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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.

Community Rallies to Support Chase Terrace Academy

We are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of our community.



Last term we were very fortunate to take delivery of 10 iPads and 21 laptops kindly donated by St John's Community church and community organisation, 'Burntwood Be A Friend'. These valuable resources have made a real difference in helping us to support our students and families with home learning.

House System Logo Reveal

There is an exciting, new house system being launched. All year groups and staff members have now been allocated a house!

There are three houses consisting of: **Brocket**, **Fallow**, and **Elk** and who identify with the school's local area and the community which we pride ourselves on. This term there has been a fierce competition to design the logos for each house, with the standards being set by the students being hugely impressive. With this in mind, we would like to say thank you for all the fantastic responses within the competition, making it extremely hard to choose only 5 winners! We would like to congratulate the winners of the House Logo competition as listed below whose logos will be used to brand the School's Houses for years to come: Isobel and Annabel (Year 7), Archie (Year 8), Liya (Year 10) and Zayna (Year 10).

More upcoming news including the introduction of a student and staff house committee, with the roles of Heads of House and House Captains will be developed over the Spring Term. These roles will include being the voice for your house, organising more competitions and community work; so, make sure you keep your eyes peeled for updates for your chance to get involved. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for the new house system, we would love to hear your ideas so please contact Miss Clenton.
By Jessica Johnson



CTA Foodbank

The support we have received for the Foodbank, both from the local community and businesses has been humbling.

Over Easter we received substantial cash donations from Burntwood Lions and St Johns Church together with over 200 Easter Eggs from Tesco Rugeley and our own students. With these donations our Foodbank is particularly well stocked, however, we gratefully continue to receive all donations via our main reception. Anyone requiring further information can telephone reception on our main landline 01543 682286 or email office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk, where our staff shall endeavour to assist.

Pre prepared Foodbank parcels can be collected discreetly from the main reception by contacting the number above. Alternatively, an arrangement can be made to come into school on Monday afternoons between 3.15 & 4.15 to shop for yourself in 15-minute timeslots. Our doors are open and please get in touch if you are feeling the burden of financial hardship.

By George Calver.



Chase Terrace Academy Test Centre

Our 'Test Centre Superheroes' completed 3,924 lateral flow tests – supporting students and staff with the safe return to face to face education from 8 March.

We would like to express sincere thanks to our wonderful school community for participating in the programme, to the parents and carers for completing consent forms so promptly, students who attended and participated with exemplary behaviour, but in particular, thank you to our wonderful team of community volunteers who have supported with mass testing.

Home Testing

We strongly support that as a school community, we must use all of the tools available to us to combat the transmission of COVID-19. These tools range from vaccination, symptomatic testing, improving medicines, self-isolation regulations and non-pharmaceutical interventions like hands-face-space. Asymptomatic testing is a further and critical tool to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Students are provided with home test kits and should complete a self-test every Sunday and Wednesday. All results, regardless of being positive, negative or void should be reported to school and NHS Test and Trace via the QR code. Full details about home testing is available at <https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/covid-19-testing/>





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.



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

We're all in this together

Building a Brighter Future for a Better Tomorrow

Last term we launched our community lockdown project in partnership with Taylor Wimpey, West Midlands. We invited everyone in the school community to help us mark the Covid-19 pandemic by painting a brick.

You didn't disappoint! We have had an amazing response from our wonderful students, families, staff and community and we have been inspired by your creative talents!

We've even had some press coverage. On 22 January, we received a visit from Angie Price, Sales and Marketing Director at Taylor Wimpey, West Midlands and the Express & Star sent their photographer along to capture some of the key worker students painting their bricks.

Ms Mason said,

"We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Taylor Wimpey and excited to launch this project during what I hope will be our final lockdown. We hope that our amazing community will get behind us. We want them to help us record this extraordinary event and help us to create a meaningful legacy for Covid-19". This is a feel-good project which I hope will inspire people to get creative and get painting. Some may wish to pay tribute to the NHS and key workers, remember a loved one or simply reflect how they have spent their time during the pandemic".

Angie Prince, Sales and Marketing Director at Taylor Wimpey West Midlands, said,

"Supporting the local communities around our developments is extremely important to us and we are so excited to be a part of this project. It has been a difficult time for the local families and schools so this is a great way to bring everyone together and get creative. We look forward to seeing the finished wall in the school's memorial garden."

We are loving seeing the bricks coming in, take a look at some of them. We are starting to turn our attention to building the memorial wall, which will be assembled in the school memorial garden. We are aiming to do this sometime during the Summer term. Taylor Wimpey have agreed to come back to help us and we hope to involve some of our students in the design and building... watch this space!

There's still time to paint a brick – anyone wishing to take part in the art lockdown project can collect a brick from the school office Monday to Friday between 8.30am – 3.30pm. Painted bricks should be returned back to the school no later than Tuesday 4 May.



Pupils put art into lockdown wall
Newspaper clipping with photo of students painting a brick.

In the News!

Did you spot our photo in the Express & Star on 26 January? Great coverage of our school community art initiative.



For more information and a template, please scan the QR code or click on the link to the school website: https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Brick_Project_08.01.21.pdf



Lottery Celebrates Two Milestones! Our 100th Draw and 2nd Birthday!

More amazing milestones for our school lottery this last half term as we had our 100th draw on 20th February! The lucky winner was Mrs Wilson who won £50.40. Plus, 30th March marked the 2nd anniversary of our very first draw!

We are continually grateful to everyone who has purchased a ticket. You are helping to raise much needed funds for school as 40% of all ticket sales come back to Chase Terrace Academy. We love seeing who has won each week and we hope that you have all had a win at some point over the past two years! Fingers crossed that we will eventually have a jackpot winner from Chase Terrace Academy collecting the £25,000, which is available to be won every week! Congratulations to some of our recent winners:

03/04/21 - A Crowder won £48.60 10/04/21 - A Mason won £47.40 17/04/21 - N Hughes won £47.70
27/03/21 - V Elliott won £48.90 20/03/21 - P Parsons won £48.30 13/03/21 - S Edgar won £47.40

And a huge THANK YOU to Mr Bowen who kindly donated his winnings back to school.



Win 1 of 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards

It's DIY season, and we're giving away not one but FIVE £100 B&Q Gift Cards. Support your school lottery before 5th June for your chance to win. Tickets cost just £1 a week, and all profits go towards school funds.

Good luck! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/#offer-home-block>

Did you know? - take a look at what our lottery has achieved so far.

- 99 Supporters
- 162 Tickets in the draw each week
- 40% of ticket sales go to Chase Terrace Academy
- 108 Draws to date
- £6,063.60 raised to date
- £4,550.40 claimed in prize money
- £3,370 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 £47.70, but this will increase as more supporters come on board. Wouldn't it be good if we could get the weekly prize up to £100 per week! If more supporters join this is possible!

Please spread the word and continue to tell friends and family about it.



Wow, we've now reached 570 '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 will notice that we have widened the scope of the Facebook page as an additional way of communicating with our school community. We will keep you updated on all the news and activities from Chase Terrace Academy. You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Chase-Terrace-Academy-104386787693756/>



If you haven't signed up to support the lottery yet, you can join at any time. Its really quick and easy – you can scan the QR code or click on the link below:

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

Form Photography Challenge

New theme each week.
This is a creative way to get involved and document your time during lockdown. More information can be found on SMT. You will submit one photograph a week. This is optional and is a great way to express yourself whilst at home.

How to be successful with your submission?

- Be creative
- We are looking for the unusual
- Zoom into the object
- Take the photograph from an unusual angle
- Add a filter - experiment with the contrast
- Change the background and white

Prizes Available

At Chase Terrace we are extremely proud of our photography course. This is an opportunity for you to get involved and showcase your photography skills. In a Level photography we explore how to make the ordinary appear extraordinary through photography.

Important Notice
Under no circumstances should you be in the photograph. Ensure that there is no one in the background of your photograph.
Be safe
Be respectful.

Photography Challenge

During lockdown the Art department launched an exciting photography competition for the Year 8 students.

The engagement and submissions from the students have been fantastic. There has been some great prizes up for grabs and loads of praise postcards have been sent home.

This has been a great way for the students to be creative and document their time during lockdown. It has been an excellent opportunity for the students to learn about key aspects of photography techniques and inform them about the outstanding A Level photography course we have here at Chase Terrace Academy.

Individual Theme winners.



(Toys)
8H Connor



(Toys)
8M Harry



(Pattern)
8O Kian



(Contrast)
8H Jason



(Nature)
8H Archie

Holocaust Memorial Day

Mr Lloyd and the rest of the History department would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents and carers who participated in this year's Holocaust Memorial Day.

After immense positive feedback from the community, all we can say is thank you for taking the time to bear witness to Eve Kugler BEM's eyewitness testimony and for all of the questions you sent in. Whilst lockdown prohibited students from gathering in Lees Hall as usual to watch the commemorative event, Mr Lloyd organised for the webcast to be live streamed to homes on Wednesday 27th January for our Year 9 students instead. This not only gave students a glimpse into a past that could happen again should we not heed mankind's mistakes, but also coincided with their school studies on the rise of Hitler, the Holocaust and World War II as part of the history curriculum.

This year's theme for Holocaust Memorial Day was to 'be the light in the darkness' - an incredibly apt call to kindness we marked together in these testing times, 80 years after the tragedies of the Holocaust occurred in Nazi Germany. Eve's story was one of courage, kindness, and unwavering hope for the future, and as Chase Terrace Academy secured a place to watch and hear her story of survival with the Holocaust Educational Trust, we know that each of our students will now go into society as witnesses - ready to challenge prejudice and persecution, and stand up for what is right.

LGBTQ+ History Month

Showing our support of the LGBTQ+ community this February at CTA!

For many, LGBTQ+ History Month represents a number of things, and at Chase Terrace Academy, this February, we encouraged our students to show their unity and support to those worth celebrating! Students were actively invited to celebrate this month by taking part in weekly activities and online lessons at home. Notably, we learned of the key figures who held a significant impact in this history, read many books within the genre and dedicated a whole week looking at the history of flags as symbols of pride and identity within the LGBTQ+ community. Even better, here at the school we even put up some flags to help show our solidarity with our wider community! A special thanks goes to Mr Cooper and the student leadership team LGBTQ+ representatives who contributed tremendously to these celebrations and to the students who so enthusiastically took part. Stay supportive!

By Evie Hollowood





Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to all the students who have worked hard and shown outstanding dedication in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh awards!

The Duke of Edinburgh award programme is a life-changing experience in which, this year, many students at Chase Terrace Academy have been involved in. The programme grants students the opportunity to learn and develop a facet of essential skills, and this year, despite the current climate, an outstanding number of students have come forward and successfully achieved their goals!

Led by Mrs Pickin, she wishes to congratulate the current Y11 students who have completed their Bronze Awards during the very difficult times of Covid-19. The virus determined that a lot of students had to change their original activities from volunteering in the local community to volunteering for family at home. Physical activities had to be changed to incorporate their daily walk within their local area and their Final Expedition was moved from the Long Mynd to Cannock Chase, with their camp craft assessed in school as overnight camping was a no go. It is in good news that a number of these students have made the decision to continue to the next level of Silver, so we keep our fingers crossed that they will manage to complete their expedition closer to the summer as planned. We wish all Silver students good luck with their new level!

A second congratulations goes out to our Y12 students who have successfully completed their Silver award. Likewise, their activities were also changed to accommodate the new, challenging rules, meaning the students spent three days at Cannock Chase and not out in the Peak District as planned. Yet despite these contests, we still wish those students a massive well done for showing complete dedication and commitment!

We now wish a huge good luck to the current cohort Y9 and Y10 students who are looking forward to completing their Bronze Award, and as always we will keep you updated with their progress.

Finally, Mrs Pickin would like to thank the volunteer leaders working with the unit, whose support during these times has been paramount. A particular thanks, however, goes to Dylan who has supported with all online virtual meetings and set up all the virtual training sessions enabling the programme to continue successfully throughout the Pandemic.

Any students in school that are not already involved with Duke of Edinburgh, and would love to join in, are invited to have a conversation with Mrs Pickin, who will be found in the Y7 Office, or can be contacted through the email s.pickin@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

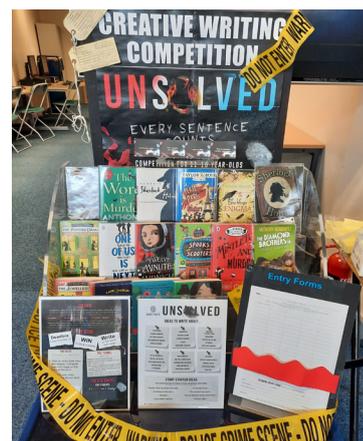
By Evie Hollowood

Creative Writing Competition

Students have the opportunity to enter a fantastic creative writing competition run by Young Writers.

The competition is open to all students aged between 11 and 18. To enter, students need to write a mini saga (a story told in just 100 words), inspired by the crime and mystery genre! More information is available from the library, along with entry forms plus a brilliant selection of crime and mystery books which can be loaned out to read for inspiration!

The deadline is Friday 21st May and all entries should be handed in at the library desk. This is a fabulous competition with a cash prize and a trophy to be won!



Carnegie Reading Group

Chase Terrace Academy is proud to have a Carnegie group, who are students which have an enthusiasm for reading and enjoy discussing literature, which meet every Friday with Mrs Elliott in the library.

Among discussions on classic literature texts such as Jane Eyre, recently the group has explored the book 'Why I'm No Longer Talk to White People about Race' by Reni Eddo-Lodge which is in light of the current BLM movements which has been seen globally. As the name suggest, the group also read the Carnegie shortlist which upon discussion has led to the firm favourite being 'Black Flamingo' by Dean Atta.

As well as the analysis of the book 'Why I'm No Longer Talk to White People About Race', three students presented to the group on the topic of systematic racism, white privilege, and the origins of racism across the world. In addition to the inspired investigations of the shortlisted texts, the students examine literature more generally. For example, their recent exploration has been into the power of the introduction of books. We are honoured to have individuals who have an interest in discussions, reading and educating their peers, well done Carnegie group!

By Jessica Johnson



Our new Carnegie books for 2021!

Reading Challenge

During lockdown, students had the opportunity to enter a reading challenge to win one of three £10 Amazon gift vouchers.

The challenges included listening to an audio book, reading aloud with somebody, reading in an unusual place, reading a magazine as well as many other challenges. Students then emailed photos of their completed challenges to school. The draw took place on World Book Day with 3 lucky winners being chosen. Here are some of the great entries.



New Books in the Library

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently invested in a substantial amount of new books for the school library.

This is a great addition to our existing collection and will further support Year 7 and 8 students with their Accelerated Reader.



@CTALibrary

Follow the CTA Library twitter account.

Stay updated on activities and events taking place in the library from new books, displays, competitions, AR and anything else that promotes our love of reading!



Sport at Chase Terrace Academy



PE Department Update

The PE department recently tweeted how the students at Chase Terrace Academy are 'Getting back into the swing of things' with students finally able to take part in team sports such as netball, hockey, basketball, rugby and of course football.



Students now have access to the sports hall, opening up extracurricular, covid safe activities such as Boxercise, yoga, and boxing. These activities are there for all students to enjoy so please come along and partake, it will blow away the lock down cobwebs and allow socialisation in a safe and fun environment. In addition to this, those students not able to attend can partake via Teams as the link is posted on SMHW each week.

By George Calver



Training with Wayne



Year 10 Netball Training Bubble



Boxercise with Year 9 and Pete Woollard

Gary Neville Interview

Sixth former George Calver had the privilege to interview Gary Neville via Facetime last month.

George, who is hoping to study Football Journalism at university next year, was chosen by Gary Neville and the UA92 team to have an informal chat about Manchester United, Gary's role at Salford City FC, sports commentating, and Gary's new role as chair of the UA92 university in Manchester. George explained that Gary was extremely personable and seemed genuinely interested in his studies and career choices. The pair have exchanged contact details with Gary offering to introduce George to several of the Sky Football commentators and access to the Salford City FC journalism/media team, should George require it. All round an excellent achievement.



@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.



National Careers Week

Students, teachers and Mrs Poppleton were all involved in meeting with a range of careers professionals, employers and former students for them to interview, ask questions and share their career journeys and what advice would they give.

These videos can now be accessed on our website under the careers link. Many of these were recorded during February half term so thank you to staff and students who gave up their own time to support and get involved. The students involved were: George Year 12, Ruby Year 13, Sophie Year 13, Elan Year 9, Molly Year 9, Georgina Year 11, Scarlett Year 8, Mia Year 8, George Year 9, Mia Year 8 and Evie Year 9.



During National Careers Week itself we ran 70 live lessons that week with guests who were live streamed into lessons Year 7-13 for a 'Guess who' lesson. We had Employers, Entrepreneurs, Colleges, Universities, local businesses, global companies and those who were self-employed. A huge range of careers were covered and the feedback from our guests, staff and students was exceptional.

"Year 10, thank you for your excellent attendance and engagement this morning. You asked some fantastic questions and made a brilliant impression I am really proud of you all. If you have any further questions about university, please don't hesitate to ask. My own experience of my university degree and my masters was wonderful - I'd be happy to share them with you/advise further if you feel that would be helpful. They were both really great sessions and the students have been fab. I've thoroughly enjoyed it myself!"

Thank you to all who were involved and supported our school community.

Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our website for all of our vacancies.

We are getting ready to advertise the following:

- Level 2 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship within our D&T Dept.
- Cover Supervisor
- English Teacher (Maternity cover)
- Level 2 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship
- Drama Teacher (0.4 FTE Fixed Term Contract)
- Humanities/PE Teacher (0.6 FTE Maternity Cover)

Details will be advertised towards the end of the Summer term.

If you are interested in the opportunity please email vacancies@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk to find out more.

Staff Focus

As we start another busy 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

Welcome to Ms Thomas who has joined the Maths Department and Miss Cornfield who has joined us as a Student Support Officer in Year 11.

Goodbye to

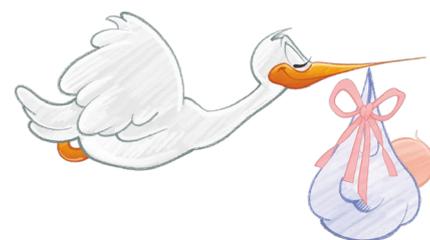
Miss Dailly who left us on 13 April following her period of maternity cover for Psychology. We'd like to thank her and we wish her well for the future. Goodbye to Mrs Summers who left us last term having completed a level 2 Apprenticeship as D&T Technician within the Design & Technology Department. We wish Mrs Summers all the best for the future.

Welcome back to

Mrs Taylor (English) and Miss Humphries (Psychology/6th Form) who have returned back to school following maternity leave.

Thank you to

Mr Lloyd and Miss Cantwell for their valuable contributions in the Sixth Form and Psychology as maternity cover.



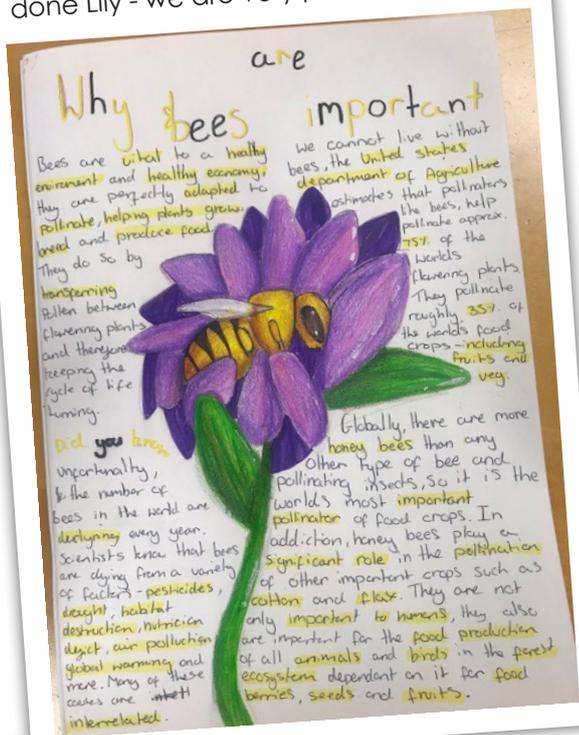
Baby News Congratulations

Mrs Dutton (Library) and Mrs Liptrot (MFL) who have both given birth to baby girls last term. Welcome to Holly and Matilda.

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

Student Work

Some absolutely fantastic work produced by Lily in year 7 that was just too good to keep to ourselves! Well done Lily - we are very proud of you.



World Poetry Day

Staff and students took part in a number of activities to celebrate World Poetry Day. Teachers shared their favourite poems and English lessons had a 'Power of Poetry' starter where a powerful poem was shared. The Student Leadership Team also took part in a communal poetry reading of 'The Station' by Robert Hastings.

President's Award

Mrs Poppleton was the recipient of the President's Award at the Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield & Tamworth Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Awards in January. The well-deserved award was given for careers guidance services to young people in our community and the support she provides not only to Chase Terrace Academy, but to 80 schools and colleges across Staffordshire. A fantastic achievement!



Careers Champion

Mrs Poppleton has been recognised as a 'Careers Champion' by the Careers & Enterprise Company. This is fantastic news for us all at CTA and recognises the work that Mrs Poppleton does locally, regionally and nationally to support the future workforce through high quality careers information, advice and guidance and employer engagement and recognises her achievements in leading the way across the region to ensure young people receive high quality careers programmes



Year 9 Student has work published online

Congratulations to George who has been given the opportunity to write reviews for a gaming website. So far he has reviewed the Lego Marvel Superheroes 2 plus the Lego 1989 Batmobile. Visit the [Fing'rs & Thu'ums website](#) to read one of his great reviews. Well done George!