
News, Events, and Updates at



Chatham Grammar

Holocaust Study Day at the Imperial War Museum

In January, our Year 9 students took part in a Holocaust Study Day at the Imperial War Museum, London. This enabled the students to consolidate their learning of the conditions and ideas that led to the Holocaust. The Education Department at the museum delivered a thought-provoking session that encouraged our students to consider the different stages that led to the Final Solution, during the Second World War. Students were given tablets to guide their visit through the new Holocaust Exhibition at the museum. In addition, our students were given the opportunity to consider the challenges facing a museum when curating an exhibition on the Holocaust.

A Survivor of Genocide to mark Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday 30th January 2023, Chantal Uwamahoro joined the History Department at Chatham Grammar. Chantal is a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Chantal shared her story of survival and migration to Britain with our Year 9 students, to consolidate their understanding of genocide since the term was first used by Raphael Lemkin in 1944.

Miss Slater is extremely proud of our Year 9 students, as they listened attentively and then asked some impressive questions to understand more of Chantal's personal experience and her views about ongoing historical debates. I would like to thank Chantal and the Ishami Foundation for their support in organising this learning experience for our students. It has given us all a lot to think about and reflect on.



If you would like to find out further information about the Ishami Foundation, please follow the link: <https://ishamifoundation.org/>

Secondary School Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday 12th January 2023, a group of students competed in the Secondary School Games (SSG) Sports Hall Athletics competition at The Howard School, Rainham.

With only a couple of practice sessions before the event, all the students performed to a high standard and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. The team consisted of Akunnaya, Sophie, Emma, Hilary (Year 8 students) and Cara, Olivia, Lacey and Chidinma (Year 7 students), gained 5th place out of 11 schools!

Special mention to the following students who all placed in the top three in their events. Akunnaya throwing 8.25m in the shot put and Emma on leaping 2m on the standing long jump. Akunnaya, Cara, Lacey and Chidinma were also placed 3rd in the obstacle race.

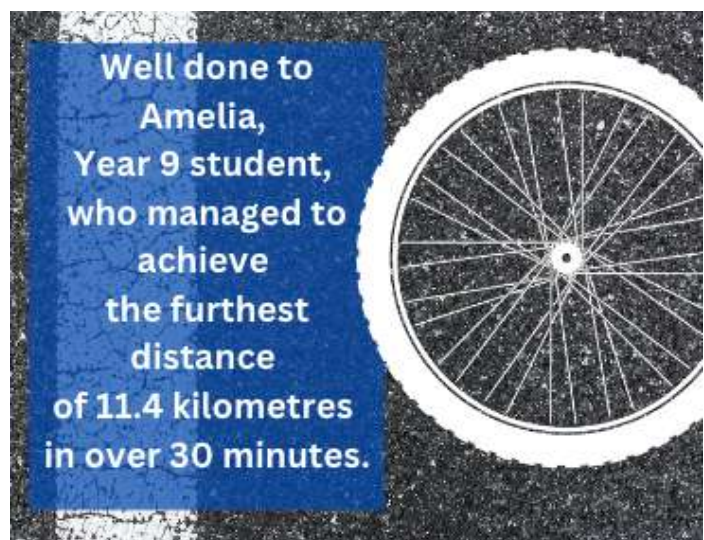
A huge well done to the students that competed.



PE Bike Ability Challenge

During this term, some of our students took part in a PE bike ability challenge where students were asked to cycle for either 15, 20, or 30 minutes and record their distance in kilometres.

Students were awarded either 5, 10, or 15 leadership points for their efforts in the challenge.



No Tech Day

On Wednesday 8th February 2023, a group of students from Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 opted to participate in the No Tech Day. Students that chose to take part were not able to access any technology for 24 hours, and were invited to wear their own clothes to help them stand out.

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in this challenging activity.



Year 7 students Florence, Rebecca, Kayla, Emily, and Katelin raised £240 for the charity MIND.

Trinity College Violin Exam Success

On Saturday 10th December 2022, a number of our musical students took their Trinity College violin exams at Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone. Mr Ware accompanied our students who played fantastically well.



Congratulations to Bliss and Kirsty, Year 10 students, for both achieving a Distinction in their Grade 1 and Grade 2 Trinity College violin exams, respectively.

Partnership Development Programme

On Saturday 28th January 2023, over 30 students from our partnership schools attended our Careers Count Workshops that were delivered by the external company, Career Guidance Charts. The interactive workshops were a great success! The students were excited to discover their talents and strengths and how they might translate into future

career paths. The workshops definitely engaged and inspired all of the students!

We now have over 250 students that have registered their interest to participate in our next series of FREE Medway Test (11+) Tuition webinars. These webinars are for Year 5 students from Medway primary schools to participate in. The webinars will cover the three elements within the Medway Test (11+) such as maths, verbal reasoning, and extended writing. The webinars will take place on 14th February 2023, during the term break. Further webinars will take place on 4th April 2023.

As Secondary National Offer Day approaches on 1st March 2023, our marketing is currently underway to promote our Appeals Process Meeting due to take place on 6th March 2023. Our UKAT Admissions Team offers guidance on the next steps for parents/carers who may wish to appeal to another secondary school, for an alternative place for their child.



Planning is now underway for our March series of University Super Saturdays, in partnership with our Lead Sponsor, the University of Kent. Year 4 and Year 5 students within our primary partnership schools will be invited to participate in our Create Your Own Book workshop!

Over the three weeks, students will be able to create stories and artwork of their own. They will learn the basics of storytelling, including character building and simple story arcs. Will the main character be a hero, or a villain? Maybe they will overcome a scary monster or embark on a great adventurous quest!

In the Super Saturday sessions, students will go on a creative journey and will get to share their stories with one another and create their very own unique books to take home!

For further information about the Partnership Development Programme, please follow our social media platforms or click on the link below:

<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/ukatpartnershipdevelopmentprogramme-1>

House News

This term started off with some fantastic activities organised by each of the Heads of House. As part of the two weeks of house activities, Kahlo held a Chatham Grammar Challenge based on University Challenge; Angelou held a team building bench challenge in the sports hall, Seacole students were challenged to keep three balloons in the air using randomly selected objects and Sharman students held a variety of quizzes and challenges from across the curriculum. This led to a grand final of four tasks completed from each Personal Tutor (PT) group.

We also focused on mental health and wellbeing, with an assembly from Ms Cherry (Subject Leader for Science) on sleep and stress, and PT activities thinking about how we can look after ourselves or what support looks like at Chatham Grammar.



Students can take part in the taskmaster children's mental health week and send in their answers to cghouseheads@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk to gain leadership points. To find out further information about Taskmaster, please visit the following link: <https://taskmastereducation.com/>

Term 3 Leadership Points

This term, students have been motivated to earn lots of Leadership Points in their subject lessons.

Here are the results for Term 3:

Seacole - 20,854

Sharman - 20,854

Kahlo - 19,454

Angelou - 19,396

Links Across Borders

Kahlo House held their charity event on Friday 3rd February 2023, raising funds for Links Across Borders. Students ran the activities themselves, which included a breakfast club before the day started, a bake sale at break time, and various activities such as face painting in the hall during period 5.

If you would like to know more information about Links Across Borders, please follow the link: <https://linksacrossborders.org/>

Strictly Come Reading



Last term, we had our fantastic annual event 'Strictly Come Reading' in the main hall. We had 10 students stand up to deliver their readings – we were treated to a range of book excerpts, poems, and a speech. This year most of the pieces were written by the students themselves! We all felt very empowered listening to them speak.

Rather than three winners this year, we ended up with six! Congratulations to Thia, Feyi, Sarah and Sharon, who were all joint third place; Charis who won second place; and Tia who was awarded first place.

A shout out to our other competitors, Keona, Lily, Nyashanti and Tilly, as well as our phenomenal Year 13 helpers, Dolcie and Poppy. Our three staff judges this year did a fantastic job entertaining the Year 7 and Year 8 students – thank you to Ms Ward, our “mean judge”, Mr Cawthorne, our “middle judge”, and Mrs Lynch, our “happy judge”!

UKAT Governing Boards

It has been another busy term for the UKAT Trust Board and the Academies Local Governing Boards.

The Boards have been working hard behind the scenes to scrutinise and challenge the Senior Leaders and are currently arranging strategic planning days in March 2023 to share ideas. The Trustees and Governors will also spend the day touring the academy, visiting classrooms, talking to staff and students and planning for the future.

Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to Lisa Dickson, who joins us as a Trustee on the UKAT Trust Board. Lisa is a Reader in Law and the Co-Deputy Director (Education and Undergraduate Student Experience) in the Division for the Study of Law, Society and Social Justice at the University of Kent.

David Graham also joins us as a Governor of the Chatham Grammar Local Governing Board. David lives locally and has extensive knowledge in Safeguarding and joins us as our new Safeguarding Link.

You can find out more about all of our Trustees and Governors by reading their short biographies on the UKAT Governance website <https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance>.

We look forward to working with them all in the future.

If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about becoming a Governor with UKAT, please contact Julia Culham by emailing juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk or telephone 01634 851262.

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JOIN OUR TEAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT ACADEMIES TRUST ARE SEEKING TO RECRUIT TWO NEW GOVERNORS TO JOIN THE CHATHAM GRAMMAR LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD (CG LGB).

For more information please contact Julia Culham via email juliaculham@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This term saw the start of the eDofE expedition training for Year 9 and Year 10 students with Mrs Lynch after school. In their teams, students have been learning navigation, route planning, map reading and how to use a compass. We have also covered camp craft, equipment, along with menu planning and what to expect on expedition.



Well done to all the Year 9 Bronze Award students that have made great progress with their Volunteering, Physical, and Skill sections.



Parking Reminder

We have recently received a number of emails from local residents advising that parents/carers from Chatham Grammar have been

parking restrictively in the local vicinity. Please can we kindly request that when you are collecting your child from the academy, you consider our neighbours. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Current News and Information - Social Media

For the most current news and information at Chatham Grammar, we invite you to follow our social media pages:

Facebook: @ChathamGrammar
Twitter: @ChathamGrammar
Instagram: @ChathamGrammar



Understanding Adolescent Mental Health Lecture

The first of UKAT's new series of Wellbeing Lectures, based around mental health, starts with a free two-part lecture which is aimed at parents, carers, and the wider community wishing to gain a better understanding about young peoples mental health.

The lectures will be delivered by Mark Paine, Counsellor, Psychotherapist and Wellbeing Consultant, with over 30 years experience.

The lectures are taking place on Thursday 23rd February and Thursday 2nd March 2023, 6pm to 7.30pm, onsite at Chatham Grammar.

To sign up to attend the free two-part lecture, please follow the link and complete the registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/FU1zRHUdVE>



Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Chatham Grammar's facilities will be available to hire soon. For a full list of facilities, further information or to book, please email officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk, alternatively click the following link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/facilities-for-hire>



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- Dance Studio
- Main Hall
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