
News, Events and Updates at Chatham Grammar

British Science Week - Teacher Achievements



Mr Holmes has been a part of the UKAT team since 2016, and has been completing his PhD in Microbiology at the University of Kent whilst teaching Science across both Academies.

His research about how nitric oxide gas promotes resistance to certain antibiotics in E.coli, is an important step in understanding the problem of bacteria resistance, as more

knowledge allows us to develop quicker solutions. Congratulations Mr Holmes!

You can view the paper here:

https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00203-021-02245-2?fbclid=IwAR34M8xKiHNHP-CiHIs4K1P_dSL6j3572GmpHw1PciuyC6Rat7FcT9kJEnU

World Book Day Competitions 2021

To celebrate World Book Day 2021 we ran two competitions for students to take part in. The first being a fancy dress competition, where students were challenged to dress up as their favourite book characters, and the second a Masked Reader competition; students had to guess which teachers were hiding behind the mystery masks! We were



overwhelmed with the dozens of entries into each competition - it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm from the students.

1st prize Fancy dress competition winners are: Bibi, Year 7; Ini, Year 8; Eleana, Year 9; Anjola, Year 10.

Congratulations to all of our winners and a huge well done to all students who took part!

A special thank you to Mrs Wolfe, Mr Holmes, Mrs Ward and Mrs Kadejoh for their Masked Reader entries.

Year 7 Lunchtime Subject Support

Miss Goosey has been supporting Year 7 students via Teams throughout the lockdown with their Maths and Science, and this has continued now that the students are back at the Academy. Every lunch, a group of Year 7 students gather in the Lime Lounge to play Kahoot quizzes and do worksheets to support Maths, Science, English, Geography and History. Students who participate receive leadership points every time they attend.



Annual Library Book Cover Competition

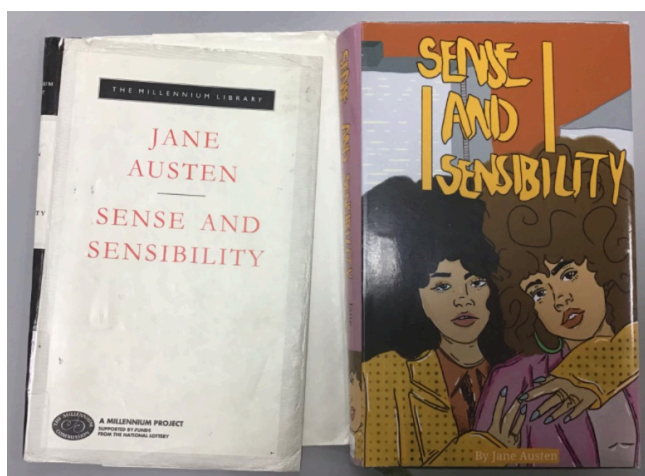
We are excited to launch the annual Book Cover competition! This is a chance for students to leave their mark on the Academy library by redesigning a classic book cover that will forever remain on the book for future readers! The library has lots of old books that never get read because the covers are too boring and old-fashioned, so it's a good opportunity to include some colour and flare via wonderful illustrations! There are prizes to be won, together with leadership points for winners and entries.

The competition is divided into two categories and entries must include a front and back cover:

Year 7 and 8 book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Year 9, 10 and 11 book is *The Castle* by Franz Kafka

Last year's winning entry by Saba, Year 10



goosey@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk by the closing date of the 25th May 2021.

Unprecedented - Online Student Exhibition

The Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries, University of Kent opened an online exhibition entitled 'Unprecedented' for students from both the University and selected local secondary schools. Students were invited to capture their experiences of 2020 and 2021, and their hopes for the future, through a range of artforms.



We are absolutely delighted to announce that Precious (Year 11) won second place for her excellent digital image of a mother and baby. Congratulations Precious!

To view the online exhibition, please following the below link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/institute-cultural-creative-industries/unprecedented>

Careers Logo Winner



We received many innovative designs for the Careers Logo competition and are pleased to announce that the winner is Jesse! Congratulations on a fabulous design.

The first of the new student lead Careers Newsletter has now been published, with contributions from students across all year groups.

Students are invited to contact Miss Knight if they would like to be involved in the Careers Newsletter by emailing PaulaKnight@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk or via Edmodo.

Key Stage 3 Competition

Key Stage 3 students are challenged to research and choose an NHS career that interests them. Once chosen, they create materials to promote it, starting with a job description to capture key responsibilities, along with any qualifications, skills and experience needed.



This learning is then used to create a fun and lively job advert to appeal to their peers. Students can enter individually or in teams of up to four. The overall national winner(s) will receive Amazon

vouchers worth £50. Overall national winner(s) will also receive a class prize which will be discussed with the winning school. Nine national winners will each receive a £25 Amazon voucher.

The competition deadline is no later than Friday 30th April 2021.

To find out further information and enter the competition please following the below link:

<https://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/secondary-schools/KS3-competition>

Best of luck to those who enter.

Apprenticeship Journey Success

As soon as Lauren started Year 13 in the UKAT Sixth Form, she started applying for apprenticeships on different websites such as UCAS, Gov.UK, and Rate My Apprenticeship. She was unsure on what she actually wanted to do, but knew that she had always enjoyed problem solving and working with numbers/data, so started applying for higher and degree apprenticeships in auditing and accounting. Before applying Lauren was unaware of all the different stages of the application process, but ensured that she took her time and completed them all. Recently, Lauren has been contacted by a company that originally declined her application; they have said that her CV portrayed qualities that they're looking for and some more opportunities opened up so invited her to attend an online interview. Lauren tells us that she was very nervous at first, but as soon the interview got underway she felt like it was having a conversation about herself and she was able to show her true personality.

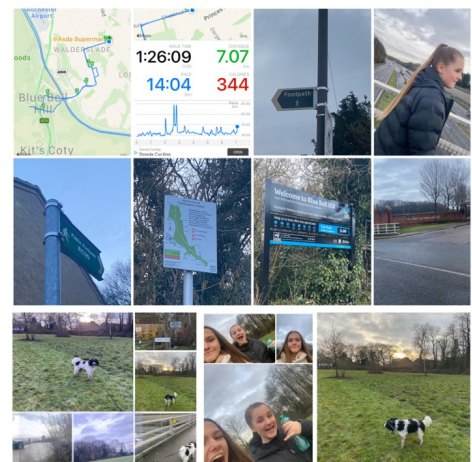
The next day Lauren was contacted by the company to be advised that she was successful at interview and they offered her the degree apprenticeship to study as a trainee auditor.

Congratulations Lauren - amazing news!

Duke of Edinburgh Challenges

We have had a fantastic response to our online DofE challenges. 34 students completed their 5K walk challenge over the half term break, including some in the snow. We have also had an online first aid quiz and a 10 item rucksack challenge where students have to select what 10 items they would pack to complete a 2-day walking expedition.

Tiwa and Sophie from Year 10 have completed their skills sections for the Silver Award and we are seeing some fantastic evidence coming through from our Bronze and Silver participants. The DofE Team are looking forward to being able to sign off more sections in the next month.



Year 10 and 9 students Maja and Nela, evidenced their challenge by creating a collage.

University of Kent Summer School for Year 10 and 12

The University of Kent is running virtual programmes for Year 10 and 12 students during the summer break. Students will focus on developing their knowledge, skills building and academic content - experience to help them stand out in their job, sixth form, college and/or university applications.

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Year 12: Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd July 2021

Year 10: Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th July 2021

For further information and to apply, please click the following link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/outreach/summer-schools>

Success of Former UKAT Sixth Form Student

This term we celebrated the successes of former UKAT Sixth Form student Prasida Rai. Prasida has been awarded the highly prestigious International Student of the Year in Bulgaria Award.

Prasida tells us he is currently preparing for his finals and will graduate in April as a MD doctor. He wanted to share this proud moment with us as the UKAT Sixth Form played a big part in his academic journey.



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 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching @ChathamGrammar.



We regularly promote competitions for our students, parents and carers on our social media channels.

Spring Photography Competition

Are you a keen photographer? What inspires you during the Spring time - flowers, changes of landscapes, new born lambs?



Existing students and our new Year 7 (September 2021 entry) are invited to enter our Spring Photography Competition for your chance to win a £20.00 Amazon voucher.

For more information and how to enter, please visit our competition page. Terms and conditions apply.

<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/competitions>

Rainbow Cake Competition Winners

To mark LGBTQ+ Month 2021, we invited students to participate in a Rainbow Cake competition. Students were asked to create their cakes or cupcakes at home and email a photograph together with their recipe to enter the competition.

We were overjoyed with the amount of entries to the Rainbow Cake competition in February. Please see the winning entry below which was chosen by Ms Walters.

Amreet received a £20 Amazon voucher for 1st place. Ella and Ciara both received a £10 Amazon voucher for being placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done to everyone who took part.



Online One-to-One Instrumental Lessons

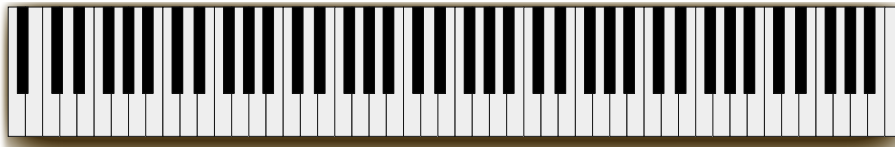
Online one-to-one instrumental lessons available



During the current pandemic, our professional, DBS-checked Instrumental tutors are currently delivering online lessons.

The instrumental teachers are as follows:

- Beverley Prankard (Trumpet and Flute)
- Paula Shoobridge (Clarinet and Saxophone)
- Danielle Hartley (Piano)
- Chris Garth (Guitar and Bass)



For further information or to book, please contact Miss Coupé Head of Music by emailing:
ChloeCoupe@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Red Nose Day Fundraiser 2021

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day 2021 took place Friday 19th March; students were invited to dress up in red to raise important funds to help make a massive impact to the lives of people in the UK and worldwide. Students donated £1 each to wear their own clothes with a red theme and have raised £534.00.

For more information on Comic Relief please click the following link:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/>



Access to Higher Education Diploma and GCSE

Do you want to develop your learning skills or return to learning after a break? Would you like to enjoy learning in a supportive atmosphere, and keen to gain a valuable qualification? If the answer to any of these is 'yes' then the University of Kent's Access to Higher Education Diploma, together with the GCSE Maths and English courses could be suitable for you.

The Access to Higher Education Diploma is designed for adults and focuses on coursework and discussion. Helpful University of Kent tutors, inspiring sessions and regular guidance are designed to help you reach your full potential.

You can study a range of subjects, including psychology, creative writing, sociology, politics with law and English literature. You can also gain skills in research, essay-writing and presentations, and you can even get GCSEs in English and Maths.

The Diploma is a part-time course and you are required to take at least three subject modules spread over two years to complete the qualification.

For further information or to register for the courses starting in September 2021, please click the following link:

www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access

Virtual taster sessions are available to adult learners, which give a flavour of the subjects that the University of Kent offers on the Access programme. To sign up for the taster activities, please click the following link:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/access/brompton-academy/study#taster-sessions>

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 available, further information or to book, please email officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk, alternatively click the following link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/facilities-for-hire>



Lettings



- Sports Hall
- Dance Studio
- Main Hall
- Classrooms
- Meeting spaces

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HIRE SOON**

For more information please visit:

<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/facilities-for-hire>

Free Talk Therapy for Adults

For further information or to book an appointment, please email
Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

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During these uncertain times, you may find yourself feeling anxious or stressed. The dedicated team of volunteer Counsellors in training, are able to offer you confidential and non-judgemental support.

Counselling offers opportunities to look at other ways to manage difficult situations.