hopes it'll pay off when he joins 35,000 other runners through London on the 25th April.

He would like your support -there is a website set up www.justgiving.com/john4thebrooke and sponsor forms will be available in school.

For further information on the work of the Brooke check out their web site at www.thebrooke.org.

John hopes for a quiet day in school on the 26th April and hopes that he is able to park near the school entrance and his day in school doesn't involve walking up any stairs!

NEW! Healthzone Service!

HEALTHZONE SERVICE BEING OFFERED

Healthzone is a holistic health drop-in service which works in partnership to offer young people in schools an accessible free health service that is user-friendly, confidential, non-judgemental and responsive to young people's needs.

The drop-in will enable dedicated access space for young people to meet the community school nurse, youth workers and other partners who are involved in the delivery of health-related issues.

The areas which are addressed are:

Help2Quit
Substance misuse
Sexual health
Nutrition and weight management
Stress management
Emotional and general health

Support is offered one to one or on a group basis and has a dedicated space in the new bungalow for students to just drop in or make an appointment to see a health professional.

Every Tuesday between 12.35 & 1.35 in the Bungalow!



Visit us in The Bungalow!





Important
Information!

Free Computer Access
for FSM Children!

FREE COMPUTER ACCESS FOR FSM CHILDREN

You may be aware that the Government has launched a 'Home Access' project. This will deliver a free computer, one year's internet connectivity, and software support for all children in KS2 and KS3 (students in Years 3 – 9) that are eligible for free school meals and do not already have an internet connected computer.

Home Access is the government programme which will help to ensure that more children in state-maintained education in England have access to technology at home to support learning.

Evidence shows that home access can engage and motivate learners and support parental engagement. More recent evidence has suggested that learners who use a computer at home for schoolwork are more likely to gain over five GCSEs and one A-level, and improve the grades attained.

The Home Access packages have been designed with a family's needs in mind. They include one year's service and support, pre-set parental controls, installed office productivity suite, firewall and an anti-virus package. They also include the award-winning e-safety guide 'Know IT All for Parents', enhanced warranty and reinstatement service in the event of theft, and educational guidance delivered with every package. All computers come with an embedded link to the dedicated Our Home Access website, to help ensure families realise the benefits of home access.

Further information and an application pack can be obtained from the Home Access Grant Helpline on 0333 200 1004. Alternatively please contact the School Business Manager (01952 386800) who can send an application form and more details to you. If you require assistance completing the application please do not hesitate to ask.



Cashless Catering

Thank you for your support in moving our canteen facilities to a totally cash free environment. This has had a big impact on the smooth running of our canteen facilities resulting in reduced queues at tills, children being served more quickly to improve their lunchtime experience and money intended for school lunch can only be spent in this way.

Please remember the top up of lunch accounts is via the following methods:

- Cheque payable to 'Chartwells' handed in to student reception
- Via the internet at www.parentpay.co.uk – please contact the school for a password if you have mislaid yours.
- Via Pay Point cards for top up in local stores – cards can be ordered from school.

To improve this experience further we are working with our cashless caterers so that printouts of what your child has eaten can be emailed to you on a weekly basis. Whilst we are currently trialling this, we hope that this facility will be available in the near future. If you would be interested in being part of this trial and be prepared to offer feedback and suggestions, please email school@charlton.uk.com.

Thank you for your support.

Cardmaking/Scrapbooking Club

Seventh Heaven Papercraft club meet once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month (unless the school has anything on then an alternative date will be arranged) in MFL3 at Charlton School 6.45pm until 8.45pm. The cost is £5.00 which includes a raffle ticket, free card project and tuition.

Please note the dates for the Summer Term:

Tuesday 20th April (Due to School Commitments)

13th May

17th June

(moved back a week due to another event held within school)

8th July

For more information and reserving a place contact Mrs A M Harding on 01952 386800 or by email seventhheavenpc@hotmail.com

Important
Information

School Uniform

Reminder of School Policy on Uniform

Charlton has tremendous pride in all of our students and truly values their commitment to their school. We are delighted by the comments received from visitors to our school who always talk about the mature nature of our students and how committed they are to working with staff to move the school forward.

As a school, we passionately believe that the students' appearance supports this very positive ethos and says a lot about how young people feel about school. Below is a copy our uniform list. We feel that the uniform supports students in school and allows the focus to be on developing their learning in comfortable clothing.

BOYS:

- Plain black trousers (not jeans)
- Dark socks (not fluorescent).
- Black plain shoes – no coloured decoration. ❶
- Pale blue aertex shirt*
- Navy blue PE shorts *
- Reversible red/red with blue stripe rugby shirt.
- Navy blue sports socks (winter).
- White sports socks (summer and indoor).
- PE school sweatshirt.
- Navy blue jogging bottoms.
- Training shoes - predominantly white (NOT boots) indoor and outdoor.
- Soccer boots.
- Shin pads.

GIRLS:

- Navy tailored trousers (not jeans) or Navy skirt (Trutex back vent style)
- Navy or white socks (not fluorescent), OR black tights.
- Black flat walking shoes. No slingbacks, boot or clog type shoes – Max. heel height 4cms. Max Sole 2cms. ❶
- Pale blue aertex shirt *
- Navy blue PE shorts *
- Navy blue sports socks (winter).
- White sports socks (summer and indoor).
- PE school sweatshirt.
- Navy blue jogging bottoms.
- Training shoes - predominantly white (NOT boots) indoor and outdoor.
- Soccer or hockey boots.
- Shin pads.
- Girls with long hair must provide suitable hair bands.

* Available with school logo from school supplier

School Uniform Cont...

All items must be logo free

① Trainers may not be worn in school at any time. They should also not be worn to and from school. A doctor's note is required for the wearing of trainers for medical reasons.

We would also like to outline the following issues related to uniform.

1. Students should not replace items of uniform with other fashion accessories, i.e. sweaters with hoodies, etc.
2. Hoodies (with the exception of those used within the curriculum – i.e. Dance Hoodies) should not be worn in school.
3. Shoes should be plain black and logo free. Black trainers are not permitted. However, shoes with Velcro fastenings are allowed. At this stage some students have canvas footwear. As a school we do not feel that this type of footwear is appropriate, as during the winter months students' feet become wet and uncomfortable through the day. This has resulted in a number of cases where students have had to contact parents to bring alternative footwear into school. From September 2010 Canvas type footwear will not be permitted.
4. For all students, jewellery is not permitted. This reduces the possibility of loss and upset caused as a result of this. It is also to support Health and Safety in a range of areas.

A reminder at this time of year that new piercings should be administered at the start of the summer holidays to allow time to heal.

5. Nail varnish and nail extensions are not allowed in school. Students are involved in many activities and again, nail extensions can cause injury.

We thank you for your support in ensuring a consistent approach, which will hopefully support all children.

School Fund Accounts

The School Fund Accounts were audited by an independent auditor and reflected no adverse observations in the running of the fund. The auditor was content that all accounts were appropriately operated and in balance. The full audit report is available in school should you wish to examine it.

ParentPay Facility – log in now to:
www.parentpay.com

ParentPay's vision is to create the cashless school with benefits for all; increased convenience for parents, vast administrative savings for schools and reduced social risks for children. All of our trips can now be paid for online by logging on to the above web address.

If you do not have your password we can email a reminder, please contact the school office.

Charlton School is gratefully accepting Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons vouchers. Please remember to collect them at the till when you have finished your shopping and hand them into Mrs Jones in the Library.
If you have kindly collected Morrisons vouchers please hand those into the Science Department.

Musical Instrument and Singing Lessons

Telford & Wrekin Music provides a wide range of instrument and singing lessons in schools across Telford & Wrekin for children and young people. We currently offer music lessons on:-

Woodwind (including Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon)
Strings (including Violin, Viola, 'Cello and Double bass)
Brass (including Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French & Tenor horn, Euphonium and Cornet)
Keyboard
Singing
Drums
Guitar (including Electric Guitar and Acoustic Guitar)

We run a variety of after school music ensembles, orchestras, rock schools, music theory lessons, Under 18's Band Nights and showcase opportunities for young people to perform in. We offer free music lessons to those pupils on Free School Meals and a 25% reduction on lesson charges for those parents on Working Tax Credits. Telford & Wrekin Music also offers a range of musical instruments for hire for pupils.

For further details and a music lesson application form please phone:
01952 380981 or online:- www.telfordculturezone.com

Attendance:

For all attendance issues please contact the attendance clerk, Mrs Millar, directly on: 01952 386801

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