

Chatham Grammar

News, Events, and Updates

Term 3 | February 2024

Safer Internet Day 2024

At Chatham Grammar, we discuss online safety topics on a weekly basis to ensure all our students are educated on how to stay safe online and who to turn to if they need support. Throughout Safer Internet Week students engaged in a range of activities including class discussion and a quiz.



Our Online Safety Lead, Mrs Sanger, and our Digital Leader Team worked hard to plan a range of activities and assemblies for the whole school, throughout the week of 5th February, to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2024 (Tuesday 6th February 2024). The focus for this year is to 'Inspire Change' and 'Navigate Change Online'.

No Tech Day 2024

On Thursday 8th February 2024, over 30 students signed up to challenge themselves to 24 hours without technology. Students planned their days without mobile phones, iPads, TV's etc.

The day is designed to give respite from technology, to allow students to see life without it, to recognise how reliant they are on it and the mental health benefits to taking breaks from technology.

Students collected sponsors to help motivate them, with all proceeds raised being donated to the charity MIND.

Congratulations to all the students who took part.



Young Enterprise



Sip n Save

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading charity that empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills. Through the programme young people gain practical experience of business through setting up and running a student company.

Chatham Grammar's Young Enterprise company, consists of nine students. The students elected a board of directors from amongst themselves, raised share capital and decided on a product or service to sell. Students invested £5 share capital each to start their business.

They are currently working very hard to prepare for their first selling event at Spitalfields Market in London, where they will sell a range of personalised cups they have been creating.

They now have their stall designed and their uniform ready – we cannot wait for their first stall after half term!



SSG Sports Hall Athletics



On Thursday 11th January 2024, a number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students competed in the Secondary School Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition at The Howard School. With only a couple of practice sessions before the event, they all performed to a high standard and showed great sportspersonship throughout the day. The team came 4th out of 10 schools.

A special mention has to go to Abi and Chidimna for both coming 2nd in the verticle jump, and to Franreza (standing triple jump), Cara and Zara (speed bounce) and Immanuela and Chidimna (shot put) for all coming 3rd in their events.

A huge well done to the entire team!

Student Reviews

Careers in Politics

On Friday 8th December 2024, students attended a session held by Chatham Grammar about careers in politics. We were lucky enough to meet up with the MP, Tracey Crouch, for an inspirational discussion and Q and A session with her. She answered all our burning questions regarding politics and its scope, and she helped us figure out a lot more about the world of politics. This session was particularly fruitful for myself because it gave me a better understanding of politics and how I can venture into this career. It was an enriching experience as a whole because it provoked curiosity and provided everyone with awareness of UK politics.

Ms Crouch was also kind enough to share with us her life story, how she realised her interest in politics, the challenges that came with being a female MP battling cancer, and the quest to balance work and private life.

We are grateful to her for her valuable insights as she motivated lots of us to consider the exciting possibilities of politics.

Zara, Year 11 student.



The Green Team



This term, the Green Team have been analysing the ideas from the house activities last term, where Personal Tutor groups were asked to write campaign ideas for any issues related to the planet that the academy community can work on.

In addition, we conducted research about how the King includes sustainability in the new Charles III coin designs. According to the BBC, “the tails of every coin from the 1p to the £2 will feature the country’s flora and fauna.”

Next term, we are preparing for the IKEA x Let’s Go Zero competition, where we have a chance to win ‘one of three sustainability bundles’ as well as put into action the school community campaign. Furthermore, the bottle cap campaign is coming towards an end as we are now closer to reaching our goal of creating a mural dedicated to the environment.

Partnership Development Programme

Our latest University of Kent Super Saturday series - Crime Busters was successfully delivered by the STEM Outreach Department staff, at the University of Kent (UoK), and took place over three weeks starting from 20th January 2024.

Primary students in Year 4 and Year 5, from our partnership schools, began by learning about various methods used by forensic scientists to solve crimes, such as fingerprinting and ink testing, as well as learning how to collect evidence and test in a scientific laboratory. Students also made their own fingerprint keyring to take home.

During week two, the students worked within our own crime scene at Chatham Grammar. Students logged the evidence left behind using all of their forensic skills to determine the suspects, and finally identify the prime suspect based on the evidence!

In our final week, the students harnessed their creativity by becoming budding authors imagining themselves as newly retired crime scene investigators, using their wealth of experience to create their very own detective fiction!



Due to the popularity, there will be another opportunity for students to delve into the world of forensics again for a one-off condensed University of Kent Super Saturday - Crime Busters, on 9th March 2024. Registration details have gone out to our partnership schools.

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/partnership-development-programme-1>

Kahlo House Charity Day

On Wednesday 31st January 2024, students in Kahlo House were raising money for their annual charity day; this years chosen charity was Gillingham Street Angels. Prior to the event, House and Deputy House Leaders worked closely with Miss Lee to create and come up with innovative ideas for charity day stalls that would be popular and enjoyable for all students. Students ran a variety of stalls from milkshakes, glass bead bracelets, speed stacking raffle and much more. There was also a Mexican themed cooking class at the end of the academy day where students were able to make delicious burritos!



The Kahlo House charity day was one of a kind; the atmosphere was amazing and the excitement to see all the stalls was priceless! At certain points, the queue for the milkshakes stall was going out the door!

However, the best part about helping with the stalls, as a House Leader, was getting to see all the hard work and effort Kahlo House students had put into the day, to then see it all pay off! The support from the rest of the academy was incredible. We know Gillingham Street Angels will be grateful for all the money raised by students, where the money will be used, and how much of an impact it will have in the local community.

Katelin, Year 8, Kahlo House student

As a student who is not in Kahlo House, I enjoyed being part of the atmosphere that was created when I attended the event. After five minutes of being in the hall, everything was selling so quickly as students were excited to see each of the stalls and purchase items and donate to the event, which is just amazing. The milkshakes were fabulous with a delicious flavour. They were very affordable which made them so popular. All of the House Leaders and students who helped organise the event, along with Miss Lee, should be so pleased with how the event ran and how much they achieved.

Emily, Year 8, Sharman House student



Miss Lee would like to thank all the House Leaders and volunteers for their help on each of the stalls, you were all excellent representatives! Thank you to all students and their families for their generosity on the charity day, and for donations which have also been received towards helping the services run by Gillingham Street Angels. The final total raised was an amazing **£407.27!**

To find out more about Gillingham Street Angels, please visit the following link: <https://www.thestreet-angels.org/>



Student Reviews

Angelou Charity Assembly

On Monday 29th January 2024, we attended the Angelou House assembly to celebrate our charity day success.

We were fascinated to view all of the images from our brilliant day. We managed to raise **£323.74** which was a lovely surprise! Angelou House Charity Day was a fantastic experience and a huge success. Our Personal Tutor Group collaborated as a team to create a spectacular stall called Pamper Hamper. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience raising money for Gillingham Street Angels, and we would gladly do it again.

Tracey, from Gillingham Street Angels, came along and accepted the cheque with thanks and told us how much her team will appreciate our efforts and the money we have raised.

We all felt extremely proud about our contributions to the fund raising.

Chidinma, Peighton, and Danielle, Year 8, Angelou House students



Term 3 Leadership Points

This term, students have been motivated to earn lots of Leadership Points in their subject lessons. Here are the results for Term 3:

HOUSE	POSITION
Kahlo	1st
Seacole	2nd
Sharman	3rd
Angelou	4th

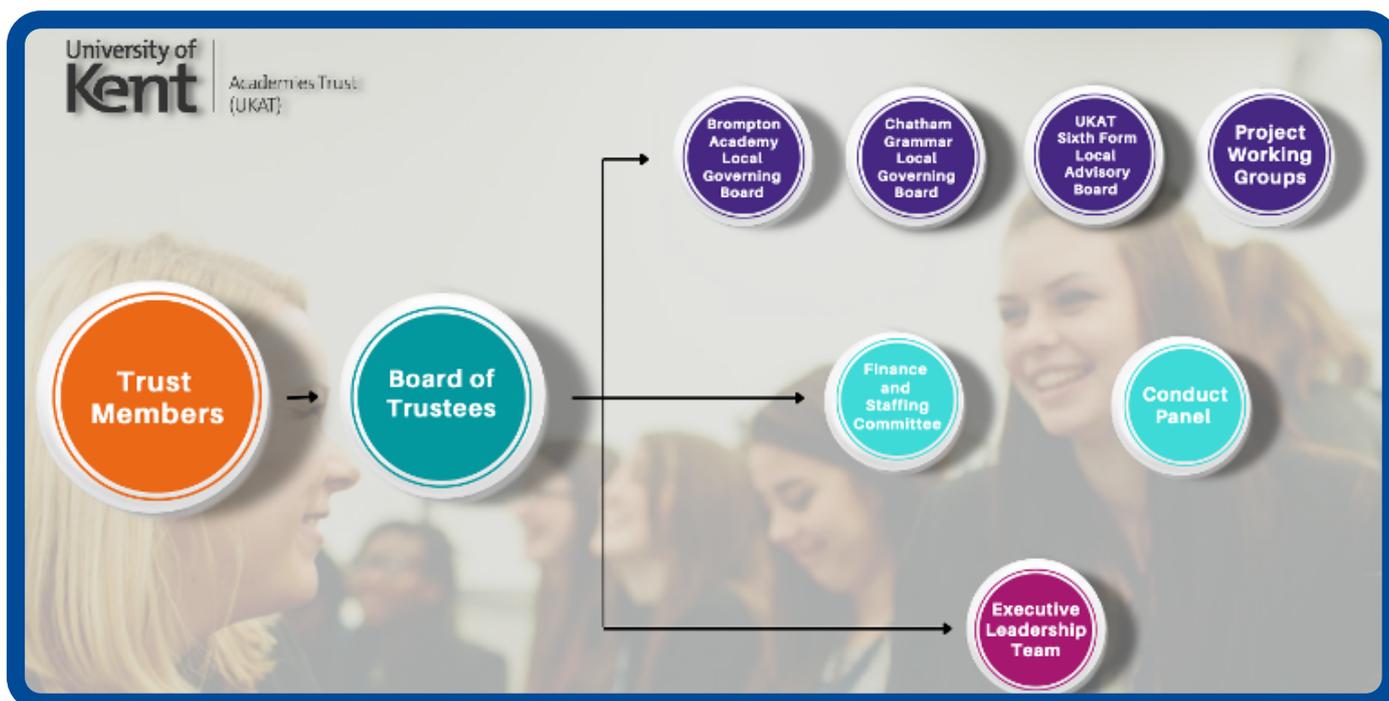
UKAT Governing Board Update

The Grammar Governing Board is composed of dedicated individuals committed to ensuring the success and well-being of students at Chatham Grammar. The Board works collaboratively with school leadership, teachers, parents and the community to make informed decisions that contribute to the overall growth and excellence of the academy.

In an effort to strengthen ties with the Chatham Grammar community, the Governing Board are looking to actively work in the future to foster a closer connection with parents, carers, and the wider community. The Board members have demonstrated a commitment to transparency, collaboration, and communication, aiming to create a more inclusive and supportive educational environment for all.

One of the key focuses of the Governing Board is to participate in the day-to-day activities of the academy. Board members have attended various school events, observed classes, and interacted with both students and staff to gain a first-hand understanding of the academy's strengths and areas for improvement. This approach reflects the Board's commitment to being hands-on and responsive to the evolving needs of the academy.

For more information about UKAT Governance, please visit our website <https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance>



New Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Jo Southby - Chair



We would like to congratulate Jo Southby who has been nominated as the new Chair of the Chatham Grammar Local Governing Board (CG LGB). Jo has been a Governor on the CG LGB since March 2022 and is the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Link Governor. Jo has worked in education for over thirty years, the last twenty in educational leadership, and is currently CEO of a Multi-Academy Trust in Southeast London. As an ex-Chatham Grammar student, Jo is delighted to now contribute to the ongoing development and improvement of the academy as a “critical friend”, promoting outstanding standards of provision for all children through robust challenge and scrutiny.

Having previously been a Chair of Governors and currently in her roles as a Trustee for the National Autistic Society Academy Trust and the Finance Governor for an all-through Kent special school, Jo has significant experience of governance. Jo has lived in the Medway area for almost twenty years and has a daughter at Chatham Grammar.

Oliver Martin - Vice Chair



Congratulations to Oliver Martin who has once again been nominated as the Vice Chair for the CG LGB for the second year running.

Meet the Governor

Elaine Francis-Rockall – Parent Governor



I am the first generation of my family to go to University and therefore feel very strongly about the power that education and school life has to transform the lives of young people. I feel very lucky that my child attends Chatham Grammar, and I welcome this opportunity to contribute to the academy's continued success as a Parent Governor.

I have been a professional in my field for over 30 years and have experience as a Parent Governor at my child's previous junior school.

I am experienced in working in a regulated environment where compliance, governance, and integrity are key. In my personal life I am a communicative, thoughtful, and caring individual; my skills and experience will add significant value to the Local Governing Board and enable me to support the academy and help children thrive.

Current News and Information

For the most current news and information at Chatham Grammar, we invite you to follow our social media pages:

Facebook: @ChathamGrammar

X: @ChathamGrammar

Instagram: @ChathamGrammar



Target Oxbridge Year 10 Programme

The Target Oxbridge Year 10 programme provides students of Black African and Caribbean heritage in Year 10 and Year 11 with an insight into life as an Oxbridge student and how to prepare to make an Oxbridge application. It also provides students with an insight into the A level subject combinations that will enable them to study the subjects they are interested in at university.

The programme consists of four online webinars in Year 10, taking place once a month between April and July.

Students are then invited to join two further webinars in Year 11.

For further information, please visit the link: <https://targetoxbridge.co.uk/year-10.html>

Target Bath Year 12 Programme

Target Bath supports students of Black African and Caribbean heritage to gain places at the University of Bath. You may also have the opportunity to gain a guaranteed offer.

The programme is run in partnership with Rare, a leading organisation in diversity recruitment with a proven track record of supporting Black students to gain places at the UK's top universities.

Target Bath is free of charge and is open to UK-based students in Year 12. The programme provides support throughout Year 12 and 13, providing insight into life at Bath as a Black student. It will support you with subject choice and preparing for the UCAS process. Target Bath students will also be offered a place on Discover Bath, the free summer residential programme.

For further information, please visit the link: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/target-bath/>

Careers Fair

Chatham Grammar are holding a Careers Fair on Tuesday 5th March 2024. We currently have over 25 employers attending, and we are hoping to create a real buzz with an array of different employment opportunities for our students.

We would like to invite parents and carers who own a business to support this event by having a stand at this years Careers Fair. For further information, please email OfficeCG@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Being able to meet people from real companies is an incredible chance for students to understand what is required to make their working lives a success.

Parent/Carer Contact Details



CONTACT DETAILS

Have you
changed your
contact details
recently?

Please let us know so
that we can update
our records.

Email:

OfficeCG@UniversityofKentAcademiesTrust.Org.UK

Academy Clubs 2023/2024

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Day	Club	Year	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday	CCF	All	3.15-4.30pm	Dance Studio	PKN
Tuesday	Maths Support Group	All	8.00-8.20am	Maths	HOD
	French	11	8.00-8.20am	H12	ISA
	Choir	All	3.15-4.15pm	S04/Main Hall	SRO
	Badminton	All	3.15-4.15pm	Sports Hall	EBU
	Further Maths	Invitation only	3.15-4.15pm	Maths	HOD
	IT	7-9	3.15-4.15pm	H17	DAL
	Textiles	9	3.15-4.00pm	T04	SWE
	Page to Screen	9-11	3.15-4.15pm	S03	EWA
	GCSE PE Exam Support	10	3.15-4.15pm	Sports Lobby	JLE
	Young Enterprise	10	3.15-4.15pm	R01	ESA
	Psychology	11	3.15-4.15pm	R02	LSH
	GCSE PE Exam and Coursework Support	11	3.15-4.15pm	Sports Lobby	JWA
	GCSE Maths Support	11	3.15-4.15pm	Maths	HOD
	Business	11	3.15-4.15pm	H17	DAL
	Sociology Support Sessions	11	3.15-4.15pm	L02	HCO
	Economics	12-13	3.15-4.15pm	H17	DAL
Wednesday	German	11	8.00-8.20am	H09	DCH
	Creative Writing	All	3.15-4.15pm	Library	BGO
	STEM	All	3.15-4.15pm	L09	EMU
	Page to Screen	7-8	3.15-4.15pm	E03	HKE
	Science Support	11 & 13	3.15-4.00pm	L03	DMA
Thursday	Spanish	11	8.00-8.20am	H08	HDI
	Knitting and Crochet	All	3.15-4.15pm	S06	MWO
	Fitness-use of gym equipment	All	3.15-4.15pm	Fitness Gym	JWA
	Orchestra/Band	All	3.15-4.15pm	S04	SRO
	History	All	3.15-4.15pm	H07	SLO
	Bronze DofE	All	3.15-4.15pm	Dance Studio	GMA
	Aspiring Healthcare Professionals	9-10 (Registered members only)	3.15-4.00pm	Teams Group	DMA
	Handball	9-11	3.15-4.15pm	Sports Hall	EBU/JLE
	Health and Social Care Coursework Support	10-13	3.15-4.15pm	R04	SPA
	Netball	12-13	3.15-4.15pm	Sports Hall (Brompton)	Coach
	Psychology	13	3.15-4.15pm	R02	LSH
Friday	Med Society	12-13	12.00-1.00pm	Library (Brompton)	Students
	Digital Art	All	2.10-3.10pm	Library	BGO
	Green Team	All	2.10-3.10pm	H02/03	ACY
	Dodgeball	7-8	2.10-3.10pm		JLE
	The Power Project	All	2.15-3.15pm	S05	BGR
	Science Support	11	2.15-3.00pm	L03/07	DMA/RLY

UPCOMING UKAT WELLBEING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Autistic Wellbeing

A two-part series for parents, carers, and
relatives of autistic young people

Monday 22nd April 2024, 6.30pm-9pm:

Introductory session on autistic experience, gender, and
sexuality.

Monday 29th April 2024, 6.30pm-9pm:

Autistic wellbeing: what works.
(How to support young people with general accessibility
which will benefit learning will be included in this session).

Both sessions include a Q&A



The sessions will be delivered by Dr Chloe Farahar



The two-part series will be delivered by Dr Chloe Farahar, from Aucademy, on Monday 22nd and 29th April 2024 for parents, carers, and relatives of autistic young people. The sessions will take place at Brompton Academy.

Monday 22nd April: In this session, Dr Farahar demonstrates a critical perspective on what is presently called “autism spectrum disorder”, presenting the more tangible and varied Autistic experience perspective.

Monday 29th April: In this session, Dr Farahar discusses the evidence for the use of CBT with Autistic people, and asks attendees to consider the wellbeing of Autistic people and not how to change Autistic experience.

Please note that the sessions contain real-life narratives about being Autistic.

To sign up, please visit the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/L4DfLLNS0y>

Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Chatham Grammar's facilities are available to hire. For a full list of facilities available and to book, please visit <https://schoolhire.co.uk/>



Lettings



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

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