
News, Events, and Updates at Chatham Grammar

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July 2023, our fantastic Performing Arts students at Chatham Grammar performed The Wizard of Oz to packed audiences across two nights. Featuring the iconic characters; Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion, they were in search of the Wizard of Oz on their journey along the yellow brick road, but they were in hot pursuit of The Wicked Witch of the West.

The story was brought to life by professional sets, costumes and accompanying backing tracks providing students with a real-life theatre experience. Our production was in memory of Charlie, who we all dearly miss. We know that Charlie would be proud of our production, and we thank all students and staff for all of their involvement in making the two performance a truly magical experience for everyone.





Young Enterprise National Programme

Congratulations to Chatham Grammar's Young Enterprise Company, Burn Bright - no one likes a dark room, who took part in the national programme.

Young Enterprise is available to a small group of Year 10 Business students. Students are given the opportunity to set up their own



business and trade. The students get to keep all profit and split them equally between their team at the end of the academic year. Students initially fundraise within House events to help fund their business start-up and they also buy shares.

The team have had an amazing year selling luxurious candles to our community. They have learnt lots of new skills, whilst building on their confidence and resilience. The Year 10 students worked week after week making candles with a range of colours and scents in the academy DT workshop.

The team made an impressive amount of money; £200 at Spitalfields London, followed by £350 at their latest stall at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre. Their final sales were made to students, staff, parents and carers in the last few weeks of term.



Huge congratulations to Laide, Leticija, Leilla, Maha, Accalia, Shizah, Ore and Faaiaq.

SSG District Athletics Success!

On Thursday 22nd June 2023, students from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 attended the final Secondary School Games (SSG) District Athletics competition of the school year, which took place at Medway Park.

All students who attended the competition were great representatives of Chatham Grammar, and the display of sportspersonship from students to peers and other competitors was excellent!

The competition was very high level this year, and our students rose to the challenge and gave an exceptional performance on the day. Chatham Grammar finished second place overall, which was a fantastic achievement.

Here are the results:

Year 7

Long Jump - Scarlett - **3rd Place**
Javelin - Lacie - **3rd Place**

Year 9

Long Jump - Mary - **1st Place**
High Jump - Victoria - **1st Place**
Shot Put - Abigail - **1st Place**
Discus - Abigail - **1st Place**
Javelin - Lucy - **2nd Place**
200m - Amy - **3rd Place**
Relay - Susan, Amy, Louisa and Victoria -
2nd Place

Year 8

Shot Put - Akunnaya - **1st Place**
Discus - Hilary - **2nd Place**
800m - Phebe - **3rd Place**
Relay - Emma, Miracle, Emmanuella and
Akunnaya - **3rd Place**

Year 10

800m - Olivia - **1st Place**
Discus - Angola - **1st Place**
Long Jump - Chichi - **2nd Place**
100m - Maddison - **2nd Place**
200m - Jadesola - **3rd Place**
Shot Put - Oluchi - **2nd Place**
1500m - Amelia - **3rd Place**
High Jump - Praise - **3rd Place**
Javelin - Ariane Danielle - **3rd Place**
Relay - Praise, Jadesola, Emily and Ayoola
- **2nd Place**



Overall, for this SSG competition year, Chatham Grammar have finished in third place! This is a great achievement to be placed in the top three schools in Medway. The PE Department would like to thank all students who have taken part in a competition this year, and to all parents/carers for their ongoing support with the Secondary School Games competitions.



SSG Cricket Competition

During Term 6, 11 Chatham Grammar students took part in the Secondary School Games (SSG) Cricket competition. The students played five games in the league, winning four out of five, and only lost one game by three runs!

The Chatham Grammar team finished joint first place in their group and went on to be placed fifth place overall out of 12 schools.

The students were a credit to the academy, showing exemplary sportspersonship and behaviour.

Water Sports Trip

On Sunday 16th July 2023, the Chatham Grammar PE Department took 40 students to the Bella Italia Village in Lignano Sabbiadoro in Italy.

It is a spectacular peninsula on the Adriatic Sea, just off the coast line from Venice. As one of the main northern Italian summer resorts, it boasts 8km of golden sands on its blue flag beaches on the Lignano Riviera. The Bella Italia is a self-contained sports resort, which is set in 60 hectares of pine forest, and has over a kilometre of its own beach.

The students all had an amazing time taking part in various water activities, which included paddle boarding, kayaking, windsurfing and sailing. They also got the opportunity to attend Italy's number one award-winning themed waterpark, Caribe bay.



Partnership Development Programme

Who's Who Mentoring Workshop

During Term 6, Year 6 students from all of our partnership schools participated in an interactive careers focussed Who's Who Mentoring workshop, delivered by Careers Guidance Charts. The workshop was followed by an inspirational talk from Sam Gayton, a local children's author and Esther Johnson, a local illustrator, about their career success to date. Below is some feedback from two of the schools:

"The workshop was very inspirational; the pupils enjoyed the activities and were able to ask questions. It was enlightening for the pupils to understand the variety of jobs available for them in the future. One of the Year 6 teachers built on what they have learnt in the workshop by asking the pupils to write down their aspiration. This was used to create an aspiration jar. Thanks for the opportunity and we look forward to doing it again next year." **Burnt Oak**

"The children really enjoyed the workshop. The speaker was outstanding - all of the children were really engaged in what she had to say. It was great that she spoke from personal experience and the children asked lots of questions. The speaker was also realistic about the positives that she's experienced."
Tunbury Primary

University of Kent Super Saturdays



Our last University of Kent (UoK) Super Saturday Series, Exploring The World Around Us, was successfully delivered by the University of Kent's Human Social Sciences Department, and took place over three Saturdays from 10th to 24th June 2023. Primary students in Year 4 and Year 5 explored a range of topics related to nature and society including adaptation, conservation, forensics and social research. As usual, a fantastic team of UoK ambassadors and Chatham Grammar (CG) staff supported the sessions.

The Chatham Grammar Experience provided a great opportunity for primary students to visit Chatham Grammar, and participate in a programme of six after school curriculum-based taster workshops; Art, Biology,

English, Music, Physics, Chemistry and Sports were on offer. The students participating were very enthusiastic and excited to learn, gaining a unique and personal insight into secondary education life.

Year 5 students from three of our partnership schools took part in the Stings and Things Science workshops on 7th and 13th July 2023 at CG. Approximately 180 students participated along with their teachers.

Dr Hargreaves, from the University of Kent's Bioscience Department, delivered the workshops supported by several fantastic UoK Ambassadors.

The students learnt about some of nature's stings and the PH scale, discovering and understanding what kinds of substances in their own environments are acidic and alkaline. The students were keen to get investigating, including mixing alkaline and acidic substances to create gradients of colour!



Medway Test (11+) Tuition Webinars

Chatham Grammar's FREE Medway Test (11+) Tuition webinars continue to support Year 5 students in their preparation for their test in September 2023. Over 270 students are registered to participate in the final series of webinars taking place in the summer break!

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>

House News

End of Term Celebration Assemblies

Our end of year celebration assemblies have celebrated our students for their contribution to Personal Tutoring activities, recognition of taking part in the academy community, and the subject stars. Well done to everyone that was nominated for an award. You are all fantastic!

In particular, the following students have been awarded the first House Participation Award by their Head of House for their contribution to Personal Tutor time, helping at charity events, and taking on leadership roles to support their house.

Angelou House - Akunnaya, Year 8

Kahlo House - Sophie, Year 9

Seacole House - Thia, Year 8

Sharman House - Hannah, Year 9

We also celebrated the overall winners for leadership points and sports day.

An epic well done to Sharman House who gained the most leadership points this term with 16,498 points. Last year, Sharman House came 4th overall so have really worked hard to move up into second place, and really challenged Seacole House for the House Leadership Points Trophy this year.

Term 6 Leadership Points

Seacole House - 42,870

Sharman House - 42,697

Angelou House - 41,288

Kahlo House - 39,236

Sharman House Charity Event



On Monday 3rd July 2023, Sharman House students raised a staggering £534 for the charity, Links Across Borders. The Sharman House students planned, organised, and ran various stalls with their Personal Tutor groups. On the day, students enjoyed wearing their own clothes and sampling the huge array of ice creams, lollipops, mocktails, homemade lemonade, sweets and cakes! Poolside lucky dip, raffles and games were also played. All students had a fantastic time!

If you would like to know more information about Links Across Borders, please follow the link: <https://linksacrossborders.org/>

Sports Day 2023



On Thursday 13th July 2023, students took part in the CG annual sports day competing in an array of athletics events which included 100m, 200m, 800m, hurdles, shot put, javelin, discus, long jump, high jump, 4 x 100m relay and 4 x 300m relay competition. All competitors displayed great sportspersonship and real determination to do their best!

Students that took part received ePraise points and those who were placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any event, including the relay, were awarded with medals and certificates from the PE Department.

All students had a great day, either taking part or cheering on their teams.

Here are the results:

Year 7

1st Place - Angelou House
2nd Place - Kahlo House
3rd Place - Sharman House
4th Place - Seacole House

Year 8

1st Place - Kahlo House
2nd Place - Angelou House

Year 9

1st Place - Kahlo House
2nd Place - Angelou House
3rd Place - Sharman House
4th Place - Seacole House

Year 10

1st Place - Seacole House
2nd Place - Kahlo House

3rd Place - Seacole House
4th Place - Sharman House

3rd Place - Sharman House
4th Place - Angelou House

Overall Results:



1st Place - Kahlo House
2nd Place - Angelou House
3rd Place - Seacole House
4th Place - Sharman House

Duke of Edinburgh Award

It has been another busy term for our students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE). Year 9 and Year 10 students have been working hard to complete their outstanding sections for Volunteering, Physical, and Skill. Good luck to our students who are finishing their sections over the summer!

Letters have been sent out inviting students to sign up for the next level of the Award in September 2023. Parents/carers will be able to sign their child up via ParentPay from Monday 4th September, and registration closes on Friday 15th September 2023.

Information assemblies for Year 8 students to start the Bronze Award took place this term, which has created a buzz for the new cohort wanting to start in September.

Congratulations to our Year 9 students who attended the DofE Cooking Elective which took place in our brand new Food Technology room, with external tutor Lisa Malone. Students who completed the Cooking Elective have completed the Bronze Skill section of the Award.

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who have completed all sections of the Bronze Award:

Alexis, Vivi, Racheal, Anna, Rachitha, Oluwafunmilola and Jessy!



We are excited to announce that the DofE Award Ceremony will be taking place on Thursday 12th October 2023. This event will be to celebrate DofE students from cohorts completing their Awards during 2021 to 2023. Further details regarding this event will be sent out by the DofE Team in Term 1.

Duncan Rand One Act Play Festival

Year 10 student, Libby, took part in the Duncan Rand One Act Play on Friday 7th July 2023.

The 50th anniversary of the festival took place at Medway Little Theatre in Rochester. Local amateur dramatic groups were invited to participate. This festival brings together local and international groups both new and familiar, producing original and published productions in the spirit of the friendly competition, which strives to raise standards, forge friendships, and to entertain the audience and participants alike.



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7 - 25 August 2023



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