
News, Events, and Updates at Chatham Grammar

Year 10 Business Students 'Hire or Fire' Enrichment with University of Kent Business School

On 8th March 2023, Year 10 Business students participated in a 90-minute session, run by the University of Kent Business School, learning about Human Resources (HR), recruitment, and routes into Business linked careers.

The 'Hire or Fire' enrichment session showed students how they may be assessed in their suitability for a role when they apply for employment, including their digital footprint.

Students learnt a range of styles of leadership. What makes a good leader? Are we born leaders or can we learn to be a good leader?



During the day, students were given a job vacancy with a range of candidates and as a team they selected the three most suited applicants for that role, justifying their choices to the judges.

Thank you to Brendan, our Outreach Officer from the University of Kent Business School, Joel, Lecturer, and Rebecca and Charlie, PhD students.

Young Enterprise Company - Burn Bright

Chatham Grammar's Young Enterprise Company this academic year is 'Burn Bright'. Ten, Year 10 GCSE Business students have come together to form their own business. The students have been working very hard since November, and successfully sold their products at their first trade fair at Spitalfields Market in London, on 28th February 2023.



Four of the team were selected to run the stall and we travelled by train with huge suitcases full of their handmade candles! The day was

amazing, and it was an excellent experience with a stall that stood out for their exceptional customer service!

The team wore their Burn Bright uniforms with pride, determined to attract and convince the public to purchase from their stall.

Our next stall will be local at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre on Saturday 27th May 2023 - where you can pop along and see us!



A Christmas Carol - Quantum Theatre

Chatham Grammar had the pleasure of welcoming the Quantum Theatre Productions to perform 'A Christmas Carol' to our Year 9 students. On 10th January 2023, the company brought this classic novella to life with an outstanding performance, full of immersive and educational moments.

The English Department have been in contact with the theatre company every year to promote an enjoyable overview of both 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth', to boost students confidence in literature for the AQA exams.



After their performance, students reported that they appreciated watching the performance to instil a different perspective of the novella and gave the following excellent reviews:

'I liked that even though there were only three actors, they took on the roles of their characters amazingly!'

'The play was absolutely fantastic! I still couldn't wrap my head around how they acted so many different characters!'

'We really enjoyed it and we liked how they used the key quotes from the book! It will be helpful for our GCSEs! Thank you.'

Chatham Grammar are keen to promote internal and external trips for students to admire the art of performance when trying to understand literature for their GCSEs.

Once again, Quantum Theatre, thank you so much for putting on a wonderful performance!

World Book Day 2023!

Students and staff at Chatham Grammar had an exciting day on 28th February 2023, celebrating their favourite characters for World Book Day. As the fantastic event is usually celebrated on 3rd March 2023, the school decided to move the date earlier due to strikes so that all students and staff members could join in on the joy of reading for fun.



The English Department held a competition to see which staff member wore the best costume of their favourite characters. The theme for the English Department was 'Villains' and an excitable atmosphere was created, full of comedic moments as well as some interesting method acting, which the students enjoyed!



Congratulations to Mr Holmes and Ms Byron who won the staff competition for their costumes of an Orc from J.R.R. Tolkein's 'Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit', and Miss Trunchbull from Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'.

Both staff members received delicious treats for their hard work in pulling off such villainous book characters!

Students also received prizes for being confident enough to dress up as their favourite character, as well as receiving leadership points for the highest scores in the World Book Day Quiz during Personal Tutoring time.

Here are a few of our students dressed up on the day:



Year 7, Gemma as a Minion

Year 9, Amelia as the Queen of Hearts

Year 8, Nya as Briseis

Year 7, Mia, Alyssa, Chelsea, Elizabeth, and Annabella

Congratulations to everyone who joined in with the special event which raised an amazing £237! This will be donated to Coram Beanstalk Literacy charity. To find out more information about Coram Beanstalk Literacy, please visit the link: <https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/>

MFL Excellence Club

During Term 3, the Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Department introduced the Excellence Club. The new club, which does not require physical presence, aims to encourage students who want to excel in Languages to stand out from the crowd and earn multiple leadership points by having fun with Languages!



Students have been showing their excellent attitude to learning by watching various cultural videos, creating wonderful posters, practicing on Duolingo and going above and beyond the curriculum, in an effort to approach Languages in an extra-curricular way.

Congratulations to all students who have participated so far!



The Green Team Anti-Idling Protest

The Green Team, which meets on Friday after school, is run by the Geography Department. The club aims to improve the sustainability of the academy and is open to all year groups.

On 3rd and 10th February 2023, the Green Team protested outside the academy gates - the aim

of the protest was to discourage idling, which is when you leave a vehicle's engine running whilst it is stationary.

The students designed posters about car fumes that were put up around the academy. They also created the signs that they later used for the protest. We got a lot of positive feedback both from students and staff. We hope to plan another protest soon!



Partnership Development Programme

Successful Science Visit to Lordswood School

Mr Maheta and Mrs Banner had the pleasure of taking eight Year 7 Chatham Grammar students to Lordswood School, one of our Partnership Development Programme schools, along with some of the Ambassadors from the University of Kent (UoK) in celebration of World Mars Day. The aim of the visit was to support the Year 5 cohort at Lordswood School, discovering and learning about space travel and then designing, building, and launching their own air powered rockets! Our students were completely engaged throughout the whole day, working with over 60 very excited Year 5 students!



During lunchtime, some of our Year 7 students sat with some of the Year 6 students at Lordswood School, who will be starting at CG in September 2023. Our students were openly positive and shared their experience of secondary school life so far, and how much they are enjoying being part of CG; they were very proud when talking about their academy!



In the afternoon, when it came to launching the rockets, the Head Teacher Mrs Lusinski was a very good sport when she got sprayed with water from one of the rockets designed by one of the UoK Ambassadors!

Well done to Felicity, Asha, Amelia, Katelin, Mia, Layla, Izabel, and Rositsa in Year 7 for being such a credit to the academy.

Medway Test (11+) Tuition Webinars

Our FREE Medway Test (11+) Tuition webinars continue to be successful. These webinars are for Year 5 students from Medway primary schools. The next series of webinars will take place on 4th April 2023, during the term break.

In partnership with Spark Learning, we have created some Medway Test (11+) Activity Worksheets freely available to download from Chatham Grammars (CG) website. There is a bespoke series for both Year 4 and Year 5 students to support their Medway Test (11+) preparation.

Our latest University Super Saturdays - Create Your Own Book!, has been a great success so far; the final session is due to take place on 1st April 2023. Local children's author, Sam Gayton, has been delivering the workshops and inspiring the students to create and write their own zines! Esther Johnson, a successful local designer and previous CG student, will be teaching illustrative techniques to enhance their publications in the final week.

Planning is underway for the Who's Who programme in June 2023, and the primary visits to CG in July 2023!

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

Term 4 Leadership Points

Seacole - 26,056

Sharman - 24,992

Kahlo - 24,463

Angelou - 24,412

Interhouse Netball

On Wednesday 22nd March 2023, the interhouse netball competition took place in the Sports Hall. Teams competed in Houses for each year group.

Students cheered their teams on with gusto creating a fantastic atmosphere! It was an amazing day with some brilliant matches being played.

Here are the results:

Year 7

1st Place - Angelou
2nd Place - Sharman
3rd Place - Kahlo
4th Place - Seacole

Year 8

1st Place - Angelou
2nd Place - Kahlo
3rd Place - Seacole
4th Place - Sharman

Year 9

1st Place - Angelou
2nd Place - Sharman
3rd Place - Kahlo
4th Place - Seacole



Year 10

1st Place - Kahlo
2nd Place - Sharman
3rd Place - Seacole
4th Place - Angelou

Overall Placings

1st Place - Angelou
2nd Place - Kahlo
3rd Place - Sharman
4th Place - Seacole

Our Term 4 celebration assemblies took place during the last week of term. A huge well done to all our students who were awarded Subject Stars, Personal Tutor Stars, and Additional Recognition Awards. The next celebration assemblies will take place at the end of the academic year.

Links Across Borders



On Wednesday 29th March 2023, Angelou House held their charity day to raise money for Links Across Borders. During the day, students took part in House dodgeball matches, creative challenges, cake sales, a photo booth and a pink themed TAG day.

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

Message from our Principal, Ms Walters - Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you all so much for your generous donations to families affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, as well as the money raised from our non-uniform day. Donations were taken to the local collection centre.



UKAT Governing Body

It has been a busy term for our UKAT Governing Body, with visits to the academy and strategic planning days. Members, Trustees, and Governors alike have been spending time with staff and touring the academy.

'Meet our Governors'

Below is an introduction to William Collier, who is the Chair of the Local Governing Board:



William Collier is a Reader in Economics at the University of Kent. He is also the Strategic Lead for the University's Medway Campus based at Chatham Maritime. William has been a Trustee Board member since October 2021, and Chair of the Chatham Grammar Governing Board since September 2022. He has a strong background and interests in curriculum and educational development, and a deep commitment to leading change that enhances students' aspirations and outcomes.

You can learn more about our UKAT Governing Boards by visiting our UKAT Governance webpage: <https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance>.

If you or someone you know are interested in joining our Governing Boards, please contact us by emailing ukatrusters@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award



On Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, and Saturday 25th March 2023, Silver Award students embarked on their assessed expedition in the Ashdown Forest after completing their practise expedition locally.

A huge well done to all the 36 Year 10 students who all passed this section of the DofE Award. They camped for three nights and walked for around 100km with their food, tents, and equipment in their rucksacks. This years silver expeditions were especially challenging with the harsh and ever-changing weather conditions. All the students showed real resilience, great teamwork, and pure determination to complete the challenge together.



A huge shout out to Amy, Year 9 student, to be the first to complete her Volunteering section of the Award!



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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