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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.

Chase Terrace Academy Race for Life

The PE department organised a Race for Life event on a bright sunny day on Wednesday 9th June.

The event was arranged to raise money for the Katherine Allport Foundation who donate care packages to local people with cancer and the Race for Life Initiative who are raising money for research into new cancer treatments.

The events were arranged in year group bubbles where a 2km course had been planned for students to run or walk. Some enjoyed a social amble where as others competed for medals which were given out for the first four finishers in each form. There was an opportunity to buy ribbons, keyrings and badges as well as a biodegradable balloon that was released in memory of a loved one at the end of the event, which for many of the students was a major highlight. All who attended received a certificate.



A great day was had by all and we managed to raise £1696.05 for two much deserved charities.

House system update

The House system is really starting to take shape and I am delighted to announce the newly appointed members of the House Committee, House Captains and Staff Heads of House.

We were inundated with applications and we would like to take the opportunity to thank every student who put themselves forward for the roles.



Elk

Staff Heads of House
Miss Powell (Geog), Miss Roach

House Captain – Meg (Y10)

House Committee
Isabella (Y7), Madison (Y7),
Jake (Y8), Hayden (Y8),
Elissa (Y9), Evie (Y9)




Fallow

Staff Heads of House
Miss Lindsey, Miss Wilson (PE)

House Captain – James (Y10)

House Committee
Tom (Y7), Mischka (Y7),
Mia (Y8), Veronica (Y9),
Oceanna (Y9)



Brocket

Staff Heads of House
Mr Ray, Mrs Attwater

House Captains – Mia (Y10),
Jamie (Y10)

House Committee
Evie (Y7), Isobel (Y7), Callum (Y8),
Amelie (Y8), Elan (Y9), George (Y9)

Uniform update

At the start of the next academic year (September 2021), our new year 7 cohort will be wearing our new House ties. Those students in Brocket will be wearing a red tie, those students in Elk will be wearing a yellow tie and those students in Fallow will be wearing a blue tie.

Have a good summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Miss Clenton



Sixth Form Election

Chase Terrace Academy Sixth Form held a riveting authentic election for the positions of the Sixth Form Council.

These roles include: chair, charity, accommodation and social. Equipped with a genuine ex-government ballot box, the students filled out voting forms, backing the candidates after hearing their applications and what they plan to do if they get elected to the role. Students had chosen to elect George and Millie as chair, Evan as charity secretary, Meena as accommodation secretary and Dan as social secretary. Currently, the committee are planning the end of year charity Sixth Form rounders event and will be planning more events in the future.

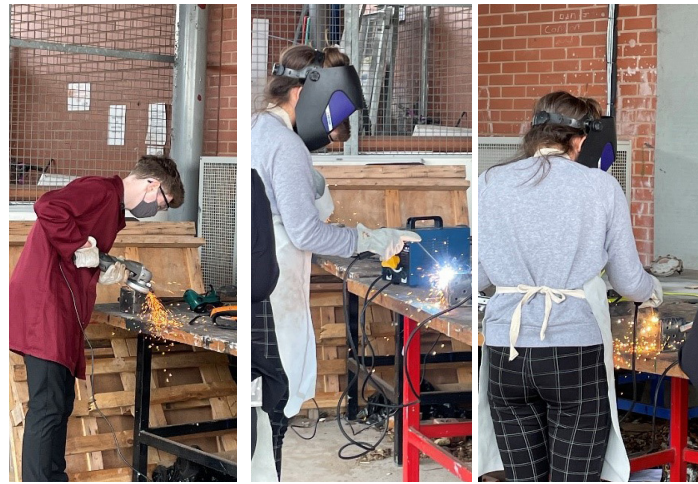
Spotlight Drama Group

This term within their extra-curricular Drama group students in year 9 have been exploring Dennis Kelly's play DNA.

During sessions students took part in workshops to develop their understanding of the themes and issues in the play. Responsibility for character development and staging of the piece was taken on by the students themselves working as a theatre company to develop the performance. Ms Maymand Head of Performing Arts said "It was incredible to watch the analytical discussions develop around the staging decisions. Students really cared about what they were communicating to the audience about the characters and the themes of the play". Although a final performance to an audience wasn't able to go ahead due to Covid restrictions the work in progress performance was enjoyed by both Ms Maymand and Mr Lewis.



Coming soon to CTA in 2022!



Welding Wizardry!

Unfortunately, over the past few years, students have not managed to gain 'hands on' experience of working with metals within the Design & Technology department, up until now!

The new A Level 3D Design course on offer to KS5 students, has such an open brief, that the Technology department are keen to change this.

Current Y12 3D Design students have certainly been exploring a wide range of practical processes throughout this academic year, including joining processes for metals. Students started the academic year back in the Autumn of 2020 with a copper-based design challenge where they were asked to design and make a product from simple copper tubing. This provided them with an opportunity to experience the brazing process, and all of the students thoroughly enjoyed this challenge.

Building on this skill, the students have been working alongside their design portfolios with another skills-based practical project centred around metals. Students worked in pairs to create their own large scale, steel dice. Students worked through various tasks such as accurate instrumentation, marking out, drilling and gained first hand experience of both MIG and ARC welding processes, not to mention developing their teamworking skills to create a high-quality outcome!

Well done Y12 for approaching these new techniques with confidence, determination and 'can do' attitude.

Mr Bullock

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to students in Year 7 and 8 who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, competing against other schools across the country in tackling a series of challenging mathematical problems.

The students earned coveted Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Gold winner Jay (Yr8) has been invited to compete in the next level of the competition – the 'Junior Kangaroo'. Well done to everyone who took part.



GCSE Design & Technology; Year 10 Super Sound Systems!

Students who opted for the GCSE D&T Resistant Material course have been working through a range of different skills within 'mini' projects, on the run up to the start of their GCSE coursework.

The two mini projects have been designed and developed by staff to provide students with an opportunity to practice their practical skills, become familiar and confident in using CAD/CAM systems in the department and also gain an idea of the GCSE assessment requirements. In the Autumn term prior to the second lockdown, students gained hands on experience of working with timbers. Students were given the brief of storage for everyday items and were asked to be as creative as possible with their design outcomes. This project enabled students to demonstrate accurate marking out, use of a range of hand tools and making multiple different wood joints.

After returning from the lockdown, students were given the opportunity to work through a creative speaker's project. Students needed to come up with their own design for a portable speaker that could connect to their phones or iPod's. The material area of focus for this project was primarily acrylic,

but building on previous learning, using CAD/CAM independently again to help achieve a high-quality outcome. The circuitry for the system was firstly assembled by the students, and then soldered by them, enabling them to gain experience of another practical skill. If for whatever reason the circuits did not function, they were prompted to problem solve the issue for themselves, building confidence and independence, before looking to myself for support. I am sure you will agree that the student's practical outcomes all look amazing and are also fully functional.

Y10, I hope you are proud of your efforts and the products you have produced, I certainly am, please continue with this level of enthusiasm and determination as we look to begin our NEA coursework.

Mr Bullock, Mrs Tonks and Mrs Barnacle.

School Lottery Update

The school lottery continues with someone from our school community winning a cash prize every Saturday evening!

We have had many winners to date with the total of their winnings exceeding £1,500! In September, we will be welcoming the new Year 7 intake of students to Chase Terrace Academy and we would like to encourage all the new parents to support our school by purchasing a lottery ticket. Huge thanks also to all of our supporters so far.

The school lottery is ultimately raising valuable funds for school improvement, as 40% of all ticket sales are donated back to Chase Terrace Academy. We look forward to sharing with you how we will be spending the money.

We have a great mix of parents & carers, friends, family, teaching and support staff who have signed up. The school lottery currently has many supporters and with over 159 tickets sold, the current guaranteed weekly prize stands at £45.90 (this will go up as tickets are sold). There is ALSO the £25,000 jackpot to be won EVERY WEEK! Congratulations to our winners since the Spring newsletter.

In addition, there are new competitions running each term where you can win some great prizes.

You can sign up to the lottery at any time, either via the school website or you can go to:

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



WIN Fruit & Veg Box Home Delivery... For a Year!

This half-term sees the return of a prize that people LOVE, a whole year of Fruit & Veg Box Home Delivery. The draw takes place on 17 July. Tickets cost just £1 a week, and all profits go towards school funds.

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

Your School Lottery Awards

We have won an award! Our lottery has been awarded 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' in the 'Best Covid Response' category of the annual YSL Awards 2021. The awards have been introduced to celebrate the success and recognise some of the stand-out achievements of school lotteries over the past year. There are now 1,700 school lotteries across the UK and we have been acknowledged for keeping our lottery going and for continuing to raise funds during the Covid lockdown.

THANK YOU to everyone who has bought a ticket and continues to support Chase Terrace Academy.



If you haven't signed up to support the lottery yet, you can join at any time. It's 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>

Your School Lottery is administered by Gatherwell, a registered External Lottery. Manager certified by the Gambling Commission.

A reminder why you should you support the lottery

- A GUARANTEED cash prize to be WON by someone within Chase Terrace Academy community EVERY WEEK!
- Further chance to match all 6 numbers and win £25,000 jackpot in a separate national draw EVERY WEEK!
- 40% of all ticket sales go to OUR school
- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results posted online

Please continue to spread the word to family and friends - anyone in the UK over 16yrs can join and support us!

Facebook

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Facebook page. Please make sure you also 'follow' the page so that you are kept informed about our activities, events and fundraising. 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/>



Covid-19 Memorial Wall – A Lasting Legacy

This was a successful wellbeing initiative and one which also benefited our students with work experience with Taylor Wimpey.

A big thank you to Taylor Wimpey for supporting the school with this from providing the bricks free of charge to bringing their apprentices to school to work with our Year 11 students to help build the wall and give them a taste of what it is like working in the construction industry.

In the News!

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



Foodbank Update

We are running a "Call and Collect" at the end of this term and also from September.

Any families who require a helping hand with food and essential items before the Summer break will have the opportunity to pick up a parcel from school. This will not run throughout the six weeks holiday, however we do intend to run this going forward from September.

How does it work?

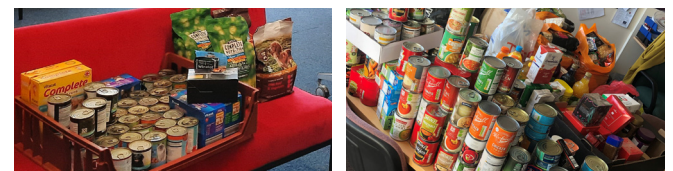
Call into school during the w/c Monday 12 July. Telephone: 01543 682286 or email:

office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

- Ask for a food parcel. You only have to give your name.
- You will be asked which day you can collect and given a time that is easy for you.
- Our Duke of Edinburgh Student team will create a food and essentials package for you.
- It will be left in reception ready for you to collect at your agreed time slot.
- If there are any queries, please do contact us.

Foodbank afternoons

We are intending to run one foodbank afternoon a term where families can come and shop for themselves. We will post these dates on our school Twitter and Facebook accounts and send it out on the school's MyEd app nearer to the time.



Tesco community grant initiative - We need your votes!

We have successfully been shortlisted to receive a grant to help us create a safe calming space at CTA for students with mental health needs and in crisis.

This is a great opportunity for us. We could win £1500, £1000 or £500 towards this project. We need your help. To vote, visit one of the stores listed below and make a purchase of any value. You will receive one token per transaction.

6741 – BILSTON WILNHL RD EXP, WV14 6NW, Express
3351 – WALSALL BROWNHILLS, WS8 6DZ, Superstore
5783 – ALDRIDGE EXP, WS9 0BP, Express

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

Sport at Chase Terrace Academy

CTA Sports Days 2021

It was fantastic that we could hold our traditional sports days this year. We were lucky with the weather for the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 events but unfortunately the Year 9 competition had to be canceled as the rain came down.



It was great to see all the students compete with enthusiasm and effort. Participation levels were high and students were able to show the high quality performances that they are capable of. Here are the results of the highly competitive sports days.

Year 10 Results

Year 10									
Boys									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
92	38	104	78	66	82	47	64	70	
M	C	R	P	N	V	H	E	O	
Girls									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
91	59	89	85	49	58	101	49	67	
E	C	M	P	N	O	R	V	H	
Total									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
183	97	193	163	115	140	148	113	137	
M	C	P	E	R	N	V	H	O	

Congratulations to 'The Mighty' M10 our overall sports day champions!



Year 7 Results

Year 7									
Boys									
C	O	M	P	S	R	E	H	N	
155	102	28	110	90	96	106	105	41	
C	P	E	H	O	R	S	N	M	
Girls									
C	O	M	P	S	R	E	H	N	
74	110	29	139	89	88	86	92	107	
P	O	N	H	S	R	E	C	M	
Total									
C	O	M	P	S	R	E	H	N	
229	212	57	249	179	184	192	197	148	
P	C	O	H	E	R	S	N	M	

Congratulations to 7P our overall winners and Year 7 student Andrew for setting a new school record in the 200m.

Year 8 Results

Year 8									
Boys									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
89	100	105	132	76	74	75	124	126	
P	N	H	M	O	C	V	R	E	
Girls									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
96	66	91	99	129	77	113	98	133	
N	V	E	P	H	C	M	R	O	
Total									
C	O	M	P	V	R	E	H	N	
185	166	196	231	205	151	188	222	259	
N	P	H	V	M	E	C	O	E	

Congratulations to our overall sports day champions 8N!



Physical Social and Mental Wellbeing

This term has seen the PE Department return to some normality on the curriculum.

Summer curriculum sports have been resumed with health and safety at the forefront of our minds. It has been a pleasure to see students out on the fields, on the tennis courts and in the sports block.

Alongside this we have run a full timetable of extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes and after school when our staggered lunchtimes have allowed this. Activities have included year group athletics and rounders where our students have been able to socialise within their bubbles and have some fun. Boxing has continued with Wayne Elcock and Boxercise with Pete Woollard, all supported by Tasmin Turner and the Getin2it programme. Using pads and gloves has certainly helped us all to channel our aggression! The PE Department have actively supported the health and wellbeing of our students and have been involved more recently in many initiatives, including: [A Mile a Day in May](#), [National Sports Week](#) and the [Leadership Academy](#).

A Mile a Day in May

Many of our Year 7 students took part in this initiative and committed to: walking, running and even scooting a mile a day for fitness and to get back into the habit of exercising on a daily basis.

National Sports Week

This took place the week beginning Monday 21st of June and was initiated by the Youth Sports Trust and these are the some of the activities that we put on after school.

Alongside this the PE staff recorded virtual assemblies for Key Stage 3 that students were invited to show their tutor group in the mornings. Topics included: Pause for Sport, Why physical activity? Hydration and A healthy plate.



The Leadership Academy

Sadly the leadership academy students have not been active during the Lockdown period. That said, the PE department recently secured a bid of £1,000 to train up our interested and talented leaders with Sports Across Staffordshire to achieve an accredited Sports Leaders Playmakers award. By the end of term 48 students in Key Stage will have received the training and will be ready to help out with our extra-curricular clubs and particularly help and welcome our new Year 7 students.



Lit in Colour
Supporting inclusive reading in schools



"I teach in a school where the majority of students are from a White British background and where the curriculum is crying out for more diversity. Students' cultural awareness is one of the key ingredients that they can draw upon to be successful in their society. Students need to be given rich and sustained opportunities to develop their understanding of other cultures."

- Chase Terrace Academy

Last summer, I applied to become a Lit in Colour pioneer, working alongside Penguin Books and a number of the GCSE exam boards to diversify the curriculum to ensure that it is inclusive for all.

One hundred schools would be selected, and we were fortunate enough to be chosen. The English department is currently in the process of overhauling the curriculum to ensure that we deliver texts that have been written by authors from ethnic minority backgrounds; we want our students at Chase Terrace to experience an enriched curriculum where they can learn about other cultures. As part of the programme, we will receive 300 books for library written by authors from a range of backgrounds. This will help us to create a truly inclusive environment and support student wellbeing. As part of the programme, I attend CPD sessions and disseminate material to the department to ensure that we are all reflecting on our practice and adapting the way that we teach texts to ensure progress for all. A report published by Lit in Colour this week states that students struggle when they cannot relate to the texts being studied, which is concerning given the fact that 34.4% of students in UK schools are not White British. Race and Empire form an important part of knowledge about British Literary Heritage texts – it is important that we provide a platform for these authors to have their words heard.

Mrs G Penzeradams, Teacher of English / KS5 English Coordinator

@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.



@CTALibrary

Follow the CTA Library twitter account.

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



Vacancies

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

We are now advertising:

- Attendance Assistant
- 22.5 hours per week

If you are interested in this opportunity please email:

vacancies@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk
to find out more.

Staff Focus

As we come to the end of another busy term, we are pleased to congratulate staff who have been appointed to new positions within school and welcome new staff who will be joining our school community in September. We also have to say goodbye to some of our colleagues who are moving on to pastures new.

New Appointments

- Mr M Lloyd – congratulations to Mr Lloyd who has been appointed as Sixth Form Intervention Lead.
- Mr M Birt – Acting Head of Year 8, whilst Mrs H Powell has been appointed as Assistant Head (long-term sickness cover for AHT Ms Wilson).
- Mrs H Goodall will be leaving her post as part-time Attendance Assistant and Student Support Officer to take up a full time position as our new Safeguarding Officer – we wish her all the best in her new role.
- Miss Grave will be leaving her position as our morning Receptionist to take up a part time post as Student Support Officer for Year 8 – congratulations and we wish Miss Grave every success in her new role
- Miss Woodhouse – appointed as KS4 Leader of English Language (part-time)
- Ms A Elliot – appointed as part time Medical Officer
- Mrs D Wilkes – maternity cover as SIMS Data Assistant

New Staff

- Mr R Duckhouse – English Teacher
- Mr M Evans – Maths Teacher
- Mr N O'Brien – Physics Teacher
- Miss E Jones – Drama Teacher
- Miss M Turner – Geography /PE Teacher
- Mrs H Florey – Part time Receptionist (mornings)
- Mrs S Evitts – Data Administrator (maternity cover)

Goodbye to

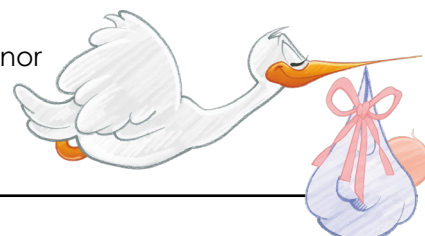
- Mr M Harris – Physics Teacher
- Mrs T McCallum – D&T Teacher
- Mrs N Swanston – ICT Teacher
- Miss M Cornfield – Student Support Officer
- Mr S Cadman – Cover Supervisor

Welcome back

Welcome back to Mrs Hammond-White (English), Mrs C Hartley (Art) and Miss C Pearce (D&T) who have returned to school following a period of maternity leave and who will all be working part-time from September 2021.

Baby News Congratulations

Good luck to Miss J Forbes (Data Team) and Mrs C O'Connor who leave us to have babies during the summer/early Sept.



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

Remote Lessons

Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics students having a remote lesson from Libby Ahluwalia author of "Understanding Philosophy of Religion" on exam technique – amazing opportunity for us to all learn from the person who wrote the textbook!



Duke of Edinburgh

Thank you to all of the Duke of Edinburgh participants who spent 377 hours volunteering between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. This is a fantastic achievement - well done to you all!

Brave the Shave

One of our Year 8 students had their head shaved for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was streamed live to classrooms throughout school so that fellow staff and students could send messages of support.



Performing Arts Students receive Anthology

Our Performing Arts students are so excited to have received a copy of the anthology, 'Short Plays with Great Roles for Women' by Suzette Coon Performing arts They can't wait to get started on them now - thank you so much!



Science Experiments

Ms Groom's science classes sent 3 experiments to the upper atmosphere to mimic conditions on Mars. When they return we'll look at how pressure, cold temperatures & radiation affected seeds, a metal block & a magnet. Follow the experiment @futuremartians

