



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 16th November 2022 at the Pilkington Building, Medway Campus, University of Kent.

To register for this event, please click on the following link: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/0rxpPWRSLk</u>

UKAT SIXTH FORM WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR PRESTIGIOUS OPTIONS EVENT

UKAT Sixth Form Options Event

The Pilkington Building at the Medway Campus – University of Kent

Wednesday 16th November 2022 6.00pm – 8.00pm

All internal and external Year 11 students are welcome to attend this event.

Please register to attend via the QR code on this postcard. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

For more information please contact Michelle Marshall who is the Assistant Principal Post 16 on 01634 851262.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

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Medway Schools Cross Country Competition

On Thursday 6th October 2022, Chatham Grammar students competed in the Medway Schools Cross Country competition at Capstone Park. The students had a very successful day with seven students qualifying for the Kent Schools Cross Country competition later in the year.

Congratulations to Madaline, who came 6th in the Sixth Form race, and to Layla for placing 7th and Zara 9th in the Year 7 races. A special mention for Poppy (UKAT Sixth Form student) who stepped in at the last minute and did extremely well to complete the course, representing the academy for the very first time in a Secondary Schools Games (SSG) competition.

A huge well done to Year 10 students Amelia and Olivia who placed 10th and 12th respectively in the Year 10/11 race. They both ran very well, as did all our students who ensured they completed the course and gained points for the team.

As a result of all the girls hard work, the team results are as follows:

Year 7 Team - 3rd place Year 10/11 Team - 3rd place Year 8/9 Team - 6th place UKAT Sixth Form Team - 3rd place

Overall, the above results put Chatham Grammar in 2nd place - a great start to the SSG year!



Well done to all the students who took part! You all competed with mature and professional attitudes and are an asset to the academy.

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School Games National Final

At the beginning of September, Rebeccah, (Year 11 student) attended the School Games National Final, representing Kent. Rebeccah came third in the Under 17 category and was also the youngest competitor.

Rebeccah completed her 200m with a time of 24.10s! She also had the opportunity to meet with Montell Douglas, who was the first female athlete to compete in both the Summer and Winter Olympic games.

England vs India Women's Cricket

Recently, a group of Chatham Grammar students had the opportunity to watch England's women cricket team play against India for the Commonwealth Cricket Tournament. England unfortunately were beaten by India by 88 runs but all students still thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found the trip inspirational.

Step Count Challenge

During the week beginning 26th September 2022, the PE department set a whole academy step count house challenge. The aim of the challenge was to motivate staff and students to get moving! Each member of the PE department monitored their own step count and then used that as a target for everyone else to match or beat.

Each of the students that participated in the challenge were awarded two leadership points for participation, five points if students matched Miss Lee or Mrs Burbridge's score, and a huge ten points if they beat Mrs Wakeman's score! The engagement in the challenge was very positive across the two weeks.

The highest score for each year group are as follows:

Year 7 - Mattea 67,030 steps Year 9 - Cloe 77,357 steps Year 11 - Lily-Mae 69,277 steps Year 8 - Jaya 72,741 steps Year 10 - Ariane-Danielle 133,486 steps Teacher - Mr Lionnett 58,654 steps

Well done to all students and staff that took part!













Eggcellent Start for Health and Social Care Students

Year 10 Health and Social Care students got off to an 'eggcellent' start to their new course by completing the baby egg project. This project has given students an introduction to health and social care and the different life stages that people go through. Students have started the course by

looking at different life stages and how people develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. The baby egg project provided students with the opportunity to care for someone who is vulnerable - a huge part of working in the health and social care sector.

Partnership Development Programme

We are continuing to deliver our Partnership Development Programme offer, starting with our Medway Test (11+) Information meetings, which got underway at the beginning of October with an online Review Process meeting. This took place to support parents/carers of Year 6 students in Medway advising about the next steps available to them.

The FREE online Medway Test (11+) Tuition webinars will commence with a new series in the October half term break for Year 5 students in Medway schools. In addition to the webinars, we will also be launching some FREE online resources that can be used to support students with their Medway Test (11+) preparation. Working in partnership with Spark Learning Centre, we have created our own bespoke activity worksheets for students in Years 4 and 5. Each year group will have their own series of worksheets available to download via the Chatham Grammar website after the October half term break.

We are looking forward to the next round of University Super Saturdays - 'How Clean is Your Classroom' sessions which are due to take place in November 2022 with the University of Kent. Students in Years 4 and 5, from our partnership schools, are being given the opportunity to participate in our University Super Saturdays where Dr Hargreaves from the University of Kent's Bioscience Department will be delivering two interactive workshops all about bacteria, its forms, and how it lives all around us, including in our classrooms!

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





Open Event 2022

The Chatham Grammar Open Events 2022 were one of the busiest events we have seen to date, as we welcomed over 1,000 young people and their families who were totally wowed by the new building, the Principal's presentation, and the super smart enthusiastic tour guides who met and greeted our visitors again and again with big smiles. Tours have been very well attended this week and we are looking forward to March 2023, when we will find out who our new students will be and we can start delivering our new Year 7 Transition programme.

Seacole House Charity Day

On Monday 3rd October, Seacole House hosted the first fundraising day of the year at Chatham Grammar. Students enjoyed a bake sale and tuck shop, a games session, and a Halloween themed movie night at the end of the academy day.

Many students took part in a dress-up competition, coming to the academy for the day as something that begins with the same first letter as their name, with prizes for the best staff and student costumes.

Together, Seacole House raised £831.06 for Links Across Borders, a charity which supports various initiatives to create empowering and educational opportunities for girls in Ghana. We hope to work with Links Across Borders to create a partnership between ourselves and a school in Ghana this year!

If you would like to find out more information about Links Across Borders, please click on the following link: <u>https://linksacrossborders.org/</u>

Everyone had a lot of fun and we look forward to what Kahlo House have in store for our next charity day in January!







Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are delighted to announce that Chatham Grammar are currently second, out of 30 Medway schools, for the most students that have completed their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. A total of 66 students have completed the full award with many more close to finishing.

During the last academic year, DofE students achieved over 1,200 hours of voluntary work - this is equivalent to £5,585.58. Students have participated in a number of different voluntary roles at charity shops, animal rescue centres, community workshops, church events and youth centres to name a few.



During Term 1, we opened the registration for the Bronze and Silver Awards. This year we have successfully applied for additional funding from the DofE, which has allowed us to apply a 50% discount to the starter pack and also reduce the cost of the expeditions. We have had a record number of students register; 115 Bronze Award Year 9 students and 40 Silver Award Year 10 students.

We look forward to starting the new cohort of students on their DofE journey.

Cambridge Success

Congratulations to Amy (UKAT Sixth Form student), who has secured a place at the University of Cambridge. Amy will be studying Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the university from this academic year. We wish Amy all the best in her future studies.







Christmas Activity Event

Join us for a day of seasonal crafts and delicious Christmas themed treats. The perfect way to kick start the festive season.



Places are limited. To book your place on the Christmas Activity Event, please click on the link: <u>https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=826</u>





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, parents and carers on our social media channels.

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 <u>officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk</u>, alternatively click the following link: <u>https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/facilities-for-hire</u>







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