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where we will keep you updated on lots of exciting activities and events taking place at CTA as well as within the PE department and the CTA Library.

What a fantastic and generous community Chase Terrace is!

Staff at Chase Terrace Academy started a foodbank and made an appeal for food donations and essential toiletries that could then be distributed to those most currently in need.

Collections started on Monday 9 November, where the Achievement For All students were on hand to accept donations at a safe distance, which were then organised into groups of foods and essentials so that it was easier to create food parcels. 30 full bags of food were donated by students and Chase Terrace families in the first week including a donations by Matt Windle: Poet with a Punch. A huge donation came in from local business Bradshaws, plus Spar of Rugeley (Blakemores) sent a voucher for £40. Women's Christian Union (In memory of Jackie Frost) donated £250 in Morrison's vouchers and toiletry donations, whilst Cannock Ladies Hockey Club made a substantial donation of 10 food parcels. Burntwood Businesses donated £250 in vouchers that will be used to support our families and Dave Burton, Store Manager at Tesco in Rugeley delivered a significant food parcel to school. We would also like to thank past pupil and store manager, Tracey Greatreax from The Coop at Swan Island who contacted the school to offer support with food donations and essentials and Ruth Forster from local business, Wagstaff and Valyou Recruitment who have also donated items. Achievement for All students and students from our sixth form then packed and created parcels throughout the week ready to be delivered by Anne Mason, a Covid trained driver. We also launched a Christmas present donation appeal with the aim to collect presents for students between the ages of 5 and 16. Presents were wrapped and will all be going to good homes. Thank you so much to everybody who has contributed to this fantastic cause - it is greatly appreciated.



We are receiving donations all the time therefore this information is only correct at the time of going to print.



Team Work Makes the Dream Work

School life has been a bit of roller coaster for the last 12 months but Chase Terrace Academy staff have worked hard to make sure that our students stay on track.

Staff have adapted to the challenges and we are now seeing a range of remote learning taking place on a daily basis in homes and classrooms.

Where students are self-isolating at home, staff are using Microsoft Teams to deliver remotely at the time of their lesson or pre-recording lessons for them to tackle as and when they can. In some cases, we have a mixture of students isolating and some in school and, again, staff have found a solution and are delivering both live in class and remotely at the same time (expertly modelled by Ms Scholes pictured left).

Our staff have even gone so far as to remote into school when they have been forced to self-isolate at home and you can see Miss Roach in the corner of the screen below delivering to her Y13 class in school whilst she is at home. We could not be prouder of the determination, enthusiasm and passion with which our staff tackle their job every day but their efforts during this time have gone over and above.



CTA Scoops Cash Award from Community Group

We have been awarded £2938.50 from the Burntwood Rotary which has been used to purchase four water cooling stations, which have been installed at key locations around the school site.

As well as water coolers, the school has been able to purchase and provide every student with their own eco-friendly, reusable water bottle which forms part of the school's commitment to the environment, health and well-being. Head of School, Ms Mason said, "We have a strong partnership with Burntwood Rotary and I'm thrilled that our student leadership team have worked so successfully with them to make this project happen. The funding is particularly welcome, as many of our fundraising events have been put on hold due to Covid-19. The money has enabled us to provide our students with fresh chilled drinking water, which has been difficult since the pandemic due to sinks becoming exclusively for hand washing. We are very much looking forward to supporting Burntwood Rotary in more projects in the future".

In providing reusable drinking bottles to their students, the Burntwood School has reduced the use of non-reusable plastics, contributing to its aim of being an eco-friendly school. The new bottles are made from BPA-free plastic, which are better for our health and help to reduce the plastic burden on landfills, oceans, streams and other places that plastic waste ends up.

President of Burntwood Rotary Club, Tony Spencer commented, "As a non-profit community organisation



representing business and professionals in Burntwood, we raise around £12,000 a year for charitable causes in the local area. I am delighted that we have been able to support Chase Terrace Academy with this initiative. And it's pleasing to know that we have played a small part in reducing the carbon footprint of the school.

Academy Business Manager, Selina Morgan said, "The water coolers have been supplied by AquaAid who donate a proportion of their revenue to charity, benefitting children in Africa. Knowing that we are not only improving our student's health and well-being but we are also helping to save lives in the Third World makes this project even more gratifying".

Lottery Update

Another term and our school lottery continues to flourish, raising much needed funds for Chase Terrace Academy.

In these strange times, the lottery's fundraising has become more important than ever and as it's an online platform and requires no face-to-face interaction, it's perfect for generating income in a world with social distancing and other coronavirus precautions.



Take a look at what our lottery has achieved so far:-

- * 100 Supporters
- * 158 Tickets in the draw each week
- * 40% of ticket sales go to Chase Terrace Academy
- * 89 Draws to date
- * £4,862.40 raised to date
- * £3,649.50 claimed in prize money
- * £3,286 annual funds raised
- * Match all 6 numbers in sequence to win £25K Jackpot
- * A ticket costs £1 per week and includes entry into two draws every week
- * Anyone 16yrs and over can play

The weekly guaranteed cash prize currently stands at £45.90, but this will increase as more supporters come on board. Wouldn't it be good if we could get this up to £100 per week! Please spread the word and continue to tell friends and family about it.

Lottery Gift Vouchers

Fancy treating someone special to something a little different? We've got just the thing! Christmas shopping isn't easy this year, but we have a perfect solution – **Lottery Gift Vouchers!** For every £5 gift voucher we sell, Chase Terrace Academy receives £2 and the recipient gets 5 chances to win £25,000! But not only do you have the chance to win a cash prize, you'll also be helping to raise money for your school. Gift vouchers start from just £5 and include your choice of colour and a personal message. To buy one go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/gift>



Another Double Jackpot!

The second draw which takes place every week is for the big prize of £25,000 and already this year, 8 people from different schools across the UK have scooped £25k each! You may think that jackpots are few and far between, but it's happened again! Back in January there were two jackpot winners in one draw, and the same thing happened again last week. Not one but two lucky players scooped the big prize - they won £25,000 each!



Wow, we've now reached 300 'likes'.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Facebook page. Please make sure you also 'follow' the page so that you see the content and updates posted by us on our news feed and you are kept informed about our activities, events and fundraising. You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Chase-Terrace-Academy-104386787693756/>



This term, Your School Lottery is giving away a **Nintendo Switch Mega bundle** – all new supporters who sign up by 19 December will be entered into the competition to win.



To join the school lottery, scan the QR code or go click on the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chase-terrace-academy>

Praise Breakfast

A number of Year 7 students were invited to a Praise Breakfast in the library.

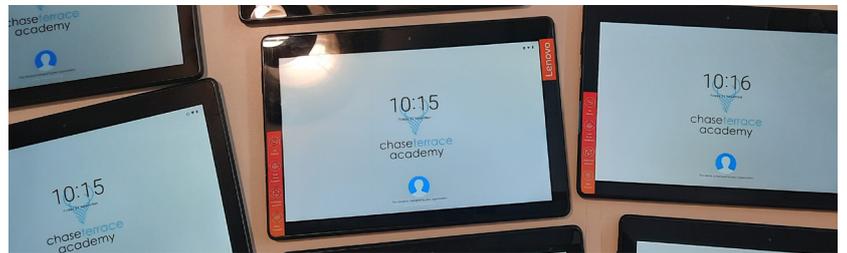
During the summer, students had the opportunity to complete a 'Summer Reading Challenge' or a 'Getting Ready for English at CTA' activity sheet. For those students that completed one of these (or both) a praise breakfast was organised in the library. Well done to you all!



Accelerated Reader

AR is a fantastic programme which provides us with an accurate reading age for each student so that they can read books suitable to their ability while also challenging them.

We have been really impressed with how well Year 7 have settled into the programme so far this term and we're pleased that some of our students are already Word Millionaires! They have been presented with a certificate to celebrate their achievement. As well as being an important part of our whole school approach to Literacy, which benefits students in all subjects, we also like to reward student's achievements throughout the year. Every term a box of chocolates and the Accelerated Reader trophy is presented to the form group who has collectively read the most words. So far this term, Year 7 have read a staggering 19,759,309 words. At the end of the school year the boy and girl who have read the most words are awarded with a Kindle Fire tablet! The Library has also purchased 12 new tablets to support with Accelerated Reader which students can use to take their book quizzes. This year we have purchased new books and expanded our AR programme to include Year 8 as well! We are looking forward to receiving our new books to support students with their reading.



Accelerated Reader Champions

Congratulations to two of our Year 8 students who have each been awarded a Kindle Fire for the most words read in their Accelerated Reader during last year!

Between them they read a staggering 15,934,789 words! We have two more up for Kindles available this school year for our next two top readers... who will be our next winner?



Donated Books

Thank you to one of our Year 9 students who donated lots of lovely books to our school library.

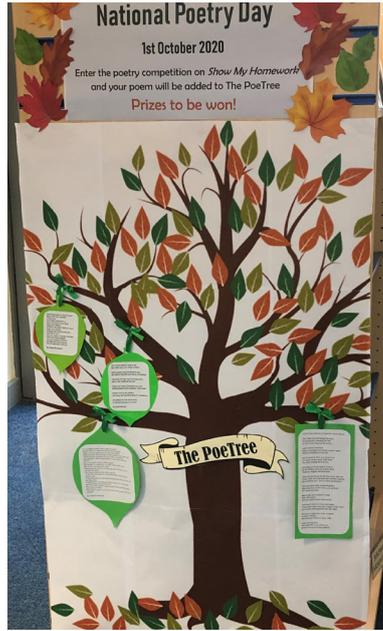
We are always grateful for any book donations so that we can expand our existing collection even further. If anybody would like to donate any books, please contact r.bynt@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk



National Poetry Day!

To celebrate, we encouraged students to 'Share A Poem'.

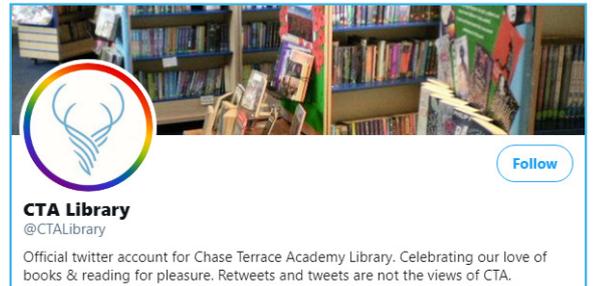
A competition was posted on Show My Homework inviting students to write a poem on the theme 'Vision'. Every entry was then proudly displayed on our PoeTree with two winners chosen.



@CTALibrary

The Library at CTA now have their own twitter account.

Follow them to stay updated on lots of exciting activities and events taking place in the library from new books, displays, competitions, AR and anything else that promotes our love of reading!



New LGBTQ+ Books

The student leadership team LGBTQ+ representative helped select the books that we purchased.

The books were bought with funding from the charity "Just Like Us", an LGBTQ+ youth charity; we worked with them towards the end of last year to run a virtual pride week.



Young People's Book Prize 2020

This prestigious book prize promotes literacy and encourages young people to read about science.

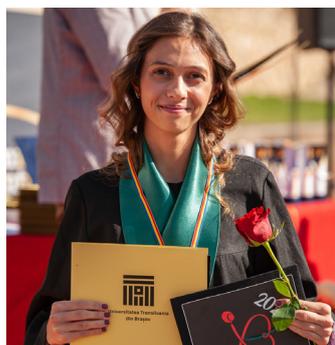
A group of 5 students with an interest in science were chosen by Ms Groom to join a science book club organised by Mrs Dutton in the library. Students are required to read 6 books which are shortlisted by The Young People's Book Prize, submit reviews on each book and choose their favourite. The shortlist is chosen by an adult judging panel but the prize is unique in that the winner is chosen young people at schools up and down the country. We are really pleased to have been able to add some excellent, accessible STEM books to our library and excited to see if our students chosen favourite will win the award.



Match Referee Champion

Congratulations to student, Teigan Clamp who has been awarded Grassroots Match Official of the year by Staffordshire FA.

Tiegan put in many hours of match refereeing and training, working towards this award and was chosen out of over 1000 referees. This is brilliant news – really well done!



Former Student Qualifies as Doctor

Maria, a student from Romania who took her A-Levels at CTA, always wanted to be a doctor, above all else.

She emailed her former teacher to tell them all about her exciting future ahead and we wish her every luck in her future career.



Cambridge University

Congratulations to former student Jack Hollingworth.

Pictured left is a photo of Jack at his enrolment ceremony at Cambridge University. We wish you every success!



KPMG Work Experience

Following the success of the pilot project in 2019 with global company KPMG, we were delighted to run this project again with Year 10.

With a deadline of the end of July 2020, Year 10 students were invited to apply by submitting a CV and a letter of application to express their interest and why should they be chosen for this prestigious one week work experience opportunity at the KPMG Corporate office in Birmingham in 2021. There were 4 students who were successfully shortlisted and interviewed. The shortlisted students were, Caitlin Hamill, Luke Matheson, Kirsten Payne and Sophie Griffin. There were two phases to the day in September with students being paired to plan and deliver a presentation and then an individual interview with a panel of judges. The title they were given by Peter Workman partner of KPMG to prepare a presentation was 'The impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on the UK and Global Economy will be wide ranging and long lasting. Which businesses will thrive and which will struggle in the post-COVID19 'New Reality'?

The panel were extremely impressed with all 4 candidates who were clearly very well prepared and delivered some excellent presentations. They all interviewed very well, making this very hard on the judges to make a decision! It was very close but in the end Pete Workman chose Luke Matheson for this opportunity which Luke was absolutely delighted with well done!

Congratulations to all of you for putting yourself forward for this lucrative opportunity. We look forward to hearing how you get on next year Luke!

Sport at Chase Terrace Academy



CTA Interform Competition

Many thanks to all of our KS3 students who participated in our interform competitions over the last 2 weeks.

It was great to see such fantastic effort and team work being demonstrated by all students.

@CTA_PE

The PE Department at CTA now have their own twitter account.

Follow them to stay updated on lots of exciting activities and events taking place within the department regarding interform, fixtures and general information about PE.



PE Award

PE are awarding an All Stars Award to students who have shown good effort, team work, helping others and progress in all sports.

Students receive a praise postcard, an AP and their names are displayed on a poster within the PE department. Congratulations to all the students who have been chosen so far this term.



Sixth Formers Craft Morning

Miss Perks worked with a number of Sixth Form students to create some stunning artwork.

In order to take a more experimental approach to their exploration of the fragility of womanhood and female identity in modern society, Sixth Form students spent a Tuesday morning being innovative with contemporary crafts inspired by artist Jennifer Collier.

New House System Update

This year as a school, we are launching our new and exciting House System and we have recently announced the names of the Houses, as decided by our student leadership team.

Every student and staff member in the school have been assigned to one of the following three Houses:



Elk

Fallow

Brocket

These names were chosen as the students wanted to keep with the identity of the school and felt they were unique.

The students have recently taken part in our House logo competition and we have been so impressed with all the entries that we have had. The winning students will play an active role in helping to professionally design the official House logos, which will be used for years to come.

In the spring term, students will be given the opportunity to apply to be House captains and deputy House captains and will play an active role in organising competitions and being the representative of their House.

Please keep an eye out for more exciting updates throughout the academic year and if you do have any ideas that you would like to share, please come and see me.

Miss Clenton

Staff Focus

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

New Appointments

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:

- Mr Andrews - Head of Art
- Mrs Hughes – Intervention Teacher (English)
- Mrs Williams – English Teacher (Maternity Cover)
- Mrs Volkova – Science Technician
- Mrs Revill – Resources Technician

Leavers

Thank you and goodbye 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 Marinkovic - Head of Art
- Mr Flint – Teacher of Maths



Baby News Congratulations

- Congratulations to Mrs Pearce (D&T Teacher)
- Mrs Hammond-White (English Teacher)
- We wish Mrs Dutton (Library Resource Centre) all the best as she starts her maternity leave in the new year

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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

Coming in the New Year!

In January we will be launching an exciting art project for the whole school community to get involved in.

We have teamed up with Taylor Wimpey and will be inviting everyone to paint a brick to make their time during the pandemic. Watch this space!

A quick snapshot of what has been happening at Chase Terrace Academy this term...

Science Lessons

Year 10 students taking part in a microbiology lesson practicing aseptic techniques.



Anti-Bullying Week

CTA were proud to promote anti-bullying week from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November 2020.

Red Card to Racism

One of our Year 10 students invited staff & students to wear red to show support to our Red Card to Racism awareness event. Thank you to all who took part.



New Uniform

Year 8 student leaders looking very smart in their new uniform.



Welcome back to all our students

It was great to see our sixth form students looking exceptionally smart and professional starting back in September. Year 7 students also had a fantastic start to our new school year with exceptional behaviour!

