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We're currently rolling out our re-brand to Chase Terrace Academy. From now on you'll find us @The_CTA_Way on Twitter. #TheCTAWay

Dear Families,

When I returned to school from the summer in September 2019, in my first year as Head of School, little did I realise quite what a year it would be.

Looking back now, I am so very proud of our staff, our students and their families for the way they have responded to every challenge in such a positive way.

Working remotely has been a challenge for us all and we have adapted quickly. Staff and students alike have worked together to find the best way to continue to deliver our curriculum and support students in many creative ways. Students have been extremely mature in their response to the new way of working and families have supported us throughout. Thank you all for your kindness and patience as we have worked our way through the unknown.

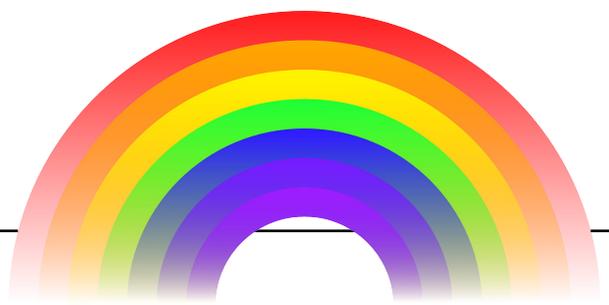
We have been working hard to support current year 6 students as they make the transition to us in September and have lots of virtual meetings set up to help our new families to feel confident and less anxious at the move. Starting secondary school is always a time of worry for children and this year, even more so. If you have friends who have children starting with us, please reassure them and tell them to get in touch with Ms Wilson and her team if they need anything or are concerned. For students preparing to take examinations next year, we are very mindful that they will need as much support as possible over the coming months. We have ensured that students in year 10 and 12 can be in school as much as physically possible in the last part of this term. Where staff have been unable to be in school, they have provided online lessons, with face to face contact in a slightly different way. Please be assured that we take this very seriously now, and will continue to work hard to reconnect when we have children back in school in September.

Finally, a special thank you must go to our students. We have had so many messages from our children that have been proud of their achievements with their home learning, or have shared messages of support and we have loved sharing these achievements. Our student leadership team has been an amazing support to us too and have been in school working on key priorities so we are ready for September. We are very proud of you all.

What this year has taught us is that we can achieve whatever we want. In the face of adversity, we have come through a very challenging time with our heads held high. We are ready for the next challenge. Have a lovely summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes, stay safe.

Ms Mason
Head of School





We're All In This Together

In case you missed it, we are delighted to share Chase Terrace Technology College in isolation!

Put together by our dedicated staff, whilst working from home and in school to support our students and families. We are all in this together! Please enjoy and share <https://youtu.be/YfAisFcBncg>

School Diversity Week

June was Pride month and as part of our celebrations we were excited to be taking part in this!

Chase Terrace Academy is committed to promoting inclusion and diversity and throughout the week of the 22nd-26th June, we shared ways to celebrate from home. This included LGBTQ+ themed tasks for some lessons as well as activities and resources to get involved with plus sharing of live events and talks from LGBTQ+ role models. Activities included designing a flag activity for Year 7, LGBTQ+ heroes, photo challenges, challenges to get baking with any rainbow/pride food creations as well as a Pride playlist to listen to <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6qvvmv16EeVOMkxhNAbBi?si=qb8-oNQeSYa9A0bV9kTOFw>. We have also launched an LGBTQ+ page on our website with useful links and information for young people and guardians <https://cttc.staffs.sch.uk/lgbtq.html> and a progress flag has now been placed at the entrance to CTA.



Climbing Challenge

Our PE team decided to take part in 'The Climbing Challenge' to help raise money for NHS Charities Together - supporting NHS staff and volunteers caring for Covid-19 patients.

The department invited students, parents, carers, staff and the whole school community to work as a team to stay active, stay healthy and have a little bit of fun. You had to climb any stairs or steps (within safe social distancing guidelines), keep count of how many times you went up and down to see if you could climb as high as Lichfield Cathedral, the Empire State Building or really go for it and conquer Mount Everest! To date, we have raised £445 for NHS Charities Together. Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lockdown-stair-climbing-challenge> for further information.



Mrs Tooth has just climbed the Eiffel Tower! "It took two days, I started last night; had a sleep and finished it off this morning. Snowdon is the next target, I'm guessing this climb could take a bit longer!"



Mr Williams-Chalmers "I have managed to climb the Castle Ring, but I'm now dressed & ready for an evening at the Burj Khalifa (we all need a little luxury right now) as I'm a third of the way to the top."



Mrs Ware has made it to the top of the Eiffel Tower.



Mr Swannell & his daughter have already climbed the Eiffel Tower - 300m!

In Memory of Stephen Sutton

Key worker students in school made bunting in memory of Stephen Sutton.

It was displayed at along the school gates for all to see.



Captain Tom

Key Worker students in school also created this piece of artwork for Captain Tom Moore to celebrate his 100th birthday.

We sent happy birthday wishes to him from all at Chase Terrace - a true inspiration to us all!



Chase Terrace Academy Lottery - Update!



The school lottery will continue over the summer with a draw taking place each Saturday evening.

The results will be posted on the Your School Lottery website at 8.00pm and you can also keep updated during the holidays by liking our lottery and fundraising Facebook page!

From all of us at Chase Terrace Academy, THANK YOU to those of you who have continued to support the lottery over the past year. We have had 68 draws to date and **£2,766** has been claimed in prize money by our winners! The total amount of money raised for school has reached **£3,688**, which will be reinvested in our school to support our students.

We have recently written out to parents of our new Year 7 cohort who will be joining us in September – welcome to Chase Terrace Academy and our school community. We really hope you get involved and sign up to support our lottery for a chance of winning! It's quick and easy to join and costs just £1 per week.

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chase-terrace-technology-college>

Congratulations to all of our winners this term and a special thank you to those who have generously donated their winnings back to school!

Click here to see an article on our lottery and School Improvement Fund, published in FundEd, Summer 2020 edition.



Year 10 English

Our year 10s have been getting on their soapboxes to air their views on a huge range of topics during lockdown, as they prepared for their GCSE English spoken language assessments.

The five-minute speeches covered all sorts of topics, ranging from fishing, drumming and football to the government's response to Coronavirus, the morality of the death penalty and the class divide in the UK. We had some fantastic speeches from our budding orators, with some delivered in school and some over Microsoft Teams. Well done year 10!



Poetry Competition

Year 7 pupils have been studying poetry from their homes during this half-term.

Many forms, devices and themes have been covered and online lessons have been recorded for pupils to access for support and engagement. A poetry competition has been set up by Mr Bradnick where pupils can submit their own poetry in the hope of being rewarded with 'The Best Poem' certificate in the final week of term. There have been some magnificent entries. The closing date was Monday 13th July and the winner was Jack Evans. You can read his poem below, well done Jack.

Lockdown

2020, the most bizarre of all years,
It will filled with concern, unknowing and many tears,
We all yearned for normality, the feeling of routine,
And yet we couldn't make any sense of this, what did it all mean?
I guess from my perspective, a 12 year old lad,
It meant more time for family and for that I'm extremely glad,
We often forget the true meaning of life and the love we should have for each other,
I know now more than ever how much I need my mum, dad and brother,
So out of all this heartache and confusion we all lie in,
I can only be thankful for the lessons this has taught me and for my new found knowledge to begin!

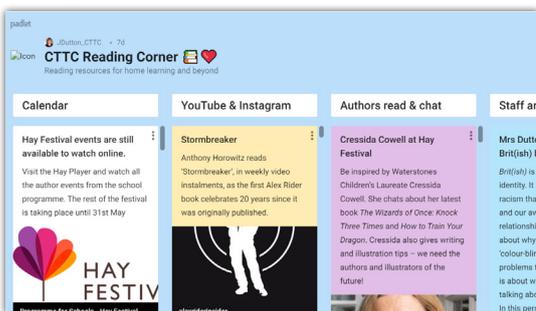
Year 7 AR Form Competition

Students have continued to engage with reading and quizzing during lockdown.

Congratulations to 7R who have collectively read 5,670,480 words during lockdown, winning the form competition for most words read.

Our Own Reading Corner

We now have our very own mini-website called the CTC Reading Corner, which is filled with lots of fantastic reading resources!



It's a great way to share reading resources with our students and encourage reading for pleasure. Visit https://padlet.com/jdutton_cttc/CTTC_readingcorner to find out more.

Year 10 students English Language in the Workplace

Careers Education is embedded across our school curriculum in all students lessons. Mrs Poppleton and Heads of Department have specific projects they plan together with Employers.

In 2019, we launched an employer project with our English Dept. and our Head of English Mrs Cowley and global law company 'KPMG'. This was a very competitive project with only two shortlisted students to be offered a one week work experience placement. We received applications from over 40 students who were then shortlisted to 12 students. These students were offered a day with staff at their Corporate offices in Birmingham. In addition KPMG then offered 3 work experience placements and they have also done some Mentoring and Coaching with some other students. Sadly due to lock down, both had to be cancelled but on Friday 26th June, all 12 students met virtually with staff from KPMG to listen to a panel of inspirational staff who shared their careers journeys and gave insights into their working days and some great tips and advice. This is about to be launched again with current Year 10 students so we are looking forward to seeing the applications come in.

Awards
KPMG ranked in the top 2 overall in Consultancy Rankings 2009 by OpRisk & Compliance – in recognition of KPMG's experience in risk management.

In 2011, the company was ranked second on the World's Best Outsourcing Advisors – in recognition of the firm's depth of experience, global reach and holistic approach. That same year, the company was inducted into Working Mother Hall of Fame after being honored for 15 years as one of Working Mother magazine's 100 Best Companies for Working Mothers. KPMG was ranked number 13 in Consulting Magazine's Best Firms to Work for in 2016.

In 2017, KPMG was ranked 29th on Fortune list of 100 best companies to work for. That same year, KPMG, along with PwC, Deloitte, and PA Consulting Group, were among the UK's 25 top companies to work for.

Fantastic Technology Work

Students have been working hard and completed extra technology work at home during lockdown.

Extra practical work including baking and making monsters has all been completed by students over the last few months whilst being at home. Well done to all students involved!



Student Holly Stokes has also been working really hard in lockdown, not only completing all her Technology work but also learning new skills. She has been making items both by hand as well as on a laser cutter (pictured left).

Amazing Artwork

Well done to Jessica Neill who created this great piece of artwork!

Year 9 students were tasked with designing a comic book strip/front cover as a final piece based upon the work they had been doing on superheroes this term.



Baking Bread

Students baked challah bread whilst at home, as an additional challenge to their GCSE Judaism work, specifically Shabbat.

They look absolutely amazing and how lovely to see them putting their knowledge into practice.



Baked by Amy-Louise Beddows

More great baking by another GCSE student

Staff Focus - Hello & Welcome, Thank you & Goodbye

As we come to the end of another academic year and what has turned out to be another busy, yet strange and unprecedented term, we turn our attention to September and we are excited to welcome new staff who will be joining our school community. But we also have to say goodbye to our colleagues who will be retiring or moving on to pastures new.

Thank you & Good Bye - to the following staff who have made significant contributions to Chase Terrace Academy and who have been truly outstanding. Their presence will be much missed, but we wish them all the best as they leave us for new adventures:-

- Mr Douglas – Head of Department – Design & Technology (Retiring after 12 years)
- Mrs Ware – PE Teacher (Retiring after 31 years)
- Mary Gardner – Student Support Officer
- Molly Hughes – Apprentice Receptionist (Going to study pharmacology at Nottingham Trent University)
- Dannie Somers – Data Assistant (Maternity Cover)
- Mr Summers – District Inclusion Support Officer (Temporary Contract)
- Mr Royston – Cover Teacher (Taking up a new post in one of our partner schools in Germany)

Mrs Gardner said *“I am moving to The Virtual School in Staffordshire, as a Mentor for Looked after Children; an exciting and challenging opportunity I am looking forward to. I have loved my time at CT, working with all the staff, students and parents. I will miss you all”*

Hello & Welcome - in September we will welcome the following new staff and we wish them luck in their new role with us, especially the newly qualified teachers who will be starting their teaching career with us in September:-

- Mr Williams-Chalmers – MFL Teacher
- Miss Pickerill – English Teacher
- Miss Wilson – PE Teacher
- Miss Vivian – PE Teacher
- Mr Cartman – Maths Teacher
- Mrs Bone – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Daily – Psychology Teacher (Maternity Cover)
- Mrs Sawford-Dovey – Lunchtime Supervisor
- Mrs Crompton – Lunchtime Supervisor
- Mr Lewis – Lunchtime Supervisor

Miss Vivian has said, *“I am delighted to be pursuing my teaching career at Chase Terrace Academy in September and I am looking forward to meeting all members of the school.”*

Miss Wilson also said, *“I am excited to start my teaching career at Chase Terrace Academy in September and I can't wait to meet everyone.”*

Baby News!

Despite Covid-19, 2019/20 has been an exciting year for us at CTA as colleagues have welcomed new additions into their families. In the Autumn term, Teacher of Computer Science, Mrs Swanston gave birth to baby boy, Xander on 20 October and SIMS Data Assistant, Jasmine Forbes gave birth to a baby girl, Dakota on 7 December. Mrs Swanston and Miss Forbes have both recently returned to school from maternity leave and we wish them a smooth transition back. In March, Mr Wood, our D&T Technician also became a dad for the first time. Best wishes also to PE Teacher, Mr Barter who became a dad to Sophie Louise who was born on 12 July weighing 7lb 14 oz. We are also eagerly awaiting news from Mrs Hartley (Art) as her baby is due very soon!

Good Luck!

Congratulations to the following staff who will be taking on new roles or additional responsibilities within school and we wish them the very best of luck in September:

- Mr Tennant – Head of Department – D&T
- Mrs Goodall – Attendance Assistant (also continuing with her SSO role)
- Mr Lloyd – Temporary Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Maternity Cover)
- Mr Barter – Second in Department for PE

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**Building a brighter future
for a better tomorrow**

We are inviting students, staff, families and the wider community to paint a brick. These will then be assembled in the school memorial garden as a tribute to loved ones and our community.

Taylor Wimpey

In partnership with Taylor Wimpey who have kindly donated the bricks.

We're all in this together