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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Chatham Grammar Experience – Taster Workshops at CG

We are delighted to invite students to attend our FREE bespoke Chatham Grammar Experience which is a series of workshops running after school to engage and inspire students about their primary transition to secondary education.

Students in Year 5 from Medway schools are being offered the opportunity to participate in the workshops in Terms 5 & 6. Arrival and registration will be from 4pm and workshops will run from 4.15pm until 5.15pm.

Up to 30 places are available to girls and boys per workshop. Students can wear comfortable clothing or sportswear and trainers for the Sports workshop, they can bring their own water in a clearly named bottle.

The following workshops are on offer:

Term 5 Workshops:

Spanish – 2nd May 2024

Students will go on an adventure to explore exciting facts about the Spanish language and culture, as well as playing games as they discover how much fun and interesting it can be to learn a foreign language!

Music – 2nd May 2024

Join us for a beginner's introduction to playing the keyboard and some singing. This unique opportunity will not only introduce students to the joy of playing the keyboard/piano but also provide an understanding of western stave notation, an essential skill for aspiring musicians.

Business – Milkshake Challenge – 14th May 2024

Students will create a milkshake concept in teams, learn the main principles of business and pitch their idea in one minute! Students will create a marketing poster for their milkshakes focusing on their unique selling point (USP), how to gain a competitive advantage, costs such as profit margin and pricing strategies, as well as identifying the four main needs of their customers!

Sports – 14th May 2024

This workshop will link some key skills students will learn in Year 7. The workshop will be a fun but competitive environment where students will focus on exciting games such as

dodgeball, benchball and longball. There will also be some awards for students at the end of the session!

Physics and Chemistry – 16th May 2024

Science is about having fun while conducting experiments that will pique your interest in learning more about our environment. The Tell Me Why workshop is a fantastic opportunity for students to get their hands dirty and learn the scientific justifications for various activities. Students will be given a challenge in the session to learn why it occurs. Science, not magic, underlies it. Join us for this special session that will feature physics and chemistry-based activities.

Term 6 Workshops:

Ceramic Gargoyles – 13th June 2024

In this workshop students will have the opportunity to explore the work of ceramicists, such as John Hilder and the famous Gargoyles of Notre Dame, Paris, to create their own distorted figures based on human or animal form or a combination of both! Students will learn how to sculpt and model the clay and will be able to take their unique masterpiece home with them as soon as it has been fired.

English – Crime Writing – 13th June 2024

If you would like to learn about the skills needed to write your own crime story, sign up to discover how to create mystery, drama and suspense. We will be reading a thrilling extract involving the great 'detective' skills of Sherlock Holmes. You will have an opportunity to work together to discuss your hypothesis about what crime has been committed (in the extract) by whom and how. Then you will have time to create your very own female or male detective.

Cultural Textiles – 20th June 2024

Students will have the opportunity to explore the Sugar Skull imagery used in Mexico for their Day of the Dead Festival. Making links with cultures around the world and the idea of taking inspiration from cultural festivals, imagery, and beliefs, to express ideas of celebration and positive emotions. Working in fabric, students will have the opportunity to learn how to cut and apply decoration with hand stitching and use the sewing machines to create a keyring fob of a Sugar Skull design.

Food Technology – 20th June 2024

Cooking is an essential and valuable skill for everyday life. Students will learn the basics of how to bake safely. Students will be putting their new skills to the test by making their own tasty biscuits to take home and enjoy.

Mindfulness – 27th June 2024

This fun and interactive mindfulness session introduces students to simple mindful techniques. Mindfulness is about focusing on the present and being aware of what is going

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on both on the inside and outside of us – in a non-judgmental way. Mindfulness is a really good way to start and end our daily routines, helps us experience more happiness and the ability to focus when our minds are wondering.

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If you would like to register your interest for your child to attend one or more of our workshops, please click on the link below or scan the QR code, which will take you to the registration form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t8APtnqi4m>



Please register your child's interest no later than midday on **Thursday 25th April 2024** for Term 5 workshops and **Thursday 30th May 2024** for Term 6 workshops.

Once you have registered your interest, we will be in touch to confirm a place.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Banner
UKAT Partnership Development Officer

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