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# News, Events and Updates at Chatham Grammar

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## Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Recently, students from Chatham Grammar have participated in the Rotary Youth Speaks, which is an opportunity for students to challenge their public speaking abilities and perform, persuade, and entertain the audience with their display of wit and knowledge of a topic.

In teams of three, participants present arguments and points of discussion, before taking questions from the judging panel who are, themselves, skilled orators.

Naomi, Poppy and Dolcie represented Chatham Grammar and did an amazing job in their section. Both Dolcie and Poppy received glowing feedback from the judges and Naomi was awarded first place in the under 14 age category!



Congratulations to all students that took part.

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## Partnership Development Programme

The Partnership Development Programme which has been set up to develop links with a small number of identified primary schools, with the aim of building positive working relationships and developing a range of learning opportunities for students in Key Stage 2.

We are pleased to announce our next two programmes which are coming up soon!

## Medway Test (11+) Tuition

The free Medway Test (11+) Tuition workshops are a series of free webinars delivered during the half term breaks for Year 5 students from our primary partnership schools to access. They continue to be

successful, and we have over 50 students signed up to participate in the next session on the 15th February 2022.

## Super Saturday Clubs

Our free Super Saturday Creative Club, with the University of Kent is a series of three Saturday clubs that will be hosted at Chatham Grammar. They will be delivered by University of Kent post-graduate students overseen by the University of Kent Drama department and UKAT's Wellbeing lead Jo Price. Year 4 and 5 students are being invited to attend during 12th - 15th March 2022.

The Super Saturday Club have a creative and wellbeing theme; students will be able to work with puppets, including super-sized ones. Students will develop skills around creating, structuring, and sharing stories using inventive language and exploring movement.

The wellbeing focus will give students the opportunity to work with Jo Price who will be delivering a fun and educational experience, consisting of a unique combination of mindfulness, brain theory and relaxing meditations, developing the importance of having a connection with the world around us. We are hopeful one of UKAT's newest therapy dogs, Aslan the puppy, will be attending too!

For further information about the Partnership Development Programme, please click on the link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/ukatpartnershipdevelopmentprogramme-1>

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## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 4th February, students took part in the NSPCC Number Day 2022 - their mega maths fundraising day. Chatham Grammar students took part in a quiz and donated a generous amount of £233.86.

The quiz results are as follows:

7KH/pt2 - 1st Place - 23 out of 29 answers correct!

Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed fun maths lessons; with 7J1 and 8J1 raising the most money and will receive a class prize.

Well done to all students who took part.

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## Indoor Athletics - Secondary School Games

On Thursday 13th January, our Indoor Athletics Team from Year 7 and 8 attended the Secondary School Games (SSG) at The Howard School.

The days competition began with the track events. The girls team were amazing; spectators looked on as they sprinted at super speed to win many races! Special mention must go to Victoria, Abigail, Mary and Tia for their performances in the sprint. Layomi was an absolute star in the 2 length sprint and Noelle kept going magnificently in the 8th length event. After the track events our Chatham Team were in top position!

After a short break the girls readied themselves for the field events; long jump, shot putt, speed bounce, vertical jump and triple jump. Lexie led the field in the jumping events and Tofunmi showed excellent technique in the shot putt. All the field events were completed simultaneously; all the girls performed incredibly well and supported each other with the most amazing team spirit.

Chatham Grammar were awarded 2nd place overall, only one point off of the winner's total. The team came back to the academy as Silver medallists! Well done to all the students involved, they were a credit to the academy.



Following the girls outstanding achievements at this competition, Chatham Grammar are back on the top of the SSG overall leader board. The next competition will be Rugby Union in March.

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## Speed Stacking Event



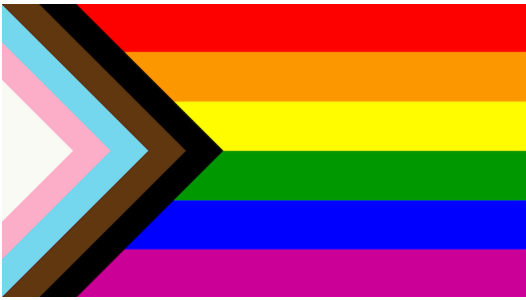
As part of the House challenges and activities, the PE department ran a speed stacking event, which ran for a week during Personal Tutoring time to allow each year group and House to compete.

There have been some super results and our fastest student result was 3.68 seconds! Staff also got involved in the competition and the fastest staff time was 3.89 seconds. All students that took part were awarded Leadership Points which contributed to the House Leader Board and the top three students in each year group were awarded extra points!

Well done all student and staff for all your hard and participating in the fun event!

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## LGBTQ+ History Month in the Library



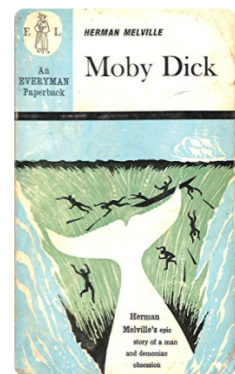
February marks the month to celebrate LGBTQ+ history. We have all the flags on display with their meanings, as well as various historical figures, debates, poems and a selection of LGBTQ+ themed books - including new ones!

Miss Goosey has been running a Flag Quiz, where students have been matching the correct flag to the correct label. Five winners all received some sweet treats and handmade

LGBTQ+ bead bracelets made by a talented Year 8 student.

## The Annual Library Book Cover Competition

Term 3 saw the launch of The Annual Library Book Cover competition - this is a fantastic opportunity for students to redesign the covers of two tired, old-fashioned books. Years 7 and 8 students have Moby Dick by Herman Melville and Years 9 to 11 have The Rainbow by D.H. Lawrence.



Winners will receive art supplies and their cover design printed on the books for future library users to enjoy. The entry deadline will be towards the end of Term 4. Terms and conditions for the competition can be found on student emails and the Library Edmodo.



## Manga Fundraiser

Manga has grown into a popular read in the library but it's very expensive! To be able to kickstart the library's collection, we are fundraising to top up our pot which has had a generous donation of £100 from Ms Walters!

Students can buy handmade bracelets and notebooks as well as enter a 'Guess the number of Sweets in a Jar' competition. All prices range from 50p to £4 and all proceeds go towards getting new manga volumes!

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award



During Term 3, Duke of Edinburgh Award students started their expedition training. Students have been learning navigation, how to read a map, and how to route plan in their teams. They have also covered campcraft (building a camp), equipment and hygiene (what they need; walking boots, Trangia, tent etc) along with menu planning.

The Duke of Edinburgh Team have received a huge amount of evidence for all sections and it is apparent that students have been working extremely hard at their Volunteering section. Here are some examples of volunteering:

the Academy's Green Team and Student's Newsletter, Cat Protection, Scope charity shop and helping a neighbour by offering to exercise their dog.



## Bronze Award Skill Section - Cooking Sessions

We are excited to be able to offer the Bronze Award students the opportunity to participate in online cooking sessions, which will enable students to complete their Skill section of the Award.

The cooking sessions will run in Terms 4 and 5; videos will be posted every Wednesday via Edmodo from the 23rd February 2022 until the 30th March, then again from the 20th April to the 25th May 2022. There will be 12 sessions in total.

There will be a small one-off fee of £10 per student, which will go towards the tutor costs. Students wishing to participate are required to sign up via ParentPay by



Friday 18th February 2022. Payment towards the cooking sessions is non-refundable. By making payment via ParentPay, parents/carers are giving permission for their child to participate.

Registration for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2021/22 has now closed. For further information on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please click on the following link: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/dofe>

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## UKAT's New Therapy Dog - Aslan



We are really pleased to announce the arrival of our new UKAT dog! Aslan is the latest addition to the Community Team helping with the wellbeing of our students and staff.

Aslan has been enjoying socialising with many young people and is a super friendly, super furry and a super chilled out pooch. Aslan loves playing with a ball and carrying his teddies around. Aslan will be training in February for his initial stage one for his dog mentoring qualification, and then has plans to train as a Pets and Therapy dog. Hopefully, if all goes well, he will train as a recovery assistance rescue dog. Aslan looks forward to meeting you all; he is growing quickly and is also very excited to be

working with our fabulous Librarian's as we are looking at the exciting arrival of Aslan's corner! Watch out for more updates.

If you would like to know more about Aslan and maybe meet him, then please contact his human carer Miss Price by emailing [joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:joprice@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

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## LGBTQ+ History Month Competition

Entries for the annual Rainbow Cake competition to celebrate LGBTQ+ Month 2022 are now open!

All students are invited to make a rainbow cake or cupcakes and submit their recipe and a photo of their baking by Friday 18th February 2022.

To enter students are required to use their UKAT email address and email their entry to



[CGcompetitions@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:CGcompetitions@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk). The competition terms and conditions are available on the academy website: <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/competitions>

1st Prize - £20 Amazon voucher  
2nd and 3rd Prizes - £10 Amazon voucher

The winners will be announced on Thursday 24th February 2022.

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## Kent Police Schools Initiative

We are very pleased to be part of the new Kent Police initiative, which means we warmly welcome PC Williams to Chatham Grammar every Wednesday. PC Williams is finding his feet and enjoying supporting our students through a variety of exciting new programmes that will start in Term 4.

PC Williams will also be based in our partner school, Brompton Academy, one day per week.



If you would like to know more about the role of our new Schools Police Officer, please do contact us and we will do our best to answer any questions or queries.

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## Parking Reminder

We have recently received a number of emails from local residents advising that parents/carers from Chatham Grammar have been parking restrictively in the local vicinity. Please can we kindly request that when you are collecting your child from the academy, you consider our neighbours. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Road Safety

During the morning and at the end of the academy day, Rainham Road and the surrounding roads are extremely busy areas. Please do speak with your child about the importance of finding safe places to cross, in particular the importance of using the pedestrian crossing on Rainham Road. The academy have had reports that students are running across the road and in some cases stepping out in front of cars.

Student safety is extremely important to us and we thank you in advance for your support.

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## Mindfulness for Families

The Mindfulness for Families course is taking place on Saturday 19th and 26th March 2022, from 10am to 11.15am at Chatham Grammar.

The free sessions will consist of an introduction to mindfulness. We will explore and practice a range of strategies that can help us deal better with anxiety, focus and concentration issues as well as helping us to relax. These strategies can then be continued at home in your own time. The sessions are suitable from 6 years of age up to adults.

To book your place on this course, please click on the following link and complete the registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/mWP9ADvPCY>

Please be advised that places are limited.

For further information, please email:  
[marymurison@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:marymurison@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)



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The two family mindfulness sessions will consist of an introduction to mindfulness.

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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:

Facebook: @ChathamGrammar

Twitter: @ChathamGrammar

Instagram: @ChathamGrammar



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

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## Free Talk Therapy for Adults

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**Kent** | Academies Trust  
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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.**

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## 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](mailto: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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