
News, Events and Updates at Chatham Grammar

UKAT Sixth Form Options Event

We are excited to announce that the UKAT Sixth Form Options Event is taking place on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at the Pilkington Building, Medway Campus, University of Kent.

To register for this event, please click on the following link:

<https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/ukat-sixth-form-options-event>



The image contains a promotional poster for the UKAT Sixth Form Options Event on the left and two photographs of students on the right. The poster is black with white text. The top text reads 'UKAT SIXTH FORM WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR PRESTIGIOUS OPTIONS EVENT'. Below this, it says 'UKAT Sixth Form Options Event', 'The Pilkington Building at the Medway Campus - University of Kent', and 'Wednesday 24th November 2021 6.00pm - 8.00pm'. It also states 'All internal and external Year 11 students are welcome to attend this event.' and provides contact information for Tommy Stanley, Assistant Principal Post 16, on 01634 852341. At the bottom of the poster is the University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT) logo. The top photograph shows three students (two girls and one boy) looking at a laptop screen. The bottom photograph shows a group of students sitting at desks in a classroom, looking towards the front.

Enterprise Project 2021

During the Enterprise Project 2021, Year 9 (current Year 10) students embarked on their journey to become this academic year's entrepreneurs!

All students exercised their teamwork skills to collaboratively devise a business plan and deliver a business pitch to a panel of judges made up of senior staff. The judges were overwhelmed by the quality of the business pitches - congratulating all students on their confident, expertly researched, and articulate presentations.

The judges were faced with a difficult discussion as all of the teams involved were extremely worthy of winning. The judges finally settled on the following winning teams:

First Place: Kitzillas - Lois, Chelsea, and Sophia

Second Place: Hollywood Hampers - Grace, Grace, Amelia, and Sophia

Third Place: Beadlicious - Shakira, Eleanor, and Comfort

All of the teams have won a £100 business start-up fund, together with the amazing opportunity to work with 'Commercial Services', a local business who will be acting as their business mentors, providing expert business advice and support.



Congratulations to our winners and all of the teams that took part!

Student Equality Leaders - Cultural Day

At the end of Term 6, the Student Equality Leaders planned their first Chatham Grammar Cultural Day. All of the students involved worked hard to plan and organise an excellent day of cultural celebration.

As part of the day's celebrations, both students and staff were invited to take part in a cultural clothing tag day. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many members of our academy community showing off their cultural attire, including: saris, kilts, selendangs, sarongs, kimonos and so much more! The day was a huge success and a lot of fun. Well done everyone.



Year 8 Induction Day

As part of our ongoing equalities work at the academy, the Year 8 induction day this September was a fun cultural day, providing students with the opportunity to explore their creative side and opportunities to take part in team building activities.



During this truly fabulous day, students got to try arts and crafts aligned to different cultures, take part in a history workshop about uncovering the truth about early societies and they even got to try their hand at some hip-hop dancing and the traditional Greek dance 'Zorba the Greek' - Miss Durber was exhausted just watching! Well done Year 8 for your positive attitude and excellent team spirit!

Equality Objectives

As an Academy we recognise that key policies linked to equality and others, where relevant, should constantly be under review. This is to ensure that they adequately reflect the world that we live in and meet the needs of all members of our Academy community.

To keep up to date with the UKAT Equality Objectives, please click on the link below:
<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/equalityobjectives>

Partnership Development Programme

We have are so excited to be working with our Lead Sponsor, the University of Kent in delivering a new innovative educational, Partnership Development Programme. Exciting times as we build new pathways with a group of our partner primary schools in helping to support student aspirations and inspiring young learners to think big and plan for above and beyond Year 6.

The University of Kent are highly experienced in widening participation and breaking down barriers to learning and so through the innovative University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT) we are super excited to offer a variety of different programmes and pathways to

engaging Key Stage Two little learners with some rather inspiring educational opportunities such as:

University Super Saturday's
Who Who's Careers Programme
Secondary School Experience Programmes
Science and Arts Extravaganza
Mini Mindfulness
Scholarships
Medway Test Virtual Workshops
and so much more.....

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The University of Kent Sciences Faculty set the tone by launching a rather dynamic fast paced science performance using liquid nitrogen to mark the beginnings of this new educational venture in Term 6. Scientifically thrilling is the only way to describe this introductory event delivered at CG, and students and staff from several local primary schools were really delighted to experience such an educationally creative science-based experience.

Next up is our October half term break virtual webinar as we have over 50 students signed up to attend our online 11+ workshop delivered by educational provider, Spark Learning to prepare Year 5 students for the Medway Test in 2022!

We will be updating you about this fantastic new project via social media so please do follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram!

If you would like more information about the above, please contact Jo Price, Director of Corporate Services and Wellbeing - joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Health and Social Care - Year 12

The world of medicine and care is a deeply complex yet highly rewarding one, which is why a group of Year 12 Health and Social Care students made the most of a Careers Fair visit at Medway Maritime Hospital.

Seeing up close some of the intense work carried out by staff, often under massive pressures and stresses, helped cement their determination to do something to help others when they leave the UKAT Sixth Form.

It was an incredibly rewarding visit under the Careers Fair banner looking at the myriad of careers within the NHS.



Included was up close access to some ground-breaking equipment in the hospital's Simulation Suite that allowed students to experience some real-world

scenarios that could have either devastating or life-saving consequences, depending on the quick actions they took.

It proved to be absolutely fascinating for our students and we look forward to doing it all again with another group soon.

Black History Month in the Library



In the Library we have been celebrating the multitudes of Black figures throughout history, as well as those who are making waves in their different fields and careers in the present day. Students have been submitting their artwork inspired by Black History Month to Ms Goosey, and these are being displayed in the Library.

We are also looking at important books from around the world; ones that have made significant literary or historical changes, as

well as ones that have marked significant advances for popular culture.

Strictly Come Reading

The Library is excited to announce that all Library clubs are now reopened and we are currently recruiting students for the annual Strictly Come Reading competition. The public speaking event is designed to improve students' confidence and public speaking skills, as well as for an excuse for some glitz and glamour! We are looking for students from all year groups to take part in the weekly clubs which run on Tuesdays with Ms Goosey and Mrs Wolfe. The Strictly Come Reading competition will happen in Term 2 before the Christmas break.



Book Buzz 2021



During Term 1 all Year 7 students had the opportunity to choose one free book from the annual Book Buzz selection that they can take home and keep. These books are paid for by the academy, and are designed to encourage further reading for an entire year group. Students have

made their choices via a link that was emailed to their UKAT email addresses. Year 7 students will receive their chosen books in Term 2.

The Games Corner

The library has a new Games Corner - students and Ms Goosey have been making puzzles during breaks and lunch times. They have so far completed a 1000-piece sweets puzzle, and are now halfway through a painted scene. All students are invited to take part.



Cross Country Success

On Thursday 7th October a number of our students competed in the Medway Schools Cross Country competition at Capstone Park. Five of our students successfully qualified for the Kent Schools Cross Country competition.

A huge congratulations to Abigail who came 1st in the Year 10/11 race, and to Madaline who came 6th. A special mention to Grace (Year 10) who came 12th, competing against Year 11 students and representing the academy for the first time in a sports competition. Well done to Noelle who came 8th in the Year 7 event and to all of the remaining students for completing the course and ensuring points were received for their efforts.

As a result of all the participants hard work, the team results were as follows:

Year 7 Team finished in 4th position

Year 8/9 Team finished in 5th position

Year 10/11 Team finished in 1st position



Our overall team position for the competition was **1st place**, retaining our winning title for another year! A massive congratulations to all the students that took part, they competed with a mature and professional attitude and were an asset to the academy. Well done to you all!

Cycling Challenge 2021

27th September - 1st October was national Bike to School Week. Bike to School Week can be a great way to encourage students to get active and encourage them to use cycling as an alternative mode of transport. However, we understand that cycling to school is not always an option for many of our students at Chatham Grammar, therefore, the PE Department adapted the challenge slightly and set 3 accessible tasks for students to complete. Firstly, students were asked to take a ride on their bikes and record their route, photographs were actively encouraged! Secondly, students could label the parts of a bike on a diagram or finally, write a short paragraph on how using a bike can help to reduce emission levels.

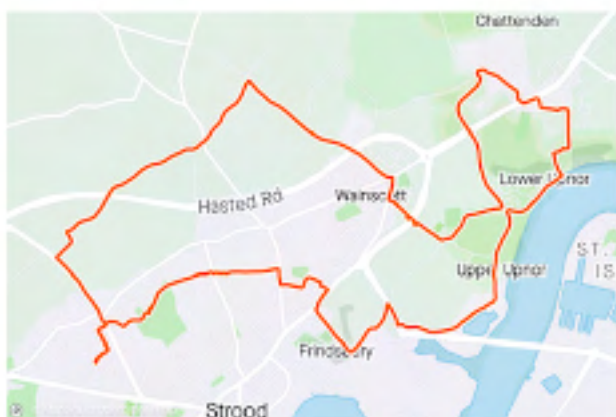
It was great to see so many students taking part. Every entry secured Leadership Points for their house. Kahlo House gained the most points - congratulations!

Keep a look out for the next opportunity to earn some points for your house whilst also getting active.

A couple of example student entries:

Jess (Year 11)

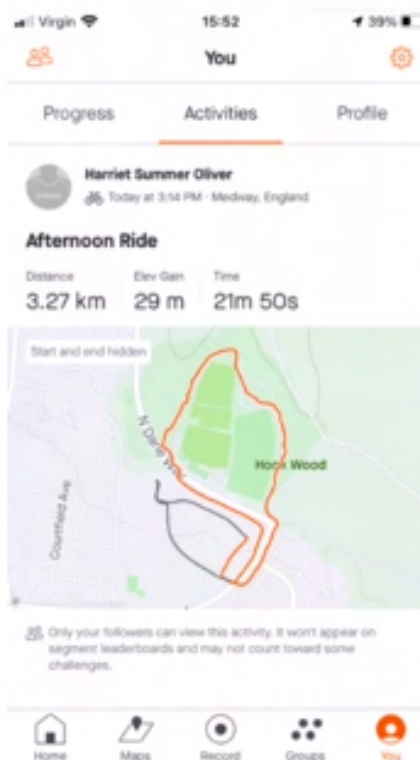
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Distance	Elevation Gain
16.04 km	200 m
Moving Time	Avg Speed
1:12:47	13.2 km/h
Max Elevation	Max Speed
87 m	40.3 km/h

[View Analysis](#)

Harriet (Year 7)



Siena Rugby Success

Following three Kent County U-18 trials and four further trials with Premiership 15's side Wasps, Year 11 student Siena has been selected to join the Centre of Excellence England U-18's pathway programme at Wasps RFC.

Siena is the youngest girl to be selected, and joins the U-18 premiership and England programme two years younger than the normal age selection. Siena will receive dedicated professional pathway coaching with Wasps throughout the 2021/22 season, until the England U-18 TDG (6 Nations Squad) is selected in the new year. We would like to wish Siena all the best for the coming season.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions

We are pleased to announce that the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award has been able to launch again after the restrictions of COVID-19. We had a fantastic Expedition with three groups of Year 11 students in July who are now able to complete their Silver Award.



26 Year 11 students went out on their Silver Expedition practice between the 16th and 18th September and assessed between the 23rd and 25th September. All of the students did well with their map reading, team support, menu ideas and resilience to keep going. They took on board our suggestions from the practice and came back like a whole new group of students. They were even willing to get up at 5am to get themselves out and walking as soon as there was enough light for it to be safe to walk.



45 Year 10 students also embarked on their Bronze Expeditions between the 7th and 8th October (practice and training) and the 14th and 15th October (assessed). The groups have had training with Mrs Lynch after school during Term 6 and again in Term 1.

We would like to congratulate all of the students who have participated in the training and expeditions.

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



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

After School Clubs

Each term we have a variety of exciting after school clubs that students can get involved in. Should students have any questions relating to the clubs on offer, we asked that they speak with the member of staff listed below:

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Room	Staff Member
Monday	Combined Cadet Force (CCF)	All	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Dance Studio	Ms Knight
	Basketball	All	3pm - 4pm	Sports Hall	Christina Crusaders
Tuesday	Science Club	7 - 9	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Lab 03	Mr Maheta
	Netball	8 - 9	3pm - 4.15pm	Courts	Miss Tarrant
	Handball	GCSE PE students only	3pm - 4pm	Sports Hall	Miss Lee
	Choir	All (including staff)	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Hall	Mr Ware
	Philosophy & Film Club	9 - 11	3pm - 4pm	H14	Ms Byron
	Writing for Performance	7 - 9	3pm - 4pm	Drama Studio	Mr Care
Thursday	History Book Club	All	3pm - 4pm	H4, H5, H7	History Department
	Orchestra	All (including staff)	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Hall	Mr Ware
	Netball	10 - 11	3pm - 4.15pm	Courts	Mrs Wakeman
	Badminton	All	3pm - 4pm	Sports Hall	Miss Tarrant
Friday	Green Team	All	2pm - 3pm	H01	Mr Prescott
	Netball	7	2pm - 3.15pm	Courts	Miss Lee

Access to Higher Education Diploma and GCSE at Chatham Grammar

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 you are 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, regular guidance and inspiring sessions 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 also available are GCSE English and Maths.

The part-time Diploma course will be offered at Chatham Grammar from September, 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, 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>



Staff Development Day

We would like to advise parents, carers and students that the academy's next Staff Development Day is: **Friday 26th November 2021**.

The academy will be closed for all students.

To view the academy terms dates and Staff Development Days, please click on the following link:

<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/term-dates>

Free Talk Therapy for Adults

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University of Kent Academies Trust **Counselling Service**

FREE Talk Therapy for Adults
Monday to Thursday,
4pm - 8pm

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.

For further information or to book, please email:

Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Chatham Grammar's facilities are now available to hire. 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>



Lettings



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

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For more information please visit:

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