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# News, Events and Updates at Chatham Grammar

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## Year 10 Business Studies Enterprise Day



On Thursday 9th June 2022, the University of Kent (UoK) Business School (KBS) held an Enterprise Day at Chatham Grammar for our Year 10 Business Studies students.

The session, which was created and delivered by UoK Ambassadors Phoebe Simpson and Jack Riley, saw our students take part in a competition to launch a new sustainable fashion brand. The day was also supported by KBS Student Ambassadors from a range of disciplines including International Business, Project Management, and Business and Management.

Students chose a name and slogan, before assigning themselves to various roles within the hypothetical business, to create and market environmentally friendly t-shirts and tote bags.



Mrs Sanger, Subject Leader for Business Studies, said "This type of enrichment activity empowers students with the ability to be creative, to take on a leading role, to showcase their strengths and to build confidence and resilience. Some students worked with peers they barely knew and they stepped outside of their comfort zone. The final pieces were amazing, they created exceptional work in a short amount of time. I will be displaying the work on my classroom wall as I am so proud of it."

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## WiRED - Women in Research, Engineering, and Design Challenge

In honour of International Women in Engineering Day, the University of Kent (UoK) offered Year 9 and Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in the WiRED - Women in Research, Engineering, and Design Challenge. The engineering and digital design themed challenge took place on 9th June 2022 and allowed students to discover the various elements of engineering, through practical and hands on activities at the UoK Canterbury campus.

Throughout the event, students had their teamwork and communication skills put to the test as they considered the infrastructure behind technology, the practical elements behind robotic systems, and the ethics behind prosthetics.

14 CG students from Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 took part in the activities. They all thoroughly enjoyed all of the challenges and won the first prize for the Tool Holder Testing Challenge and second prize for the Designing a Cyborg Challenge. Congratulations to all the students that participated - you were all a credit to the academy.



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## Year 10 GCSE History Students Welcome Martin Spafford and Robert Winder to Chatham Grammar

On Tuesday 5th July, Year 10 GCSE History students welcomed Martin Spafford and Robert Winder to Chatham Grammar. Martin is a Fellow of the Schools History Project and an Honorary Fellow of the Historical Association. He is currently helping as an occasional facilitator for Facing History and Ourselves (UK), for whom he recently ran a workshop on Identity and Belonging in Great Britain, alongside being on the Education Committee for the Migration Museum. Martin was joined by Robert Winder, the best-selling author of *Bloody Foreigners: The Story of Immigration to Britain* (2004).



This was a fantastic opportunity for our students, not only to meet successful authors, but also for their GCSE curriculum. Martin and Robert spoke about their research and understanding of migration history, supporting students with the understanding and analysis that they need for the historical enquiry unit of their examination. The stories told brought history to life and enabled the students to make connections with the present day. It was an incredibly informative visit that developed the understanding of all.

Students were able to ask questions and engage in discussion about the issues that were mentioned. Students also took the opportunity to have their own copies of Robert Winder's book signed by the author.

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## STEM Challenge Days

During Term 6, a selection of students got the opportunity to take part in two STEM Challenge Days at the University of Kent and University of Greenwich.

## MCS Science and Technology Day - University of Greenwich

On Thursday 16th June 2022, a number of CG students took part in the MCS Science and Technology Day at the University of Greenwich. During the day students participated in workshops involving using E-Fit technology, making electric cars, medical diagnostics and programming robotics.



Grace, Year 9 said, "My favourite challenge was the vehicle challenge. Unlike the others, for this task we were thrown in at the deep end. Guidance was provided if we needed it but the freedom to be as creative as possible really fuelled our excitement, and we were able to make something that was truly our own. I'd completed similar tasks before, outside of the challenge day, but this time it was a very pleasant experience to collaborate with my friends and produce something we were all proud of."

Josmy, Year 9, preferred the E-Fit challenge task, stating "My favourite task, the E-Fit challenge, allowed you to get hands on with police software to create an eyewitness computer image of a thief. The highlight of the day was the award ceremony. From my previous experience, the

STEM challenges helped me to think of Science in a real-life point of view".

## Sustainable Futures Day - University of Kent

On 27th June 2022, students participated in the 'Sustainable Futures' Challenge Day at University of Kent. Students completed workshops involving Robotics and Design, as well as participating in an 'ask an Engineer' panel discussion.

Alexis, Year 8 commented, "I loved the trip because I learnt a lot of new information. It was fun, inspiring, and informative. My favourite task was building a robot; I worked with other schools and with my friends. The task developed our interpersonal skills, such as communication, teamwork, and problem solving. I enjoyed this task as it changed my opinion on STEM. The biggest challenge I encountered on the trip was the solar-powered plant project, as our design fell apart on many occasions and wasn't practical at first. However, we stayed resilient and used trial and error to overcome any problems.

We got to hear from specialists who work in STEM occupations. The trip extended my knowledge and gave me a better understanding on how things in our daily world work. I would recommend this trip to everybody - even if you don't like STEM at the moment, this day might just change your opinion!".



## Year 8 History Trip to Chatham Dockyard



In June, Year 8 students visited Chatham Dockyard as part of the local history study of the site, which they completed in lessons during Term 5.

Students spent a wonderful day in the sunshine touring the Dockyard's ships and submarine, learning about the work of underwater archaeologists, making their own rope, and finding out more about the workers, in particular the women, who worked at Chatham Dockyard throughout its history.

Our fantastic tour guides and the volunteers shared their stories and experiences of the working Dockyard with students, and they have used this visit to produce projects on Chatham Dockyard and its importance to Medway since the 16th Century.

## Digital Champion

We are pleased to announce that Lucy, Year 12, has been invited to represent the UK Safer Internet Centre as a member of the Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Youth Panel.

Youth representatives from all over Europe will be on the panel. Lucy will get an all-expenses paid trip to Brussels to take part in this event.

To find out more information about BIK Youth Panel, please click on the following link: <https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/practice/youth/article?id=6942793>



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## Medway Secondary School Games Champions!

Since September, Chatham Grammar have competed in 13 Secondary School Games (SSG) events, including rowing, cross country, handball, cricket and rugby to name a few. We have been placed in 10 competitions and, as a result of the students' fantastic performances at these events, we are super happy to announce that CG have retained their winning title, placing 1st out of 13 schools!

This is a huge achievement, with it being our third year entering and the first full year of competitions following the pandemic. The buzz from students and staff was palpable!

Students put in 100% effort to train and improve their performance ready for all the competitions we entered. They have been encouraging their team mates, shown sportspersonship, and have been an absolute credit to the academy.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

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## Secondary School Games Cricket Success

What a great day for cricket it was, with bright blue skies and warm temperatures putting our Year 7 students in super spirits! The Secondary School Games (SSG) cricket competition turned out to be a huge success. There were six competitive girls teams across Medway competing to try and claim glory for their schools.

Throughout the day there were some amazing shots being played by the girls; scores ran high! However, this was also complicated by the number of wickets taken in each game. The Chatham Grammar Year 7 team showed fantastic commitment in their PE lessons playing cricket, as well as attending at the end of the academy day to train in Terms 5 and 6. During practice the team focused on bowling, batting, and fielding techniques along with developing their tactical knowledge of the game.

The CG team finished 3rd place and all received bronze medals. The entire team should be very proud of their achievement.



## District Athletics

On Thursday 23rd June, the PE Department took 39 students from Year 7 to 10 to Medway Park for the annual Secondary School Games (SSG) District Athletics event. This was a big competition for Chatham Grammar, so to prepare we ran athletics club every week from April to allow all athletes to practise and trial for each event.

For most of our students, this was their first time competing at such a large event, with many of them never having competed for the academy before. It was fantastic to see many of our students win medals at this event. CG gained seven gold medals, seven silver medals, and seven bronze medals - absolutely amazing! Overall, CG were placed 3rd, which is a fantastic achievement.



A special mention goes to Rebeccah, in Year 10, for breaking the District Athletics 100m record with a time of 12.14 seconds and also to Rebecca, Anjola, Rabie and Naomi in Year 10, for breaking the 4 x 100m record with a time of 53.14 seconds!

Rebeccah commented, "The SSG allowed me to achieve a personal best and a national standard time. I was then chosen to represent Kent in the English Schools Games in Manchester. I am pleased to say that I qualified through to the finals and I was placed in the heats and semi-finals, beating 24 other counties! In the finals I was placed the 8th fastest runner in all the school competitions in England."

Congratulations to all of our students who have taken part in the SSG and other sport competitions this year. You have all been a credit to the academy and should be super proud of your achievements.

## Lap of Hope Celebrating the Commonwealth Games 2022



From 27th June to 1st July 2022, both students and staff took part in the Lap of Hope challenge which was set up by Sport Relief to celebrate the Commonwealth Games 2022. The challenge followed a week of PE assemblies based on this year's Commonwealth Games which are set to take place, from 28th July to 8th August 2022, in Birmingham.

The Lap of Hope challenge saw both students and staff complete in either a 1K, 3K or 5K run or walk in their spare time or around the academy field. Along with the distance completed, each student and staff member wrote a 'Power Pledge' and within this stated what change the participant wanted to see within the

world, either social change or sporting change.

The challenge was a huge success with many of our students and staff participating. Congratulations to everyone who took part!



## UKAT Partnership Development Programme

Term 6 has been a great term for the Partnership Development Programme, as we have delivered a wide range of programmes to primary school children.

The free Medway Test (11+) Tuition workshops took place via webinar at the end of May 2022. The final webinar of this series will take place at the beginning of August. Due to popular demand, we have marketed this webinar to other primary schools in Medway as well.

Our latest Super Saturdays with the University of Kent (UoK) was delivered by their Computer Science department in June 2022 and superbly supported by a host of UoK Ambassadors. Year 4 and Year 5 students were given the opportunity to programme their own LEGO robots. The students mastered the programming and were great at planning routes, including obstacles, and were really excited about competing in the team races!

We have visited Year 6 students at our partnership schools to deliver the Who's Who Mentoring Programme. Russ from Career Guidance Charts superbly delivered an interactive World of Careers workshop to each class. The session was then followed by a short talk from an inspirational speaker about their career journey.

Tunbury Primary School provided the following feedback:

The World of Careers workshop was engaging and thought provoking for all our Year 6 students. The presentation sparked an important conversation about the sheer range of careers out there as well as the existing demand in a range of sectors (in healthcare for example). Students participated actively in the discussion and games which helped dispel misconceptions and develop a more secure understanding of what a particular job might involve.

The personality quiz allowed students to reflect on their current strengths/passions and to look ahead towards jobs/careers that might suit their interests. All in all, it was a very positive session and students responded enthusiastically.

The talk with Chris (BBC Sound Supervisor) was also much appreciated as Chris was able to share his unique experiences working at the BBC and show the children a career path that they may not have considered! I thought it was perfectly pitched and it is great the children got to take away a booklet to peruse also - I've noticed some children getting them out during their quiet reading time. Thank you for the excellent morning!





Year 5 students were given the opportunity to take part in their own Stings and Things Interactive Science Workshop on 11th or 13th July 2022 at Chatham Grammar. The entire Year 5 cohort were able to participate along with their teaching and support staff. Dr Emma Hargreaves from the University of Kent's (UoK) Bioscience Department delivered the workshop, ably supported by UoK Ambassadors.

The students learnt about some of nature's stings and the PH scale, as well as discovering and understanding what kinds of substances in their own environments are acidic and alkaline. The students were keen to get investigating, including mixing alkaline and acidic substances to create gradients of colour!

For further information about the Partnership Development Programme, please click on the link below:

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



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## House System Update - Term 6

During the last week of term, four House assemblies took place, which celebrated Subject Stars, Personal Tutor Stars, and rewards for outstanding recognition within the academy or wider community including running clubs, being ambassadors or shining during work experience.

Over 300 awards were given out this term and we are super proud of the students for all of the hard work they have put in this year.

This term, students have also been giving feedback in Student Voice sessions about what they would like to set up as academy projects for next year. We have had some fabulous suggestions for new competitions and ways to develop our community within the academy but also the wider community.

Our recent ethos assemblies have given each Personal Tutoring group the opportunity to develop an ethos for each House. Watch out for the final versions created by our students in September!

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## Personal Development at Chatham Grammar

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Term 6 has been another busy time for the DofE, and our Year 9 and Year 10 students have been working hard to complete their outstanding sections for volunteering, physical and skill.

We would like to wish all of our students good luck with finishing their outstanding sections during the summer break.

Information assemblies for Year 8 students to start the Bronze Award took place this term, which has created a huge buzz for our new cohort starting the DofE from September. We currently have 89 students signed up, which is amazing!

Congratulations to Amory, Year 10 on completing your Silver skill section. Amory is now fully qualified for Emergency First Aid after passing her exam.



The DofE Award Ceremony took place on 18th July 2022 for our Bronze and Silver Award cohort from 2018 to 2021, a long-awaited event due to the pandemic. The prestigious evening started with a drinks reception and then a speech from the DofE Manager, Mrs Lynch. All students were individually presented with their certificate and badge and congratulated for their commitment and resilience for completing the Award during the pandemic.



## Combined Cadet Force - A Centre of Adventure Training

We are excited to be able to announce that Chatham Grammar's Combined Cadet Force (CCF) has been successful in securing an additional grant to become a Centre of Adventure Training!

We are extremely grateful to the Combined Cadet Force Association (CCFA) for supporting our application. The cadets and potential cadets are going to benefit greatly from the kit, equipment and trained staff to deliver a wide range of activities across the Trust.

For further information on how to join the academy's CCF, please click on the following link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/ccf>

For further information on the CCFA, please click on the following link: <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/about-the-ccf/the-ccfa>



## Uniform Recycling Project

We are pleased to announce that we are now launching our new Chatham Grammar Uniform Recycling project. This project will enable parents and carers to have an alternative choice when purchasing brand uniform items for their children. This exciting new project means we are working towards becoming more environmentally friendly and encouraging a greener uniform offer, and at the same time we can offer a more affordable range to families looking to save money and support a really good cause. All money raised will go towards House activities for our students.

If you would like further information on the Uniform Recycling Project, please email [RecyclingUniformCG@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:RecyclingUniformCG@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

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## Race for Life

Congratulations to Ms Keers, who completed the 5K Race for Life on Sunday 3rd July at Mote Park, Maidstone. Ms Keers, who also ran with Mr Wells from Fort Pitt Grammar, raised a staggering £300 for Cancer Research.

To find a Race for Life near you, please click on the following link:  
<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/race-for-life-2022>



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## 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:

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

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For a full list of facilities, further information or to book, please email [officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk), alternatively click the following link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/facilities-for-hire>



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