



Charlton School

Newsletter ❁ December 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we speed, with sleighbells ringing, towards our Christmas holiday, I am sure the news of a more transmissible and worrying Coronavirus variant has caused much concern regarding the impact it may have on our plans. There is nothing more certain that the pandemic continues to add additional stresses and pressures to all our lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all my colleagues for the tremendous commitment they have shown through what has been the most demanding of terms. Hour after

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hour they put themselves on the frontline, in front of 25 or more

children, knowing the risks that Coronavirus present to them.

Sadly, in the environment we are in with over 1,300 people in the building, coronavirus cases are inevitable. Unfortunately, at times this term we have seen many cases, some staff who have contracted the virus have been very poorly, including being



*Mr A McNaughton
Principal*

hospitalised and requiring extended time off school. I am glad to say the worst affected are on the mend and back with us now in school. Although we have seen lower numbers of cases since half-term, cases have again started to rise these last 10 days.

Despite the challenges the pandemic has thrown at us, students have benefitted from a vast array of clubs, activities, and trips. It was our intention to operate as normally as possible this term, staff have gone above and beyond to provide the



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opportunities students have missed over the last two years. I am indebted to them and challenge all students to find a club and take part. You will find examples of these throughout the newsletter.

When we return in January, we do not yet know what additional measures may be in place or what will be expected of us, other than the need to

again test all students prior to their return to school. Please read my letter sent previously for further details but testing will take place on the following days for each year group:

- Tuesday 4th January – Years 7, 8 and 11
- Wednesday 5th January – Years 9 and 10

This means the Year groups will return to school on the following days:

- Wednesday 5th January – Years 7, 8 and 11
- Thursday 6th January – Years 9 and 10

We are working tirelessly in school to identify gaps in students' learning, staff are all delivering afterschool intervention sessions with Year 11. In January we will be employing additional academic mentors, and staff will be leading tutoring sessions for our most disadvantaged students. Our emotional health and wellbeing team continue to work with those students who need that little bit of additional support.

I have been delighted with how the vast majority of our students have coped and are showing great attitudes to their learning,

they really are a credit to us and their families and have proved what a resilient group of students we have in school. I look

forward to seeing the outstanding work they will continue to produce as we move throughout this year and beyond.

It is however heart-breaking to hear of the challenges the pandemic has caused some of our

families, whether that be the loss of loved ones or the financial challenges they face. Within our own community we have many people who are entirely reliant on charities to help them feed their families. I made the decision that instead of sending cards and buying chocolates this year I would buy food to support our own Learning Community Trust Food Hub and Community Fridge, we can all make a difference to those that need it most. There are more details about our Food Hub in the newsletter.

I had hoped more than anything that we wouldn't still be focused on the pandemic as we move towards 2022 but this is not going to be the case. Please continue to follow the rules, support each other, and do everything we can to prevent the spread.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and please take time, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, to enjoy the things you love doing and to enjoy the company of your loved ones.

Fingers crossed for a happy, healthy, and as near normal as possible 2022!

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COMMUNITY CAFÉ AND THE FOOD HUB & COMMUNITY FRIDGE

At Charlton, we have well-established links with our local community, and view partnerships with the Learning Community Trust, wider community partners and our families as central to our success. We are delighted to be working with the Learning Community Trust (LCT) on some key community projects to support our families over the festive period. Please take a look at the advert on the next page which has details of the LCT Christmas Café.

The Christmas Community Café event is open to everyone, and there are no prices, it is simply pay if you can. Families can access food parcels and a Christmas lunch. We are really keen for families to know about this and to come along, we can even offer support with transport, on request. All children who attend the Christmas lunch will also get a small gift from Santa.

If you would like any further information, or to request transport, please contact:

nikki.morrison@lct.education

The activities are free, voluntary donations will be accepted, with all money raised going back to the food projects to fund further events and support.

We recognise that due to the challenges of COVID more than ever families are in need of support and want to do all that we can as a school to support our local community. We also support the LCT Food Hub and Community Fridge. Both of the food sites have been very busy over the last few weeks, and we expect this to continue right through into the new year, as January is often a difficult month, following the expense of Christmas.

If you are in a position to support our community initiatives, please see the advert on the next page with a list of items we are in need of. We would like to sincerely thank all of you who have provided us with donations. Now more than ever we would appreciate your support. Any donations should be left in the small meeting room in the reception area and any donations will be used to stock the Food Hub and the Community Fridge.



WREKIN VIEW COMMUNITY CAFE CHRISTMAS EVENT

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER

11.30-4PM

ATIA'S AMAZING CURRY
RUSS'S LOVELY LASAGNE
FESTIVE BAPS
DRINKS AND CAKES

Visit from Santa!
Please book your table
by emailing
Russell.garner1@LCT.education
NO PRICES, DONATE IF YOU CAN.

Wrekin View Primary, Wellington.
Gift from Santa for every child.
Any proceeds to our LCT Food Support project.



Learning
Community Trust

We could not feed our community without your support.
We always need the following for our Food Hub and Community Fridge:

- Tinned meals ie curry, chilli, stew, Fray Bentos pies, tinned ham and corned beef, meatballs, casserole
- Tuna and other tinned fish
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned vegetables
- Packet mash or tinned potatoes
- Noodles and rice, especially microwave rice
- Breakfast cereal
- Long life milk
- Tea and coffee
- Diluting Squash
- Tinned fruit and desserts ie rice pudding, custard, Angel Delight
- Crisps and biscuits
- Children's snacks ie raisins, cereal bars
- Deodorants
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Household cleaning items ie washing up liquid, cloths, disinfectant and wipes, laundry items
- Pet food



Thank You

Contact: Nikki.morrison@LCT.education & Russell.garner1@taw.org.uk



CHRISTMAS THEMED NON-UNIFORM DAY

On 16th December, we held a Christmas themed non-uniform day. Students wore their own clothes, either with a touch of tinsel or a Christmas jumper, for the cost of £1. This year we raised money for Save the Children and the Learning Community Trust food hub.

Further details about these organisations can be found here: Save the Children <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

LCT Food Hub <https://learningcommunitytrust.co.uk/blog/2021/03/22/lct-has-opened-a-new-food-hub-hlc/>

Thank you to everyone for taking part.



SOCIAL CLUB

Social club have been really busing since September with activities. They have ranged from making Halloween lanterns out of milk bottles and colour paper to painting stones. We also love playing the 5 second game, but to give us staff a chance we have re-named it the 10 second game!

There is always plenty of laughter, smiles and of course biscuits from Mrs Swan.





LANGUAGES WEEK

On the 26th September each year, countries all around the world celebrate the diverse range of languages which are spoken.

To support this initiative and raise awareness of the importance of languages, the MFL department here at Charlton, organised a whole week of language activities for the students to participate in. They proved a great success with students in all year groups getting involved during their language lessons.

Areas in the school were labelled in French and German to highlight school-based vocabulary in both languages studied at Charlton.

The Masked Speaker videos were a great success with students having the opportunity to hear many different members of staff speaking a foreign language. The catch was, they were disguised using some hilarious filters and voices were changed so it proved quite tricky at times. A particular highlight was Mrs Vickers as a German speaking broccoli and Mr McNaughton as a French speaking cupcake.

Year 7s found out about the flags for different countries that were hung up in the MFL corridor. This helped to raise their awareness of other countries.



Year 8s had to research the different languages displayed in classrooms around the school and work out what they were. Lots of students took part in this and worked hard to find out about languages they may not have seen before.

In lessons, students completed the European day of Languages quiz in small teams to discover facts about languages and see how much they knew about countries in Europe and beyond.

To reward those who did well in these different challenges, some students were chosen to attend a celebratory buffet and have some delicious treats! These were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and was a lovely end to the European Day of Languages activities.

The MFL department would like to thank all the staff members who contributed, and well done to all students who took part.



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

In November, twenty Charlton Students took part in the Princess Diana Antibullying ambassador training. The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign engages young people, parents and teachers to change the attitudes, behaviour and culture of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and offline. Sapphire from year 7 took part and has written about her experience:

“At Charlton school we have had a few pupils chosen to be an anti-bullying ambassador for our school. We had a training meeting with somebody from the Princess Diana charity. We talked about bullying and things we could do to try and get the cases of bullying down to lower than they are now. We also did a survey and talked about things we could do to raise money for charity and awareness about bullying and cyber bullying. Since then we have had a meeting about it and we did a survey like the one we did in the training meeting to reflect on what we had learned.”

In school we are now ambassadors who can be told about bullying problems and things that are happening to peer members of Charlton. If we do get told about anybody getting bullied we will go to a teacher who we can trust to talk to about it. Then they will then solve the bullying behaviour.

Some of the ideas we got were a rainbow run for LGBTQ2+ members to feel safe in school as a member of it in school. We had ideas about disabled people with hidden or visible disabilities. We had many other ideas as well and we have written them down on an action plan. We will get a badge saying we are ambassadors so others know they can come to us and talk to us about it at any time. We have 20 ambassadors in total, a few for each year group so they can go to somebody they feel safe talking to.”

Further information and logos can be found here: <https://www.antibullyingpro.com/>



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11th November, Mr Foskett performed the Last Post and was accompanied by our student cadets. A very moving and fitting tribute for Remembrance Day during the two-minute silence.



HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS

Year 11's received Head of Year awards recently for showing resilience and embodying the school's ethos and values.

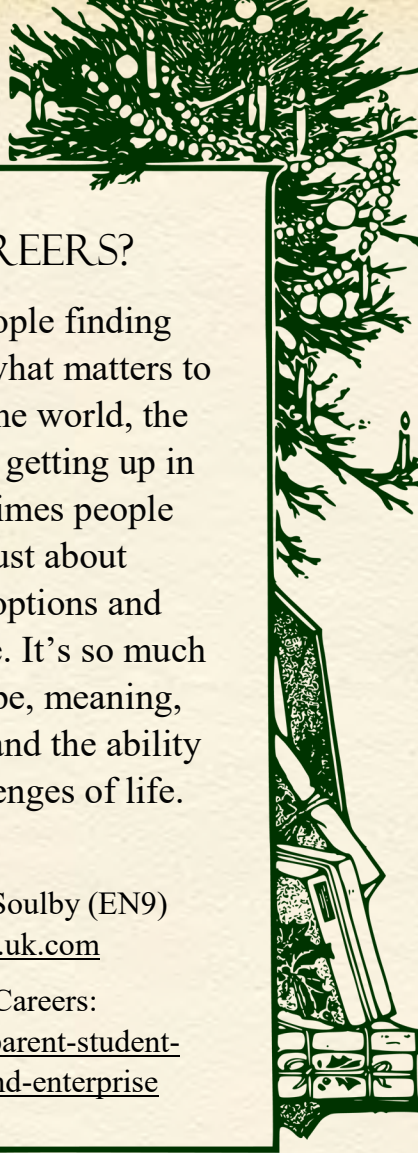




HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

On 14th October, we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly at Charlton School. This year the assembly was virtual and watched by students in their form rooms via the interactive screens. Students were asked to support the event by donating food or toiletries, which will be donated to Telford Crisis Support and the Learning Communities Trust Food Share Project. Students photographed are year representatives. At Charlton, a significant number of opportunities are organised around our House structure, led by the student leadership team.





WHAT IS CAREERS?

It's about young people finding purpose, discovering what matters to them, their place in the world, the point of studying and getting up in the morning. Sometimes people think careers is just about information about options and planning for the future. It's so much more. It can give hope, meaning, purpose, self-esteem and the ability to navigate the challenges of life.

Career Lead: Mrs Liz Soulbey (EN9)
careers@charlton.uk.com

Charlton School Careers:
<http://charlton.uk.com/parent-student-information/careers-and-enterprise>

All year groups have work on Doddle which is career based, this is updated fortnightly.

Follow our Instagram page which has a job of the week and LinkedIn for updates.

Year 10 (summer term) and year 11 will have careers interviews with Future Focus: Sally Hyatt and Andrew Austin. They can be found on the top floor media open area if the students want to pop in at break or lunch time.



Year 10 Work Experience

Finally, we are able to run physical work experience!

It is being organised slightly differently this year, with the introduction of a database.

All students need to:

Register for a MyTelford account at this link:

<https://www.telford.gov.uk/my-telford>

Create a Work Experience account:

<https://dac.telford.gov.uk/WorkExperience>

Once they have completed the above, they will be granted access to the database to search for placements.

Students will need to either phone or email the placement before asking them to complete the blue employer form (electronic versions at the webpage link above) and entered onto the database for insurance checks to take place.

Work experience dates: 4th to 8th April 2022

Co-ordinator: Mrs Liz Soulbey



EVENTS

Year 10 Curriculum Enhancement Day

A range of employers visited school to discuss their career sector and their own journeys. All integral in supporting the students decide which career route they want to pursue.

The digital sector in Telford is moving forward at a great rate pushing Telford into a new era.

Thank you to all the employers and Loudmouth for their input.



Year 11 Curriculum Enhancement Day

A range of post 16, apprenticeship and training providers delivered sessions to the students to support their decision making.

The students found the day informative and there were many conversations had about where they wanted to apply. Rule of thumb: apply to several!



Year 10 and 11 Pathways

After a two-year hiatus, we were able to host our annual Pathways event. Several Post 16 providers, training centres, apprenticeship providers, armed forces, police, and many more set up stalls ready to speak to parents and students about their courses and options.



Year 11 Haberdashers Abraham Darby

Haberdashers Abraham Darby hosted a taster afternoon for year 11s interested in attending their sixth form. After a smashing lunch, the students went on a tour of the building and attended two tasters of their choosing. Thank you for a great afternoon!



YEAR 7'S FIRST DAY

Year 7's on the first day at Charlton School enjoyed a tour around the building and Art and Drama lessons.



Key Stage 4 Charlton historians will get to visit a number of historical attractions that will help support their GCSE studies.

HISTORY TRIP

After a long period of disruption due to COVID, Charlton School are pleased to announce that the History department are planning their first residential trip to London, on February 10th-11th, 2022!

We hope that the students taking part on the trip will have a safe and enjoyable experience!

For example:
Hampton Court Palace, Old Medical Operating Theatre, Jack the Ripper Walking Tour, Imperial War Museum, one night stay in a London Hostel.



Careers day for students

By Sue Austin | Wellington | Education | Published: Oct 19, 2021

Employers from across Telford visited Charlton School to talk to students about careers available to them in the local area.



One of the presentations

The special Curriculum Enhancement Day gave the year 10 and 11 students the chance to think about work experience and their futures.

Liz Soulby who is Head of Careers at the school in Wellington said: "To support our year 10 students with making their decisions over the work experience placements they would like to pursue we invited a range of employers from the local area to come and give presentations.

"It gave the students a better idea of what is available to them," she said.

"Telford is a growing town, especially in the digital sector, and we wanted the students to learn how the sector is moving quickly and the new opportunities available to them. The day was divided to provide half hour segments to ensure the students had valuable time with the employers to learn about the different career sectors and for them to ask any questions."

She said that the students found the experience interesting and informative and ensured that they had relevant information to hand for making the all-important career and work experience decisions.

"The staff at Charlton are happy to be able to offer face-to-face opportunities once more.

"It is an exciting year as we bring face to face events back into school to enable our students to aspire to the very best opportunities in our busy industrial town. Our aim is to ensure our students are prepared for life in the modern world and become true changemakers of the future.

Shropshire Star

On the same day, year 11 had a host of Post 16 providers, apprenticeship providers, and training centres deliver presentations to them.

Andrew McNaughton, Charlton school principal said: "This is a vital time for students in year 11, they have to make extremely important decisions about the journey they will follow when they leave in the summer. We are immensely proud of the support the school provides to ensure they have the very best guidance to inform the decisions they make. The careers event has been a resounding success which was evident in the excitement surrounding the day, it was excellent to see students so inspired and alive with ideas and inspiration to inform their next steps."

Many students are using their experiences at Charlton to enter the Future leaders of the Year competition.

Changemakers is an innovative, free, personal and professional development project, created specifically for students aged 15-18, supporting character education.

"Events and awards such as this are an integral part of the wider school curriculum," Mr McNaughton said.

As a result, the school has recently achieved the gold standard from the Compass Careers Audit.

PE HIGHLIGHTS



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charitonschoolpe Well done to all the TWSSA netball teams who took part in the T&W tournament tonight at Chariton and to the Chariton girls who came 3rd. Great to see competitive sport happening again 🙌

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charitonschoolpe Great effort from the year 8 football team who took on Thomas Telford in the English schools cup this evening. Unfortunately not the result we wanted but a strong performance by all.

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SEPTEMBER 21

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charitonschoolpe

charitonschoolpe Phenomenal performance by the year 11 girls football team who won 6-4 against Neston High School in the first round of the National Cup with goals from Lilia (x2), Grace, Robin (x2), Meghan and an incredible defence! Well done girls 🙌🙌 #thisgirlcan

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charitonschoolpe

charitonschoolpe Great effort by the year 8 football team who lost to a last minute goal in the English schools cup.

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OCTOBER 8

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Well done to the year 9 rugby team who took part in a local tournament at Shrewsbury college placing 3rd

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Well done to the KS3 Cross Country team who did exceptionally well with 7 runners achieving their highest positions yet!

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OCTOBER 13

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Well done to the Year 8 netball team who drew in their pool and narrowly missed the final- TWSSA netball tournament. Well played girls!

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Well done to the Year 8 Rugby team who played some fantastic Rugby and battled hard all game.

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NOVEMBER 6

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charltonschoole

charltonschoole Well done to the year 7&8 girls football team who played in the Shrewsbury town 6 a side County competition tonight 🏆

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charltonschoole Thank you to our sports leaders who helped run the TBW primary cricket competition last week 🏏🏏

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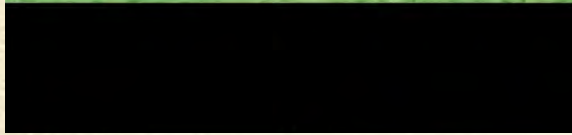
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charltonschoole

charltonschoole Congratulations to the year 10 football team who won 5-4 on penalties after a 2-2 score line after extra-time in the County Cup. Well played to both teams. A Phenomenally entertaining game!!

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charltonschoole

charltonschoole The national cup ends today for the year 9 boys. They can hold there heads high after getting so far into the competition. Onto the next one.

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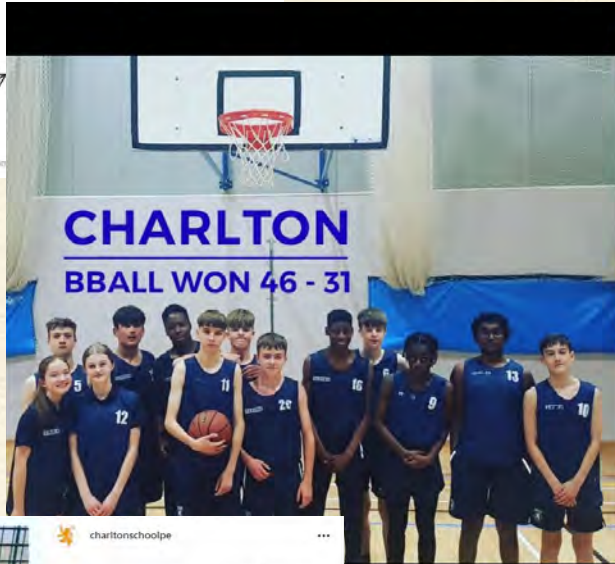


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chartonschoolpe Congratulations to Zoe who has competed in a series of races in the SYAL cross country league for Telford Athletics Club. She came 2nd overall in the U-15 competition 🏆🏆

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2 DAYS AGO



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chartonschoolpe Great win for the year 10 basketball team who beat a very strong William Brookies side 46-31 in the County Cup - well done team 🏆 whoop whoop

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1 DAY AGO



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chartonschoolpe Congratulations to the year 7 boys and girls football team who both came second in the T&W 5 aside competition. Thank you to all the Charlton referees and leaders who ran the competition 🏆

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chartonschoolpe Amazing to get the first intra-house cross country underway today with the improved weather. Well done to all the EX students who tried their best today 🏆 and for scoring points for your house 🏆

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Delays cost lives



Sensible parking saves lives

Ensure your vehicle is parked close to the kerb and with the wheels facing in line



Shropshire
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**Putting Shropshire's
Safety First**

A Guide for
Parents and Carers

CATE

Children Abused Through
Exploitation

A service for young people
aged 13 -19 at risk of
exploitation

Who are 'CATE' and what do we do?

- A small team within the local Council
- Committed to identifying and working with young people who are at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation
- We build positive and trusting relationships to increase awareness and reduce the risk of CSE
- Working in partnership with all relevant agencies; Police, Safeguarding, Education, Health Services, Social Services and Voluntary Sector
- Offer one to one support delivering the CATE intervention pack covering 6 themes: 'What is CSE?', 'Healthy Relationships', 'Understanding Grooming', 'Internet Safety', 'Sex and the law', 'Peer pressure'
- Supporting young people to access other services/agencies as appropriate

What to do if you are worried about a child and sexual exploitation...

Contact:

FamilyConnect

01952 385385

familyconnect@telford.gov.uk

(Out of hours: 01952 676500)

We will require you as parents/carers to consent to any work we undertake if the young person is under the age of 16.

What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

"Child sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse in which a child or young person is exploited, coerced and/or manipulated into engaging in some form of sexual activity in return for something they need or desire and/or for the gain of a third person.

The 'something' received by the child can include both tangible items such as food, somewhere to stay, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or money and more intangible 'rewards' such as perceived affection, protection or a sense of belonging. Fear of what might happen if they do not comply can also be a significant influencing factor.

Common to all these scenarios is an imbalance of power in favour of the abuser and some degree of coercion, intimidation, exploitation, violence and/or enticement of the child or young person." (DSCF 2009)

The abuse can be perpetrated by groups or individuals, and by adults or peers.

**If you are worried about a child and sexual exploitation
phone FamilyConnect on 01952 385385**

Term dates

SPRING TERM 2022

PD Day Tuesday 4th January
Term Starts Wednesday 5th January
Half Term 21st – 25th February
Term Ends Thursday 7th April
PD Day Friday 8th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term Starts Monday 25th April
May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
Half Term 30th May – 3rd June
Term Ends 22nd July



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Our website, www.charlton.uk.com has extensive information about the school.



@charlton_school

@charltonpe for fixtures, events and scores

@charlton_lit for events and news from our Literacy team

@revisehistory for history facts

@RErevision for hints and tips on RE revision

@charlton_comms for updates from our pupil-led communication team

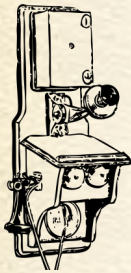
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EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS



Can we ask if you change your address, telephone number or email address that you please inform the school as soon as possible. It is vital that we have the latest contact details for every student. Thank you for your support.



Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas
From All the Staff at Charlton School