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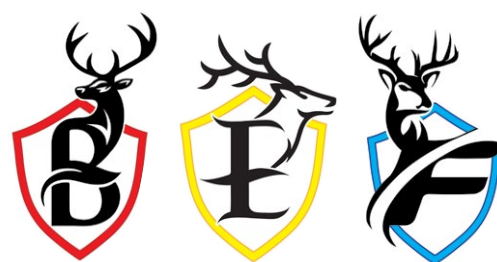
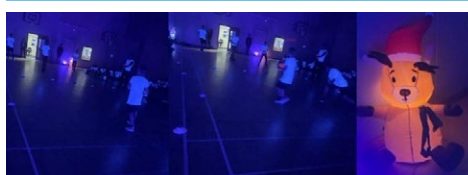
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Fundraising Fortnight at CTA

We recently launched our first fundraising fortnight which has proven to be a huge success!

We have had a variety of activities and events taking place during these two weeks, including glow in the dark dodgeball, guess the name of the bear and how many sweets are in a jar and our non-uniform day.



It has been great to see students getting involved in these, earning House Points and raising money for our three House Charities. We have also had our first House Christmas raffle and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support with this. As I am writing this, we have a few more days until the winners of the prizes are announced, and I cannot wait to share with you how much money we have managed to raise over these two weeks. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Performing Arts, PE and English departments for running fantastic House activities and competitions for our students to get involved in. Please keep your eyes peeled for more House updates and competitions that we will be running throughout the year.





Summer 2021 Exam Results

Chase Terrace Academy would like to congratulate all of our students who collected their GCSE and BTEC results this summer.

At short notice, they tackled a completely different assessment system and achieved their deserved grades. Students should be very proud of these achievements as they have worked hard to prove their capabilities, despite the change in the assessment processes. Staff worked with integrity and professionalism to make sure that the assessments were robust and able to judge the performance of students fairly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and our young people at CTA for all of the work they have put in to ensure that none of our children are disadvantaged by the pandemic, and enable them to go on to future success. From all of us at Chase Terrace Academy, we wish all of our young people the very best for their chosen pathways.

Ms Mason – Head of School
Mr Cain – Deputy Headteacher

Sixth Form Rounders Event

Sixth form students took part in a rounders event before the summer holidays.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Every year our fantastic Sixth Form welcomes both external applicants and Chase Terrace Academy students to continue their studies with us.

Our open evening gave students and parents the opportunity to view the facilities available to Sixth Formers, learn more about our positive and supportive ethos, and see what life is like studying at Chase Terrace Academy. Whilst offering information on a wide range of exciting A-Level and BTEC subjects that help students continue their journey towards their careers and further education of their choice, teachers were also on hand to answer questions about their subject.



New Sixth Form Course

As part of our drive to raise ambition within the Sixth Form, Mr Lloyd has recently launched a new after-school course with AQA called the Extended Project Qualification.

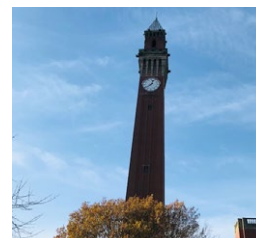
This voluntary Level 3 programme is the equivalent to half an A-Level and asks students to research and write a dissertation-style report on any topic that interests them. Last year, 10 students were entered, and the course boasted a 100% pass rate. This year, we have a much larger cohort of 42 students; each researching a vast array of topics, such as: 'To what extent is genetic modification an ethical practice?', 'What has been the most significant development in garden landscaping in the last 20 years' and 'How has the concept of safety developed during Formula 1's brief history?'.

Not only will students enhance their knowledge of their chosen topics, but will also learn invaluable skills needed for workplace and university-level study - such as taking initiative, problem solving, written communication, leading presentations, and independent research.

The course is now being delivered by a fantastic team of specialist supervisors, including Mrs Cowley, Miss Roach, Miss Lindsey, Mr Cartman, Mrs Attwater and Mrs Tonks, who each bring a unique perspective and academic background for students to draw upon.

If you are a Year 11 student, and you are considering joining our Sixth Form next year, this could be a brilliant course for you. Not only is it a nationally recognised qualification that universities welcome during application (and give reduced or adjusted entry requirements!), but also affords you the opportunity to study a topic that we do not deliver at A-Level - such as Law, Engineering, Criminology or Fashion Design.

If you have any queries about this course, please direct them to M.Lloyd@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk.



The Lord Mayor's Mega Sixth Form Quiz

12 students from Year 12 and Year 13 took part in The Lord Mayor's Mega Sixth Form Quiz at the University of Birmingham on Thursday 25 November.

Students were chosen from their performances in the form quizzes that sixth form complete every week. When we arrived, there was 26 teams from different schools from surrounding areas. The quiz began and we competed in 10 rounds all with 10 questions- the rounds included IT & Computing, modern history, natural world etc. There were prizes for best team mascots and for the winning team. Unfortunately, neither CTA sixth form team won but it was a great experience.

By Amelia Campion and Scarlet Dennis



Sixth Form Charity Event

Earlier in the year I approached Mr Giles about the possibility of holding a bake sale on the behalf of a charitable cause. We decided that linking it with Band Shirt Day for Crisis At Christmas was a great idea.

The kindness that was shown on the day was out of this world. From the people who made home baked goods to those who donated time to help run the stall making tea and coffee, it was an amazing day! We had an array of baked goods including: carrot cake, coffee cupcakes, red velvet cupcakes and dark chocolate avocado cake! We also made sure it was inclusive for everyone by having vegan, gluten free, lactose free and nut free options. By the end of the day our finale total was £580 which has given 20 people a safe place to be for Christmas.

By Amy-Louise Beddows

BA (Hons) Digital Production Arts for Film and Theatre trip

Students were introduced to real world application of class taught skills.

They found out about existing and future skills, techniques and applications with particular regard to digital media – 3D scanning and printing. Neil and the university provided access and supplied students with full use of professional equipment. They worked in pairs under Neil's instruction to produce some outstanding work – Creating and applying prosthetics, colour matching and undertaking realistic makeup application inspired by a zombie themed live job for Ladbible. Neil was genuinely impressed with students ability and professional approach. He was very complimentary of the students attitude and ability, they represented the school impeccably. So much so he has suggested that this could be a yearly experience we could offer through CTA.



Annual Christmas Jumper Day

On 10th December our Sixth Form students held their annual Christmas Jumper event in Support of Save the Children.

As always they were very generous and raised over £200 to help children all over the world. Merry Christmas everyone from all the students and staff at CTA Sixth Form.



KPMG Work Experience Opportunity

Our final 6 shortlisted students have yet again done CTA proud with their performance for the 2021 KPMG work experience programme.

This is the third year we have run this prestigious and competitive opportunity for one student to secure a work experience placement with KPMG. We had approximately 40 students apply, which we then shortlisted to 12 and then down to 6. Students had to do a presentation and formal panel interview with KPMG. It was very close and well done to all the students who took part, with special congratulations to the overall winner. Many thanks to the English department for all their support. Mrs J Poppleton, IAG Manager

Student Wellbeing Ambassadors

We would like to introduce to you our student wellbeing ambassadors. Over the course of the year these students will be working on lots of mental health and wellbeing projects which will work towards promoting good mental health for all of our students.

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| – Rachel Brindley | – Mollie Smith | – Oceana Mayo | – Savannah Burton |
| – Reece Collier | – Lucy Hitchcock | – Jayden Stokes | – Willow McCarthy-Brown |
| – Jay Walkeden | – Lily-May Barlow | – Colby-Jay Simmons | – Harriet Bate |
| – Erin Nind | – Liya Thomas | | |

Thank you to Worth-It for delivering wellbeing ambassador training to our first cohort of students as part of the schools mental health and wellbeing work (pictured below, left). Also pictured below are some of the students receiving their certificates for completing the Student Wellbeing Ambassador training.



Student builds CTA in Minecraft!

“The school is a very challenging building to simulate in Minecraft, but despite the challenges I have managed to build it.

To fully complete the building, it took just under a year, starting it in September 2019 and finally finishing it around August 2020. To get the building looking so accurate I used a lot of Google Earth and looking around the building at the details maybe others wouldn't notice. I started with building the Tech block and then worked my way around the main building starting with the new Science and Art department then moving around the school finishing with the old Science block. Then I finished with the Sixth Form block and then PE blocks. I also had a lot of help from friends who know the building well. I have fitted a lighting that can be turned on and off throughout the corridors and all classrooms, including working stage lighting in Lees Hall and the Drama Studio. It also has a working fire and security alarm which works across the whole site. The main blocks used to complete the building are: Light grey wool (Inside walls) and brick (Exterior walls). Some of you may notice the world looks slightly different to a normal Minecraft world, this is because I have used the City Texture Pack which makes blocks look more realistic. I have now moved onto building Burntwood Leisure Centre and other local buildings such as the Lichfield Garrick.”

By Thomas Sleigh



Roald Dahl Day

CTA celebrated Roald Dahl Day with activities and competitions taking place through the week.

Pictured below are the lucky three students who took part in one of the competitions to win some Roald Dahl books.



Bookbuzz

This year we have signed up to a fantastic reading programme where each student in Year 7 will receive a free book!

Students have chosen from a selection of 17 books, all of which have been selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. Students had the opportunity to browse through each one before making their choice.



ReadforGood

KS3 students took part in Readathon again this year.

Students were sponsored to read, with the money going to help children in hospital. Thank you to all who got involved and helped to raise money for this great charity.



Book Club

Each week, students who are keen readers meet in the library at lunchtime for book club.

So far they have looked at poetry, Carnegie books and now they have all received a copy of 'Boy, Everywhere' to read as a group. They also have art books which they can use to create artwork based on what they are reading. Anybody wishing to come along can see either Miss Pickerall or Mrs Bynt in the library.



A number of students from Year 9 and Year 10 have had the exciting opportunity to get involved in a reading project from the University of Roehampton.

Reading4Normal is a project aimed at getting students from across the country to discuss newly-released young adult fiction books in a number of online meetings. Our students recently attended a meeting with students from five other schools in the country to find out more about the project and to meet each other. All of the novels are based on real life experiences so that the students can relate this to their own experiences as young people. They have just finished reading the first novel 'You're the one that I want' by Simon James Green and are starting on 'And the stars were burning brightly' by Danielle Jawando ahead of their next meeting in January. We are really excited to be involved in this and are looking forward to meeting the authors at the end of the year.

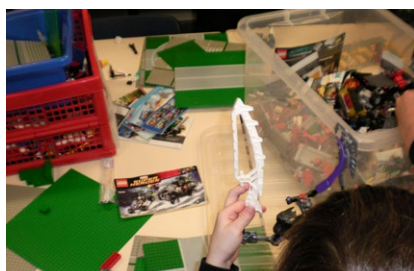
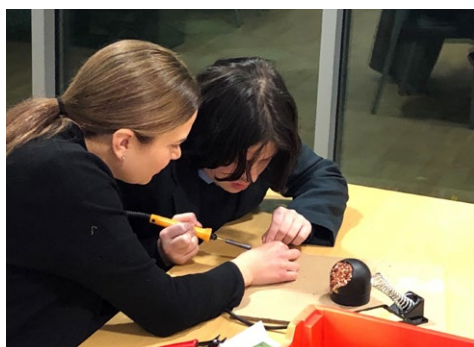
Adult and Student Electronics Course

After missing a year the adult and student "Beginners Course in Electronics" was up and running again over the later part of the Autumn term.

The sessions were aimed at bringing parents and students together to learn about a topic, which is for many, new to them. There was a blend of both practical skills in soldering and prototyping, but also theoretical electronics at quite an in depth level looking at Ohm's law and Kirchoff's voltage law (often not considered until Year 12!)

The course was funded by the Skills and Employability Team at Stafford (huge thank you to Clare Roberts from S.E.T who assesses us every year and quality assures the course content). Their funding allowed us to fund extra equipment to ensure that each of the twelve families had exclusive use of multimeters and soldering irons. The course usually runs for six sessions, but the enthusiasm and commitment to complete the projects of an electronic door alarm and auto scanning radio were such that we held an additional evening in Christmas week (so of course besides the usual welcoming cup of tea and biscuits there were also festive mince pies).

I must give a special thank you to Henry (Year 12) and Noah (Year 10) who joined us as tutors this year. Both of these students have taken the course previously with their parents and provided much needed support for myself and Mr Tennant in organising the classes and dealing with technical help for families during the evening.



Lego club

Each Wednesday lunchtime, Lego club takes place.

It has been going really well, with students gaining many HP's. Students have the chance to work both individually and as part of a team, completing exciting Lego challenges which allows students to build closer relationships with their peers.

Book Fair in the LRC

We were excited to welcome our first Book Fair to the library since we returned from lockdown.

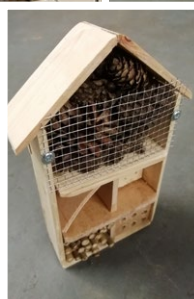
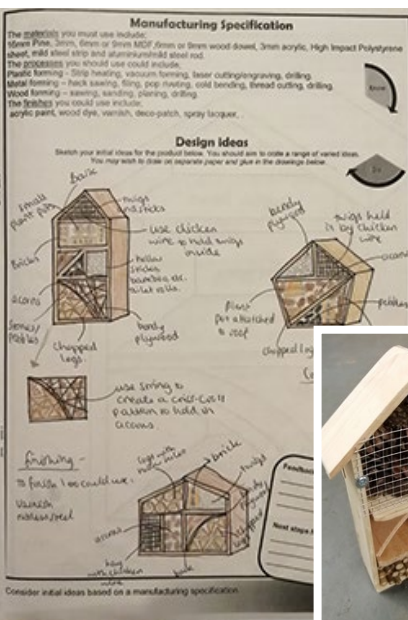
Scholastic sent a great choice of books and students and staff were able to treat themselves and buy Christmas gifts. The fair generated some fantastic sales which meant our librarians were able to keep a selection of new books to add to the library.



Tesco Community Grant Initiative!

We are thrilled to announce that CTA has been successful in the Tesco Community Grant initiative!

Thanks to everyone who collected tokens and voted for us, CTA came second and will now be awarded £1,000 to help to create our safe space in school for students as part of our mental health and wellbeing work. Watch this space!



D&T Resistant Materials Project

Year 9 D&T students studying Resistant Materials have been taking part in a brand new project for this term with an Environmental emphasis.

Students have been designing and making their own Insect Homes! After researching the needs of a range of insects that live in the UK, students were able to independently create their own individual homes. Well done to the many students who completed this to a great standard - particularly those who were undertaking practical work in the workshops for the first time due to covid restrictions.

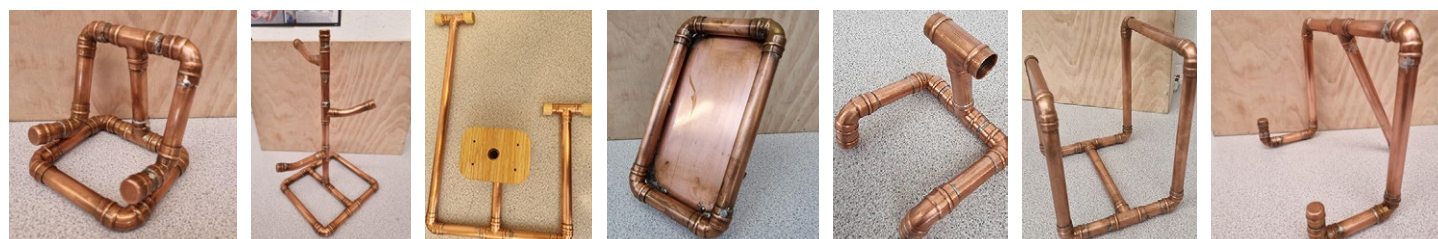
Cool Copper Creations!

Following on from previous articles about the development and phased reintroduction of metalwork into the curriculum in the Design & Technology department at CTA, a new and exciting opportunity was recently presented to our Y12 Product Design students.

Students were given the design challenge to use simple 15mm copper tubing, various couplers and simple brazing equipment to create, develop and manufacture a fully working and purposeful everyday product. Students relished the challenge and generated some excellent and creative products ranging from mobile phone holders, jewellery organisers, book stands and even a toilet roll holder! The outcomes that students created are amazing, and considering that the project was fundamentally developed as an opportunity for individual skill development, I am sure anyone will agree that the students have all excelled and created some very high-quality products.

With the increasing cost of materials, especially copper, if any local companies or tradespeople have any excess copper tubing /surplus fittings, or would possibly be in a position to support the department with some sponsorship to subsidise this project moving forward - please get in touch with me on the contact details below, your support would be gratefully received.

Mr Andy Bullock - email a.bullock@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk or call 01543 682286.



School Lottery Update

The CTA lottery has been set up specifically to make a difference for our students and raise money for school improvements in the process!

It's a fantastic way to bring the whole school community together and at the same time give something back. The school lottery is ultimately raising valuable funds for school improvement, as 40% of all ticket sales are donated back to Chase Terrace Academy. To date we have raised over £8,000. 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 100 supporters and with over 161 tickets sold, the current guaranteed weekly prize stands at £47.70 (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>

Lottery Gift vouchers

A gift voucher from Your School Lottery offers the chance to win a cash prize whilst also helping to raise money for our 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>



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/>



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!



Your School Lottery Advent Calendar

This year Your School Lottery launched an advent calendar on their Facebook page. Each day a different school is being featured, showcasing the impact of the proceeds from ticket sales. We were pleased to be featured on 10 December!

Thank you to everybody who has continued to support our school lottery so far, it has been great to see someone from our school community winning a cash prize every Saturday evening!

Sport at Chase Terrace Academy

Netball

Year 8

Congratulations for their excellent performances against EDA and The Hart School. The team performed extremely well and were successful in their match against EDA with a 5-4 win!



Year 9

Well done for taking part in your first fixture. A great start to your Netball career! Please note, all Netball clubs run in Beacon Park, Lichfield on Saturday mornings. Please see PE staff for more details!



Year 11

They have recently played against King Edwards, Kingsmead, Cannock Chase High, Cardinal Griffin, Friary and Netherstowe in the Year 11 Cannock and District Netball Tournament - well done!



Cross country

Well done and thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year. Here are the CTA highlights.

Year 7 boys

Overall team result:

1st KES

2nd Chase Terrace

3rd Cheslyn Hay

Year 8/9 boys

Overall team result:

1st KES

2nd Chase Terrace

3rd Maple Hayes

Individual places

Year 8/9 girls

1st Willow McCarthy-Brown
- Chase Terrace

Year 10/11 girls

2nd Grace Besant
- Chase Terrace

Congratulations to all of our students who represented CTA in the recent Cross Country Competition at Cardinal Griffin! Special mention to Connie 7P, Jacob 7P and Willow 8O for finishing 1st place in their races!



Football Results

Year 7

EDA won 2-0

Kingsmead won 3-1

Year 8

EDA won 4-1

Year 9

Norton won 6-2

EDA lost 3-0

Year 10

Netherstowe won 8-2

Ice Skating

Well done to Year 8 student Tegan.

She recently competed in ice skating at Alexandra Palace in London and achieved her new personal best score! Keep up the hard work Tegan!



@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.

If you are interested in finding out about any opportunities please email:

vacancies@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

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. We also have to say goodbye to some of our colleagues who are moving on to pastures new.

New Appointments

- Congratulations to Mr Barter who has been appointed Head of PE from January 2022. We wish him all the best in his new role and we would like to thank Mr Swannell for all his hard work and dedication over the years as Head of PE. Mr Swannell will continue as PE Teacher at CTA.
- We are delighted that Ms Wilson will be back with us in January as Assistant Headteacher. Miss Wilson has been away on long-term sick leave and we are so thrilled to have her back in school very soon.
- Mrs Williams - role as KS4 Leader of English Literature extended to the end of the summer term.

New Starters

- Welcome to Miss Lee-Dalton who joined us in November for a six-month placement as part of the Government 'Kick-start' scheme as Careers Administrator. She will be working very closely with Mrs Poppleton supporting our students with careers information and guidance.
- We wish to welcome Mrs Lees who will be joining us in the New Year as a Teacher of Computer Science.

Goodbye

This term we have said goodbye to the following staff and we wish them all the best for the future:-

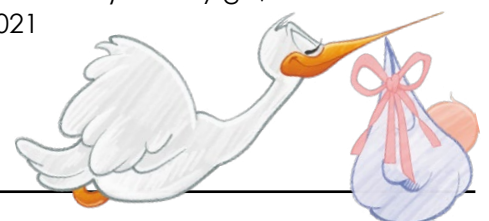
- Mr O'Brien (Physics Teacher)
- Miss Bate (Student Support Officer)
- Mrs Aulton (Lunchtime Supervisor)
- Miss Bennett (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Tennant (Teaching Assistant) – leaving 7 January 2022

Baby News Congratulations

This term we were delighted to welcome Mrs Dutton (Learning Resources Centre) back from her maternity leave.

And congratulations to the following staff who have given birth to babies this term:-

- Mrs Liptrot (MFL) - baby girl, born on 12 March 2021 and will be returning from maternity leave in March 2022
- Mrs O'Connor (D&T) - baby boy, born on 7 October 2021
- Miss Forbes (Data Team) – baby girl, born on 23 September 2021
- Mrs Barnacle (Teaching Assistant) – baby girl, born on 27 November 2021



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

Maths Equipment Donated

Thank you to local company Crown Highways who generously donated a range of maths equipment to the school, which will be greatly appreciated by the students.



Year 8 Accelerated Reader Champions

Congratulations to two of our Year 8 students who have each been awarded a Kindle Fire for being champion readers in Accelerated Reader last year.



Face Mask Donation

Many thanks to Dr Sabsevari, who runs the Lichfield Dental Practice on Short Butts Lane, for generously donating several boxes of face masks to the school.

Memorial Wall

A huge thank you to our Mr Brown from the Site Team who has used his many DIY talents to create and build a plastic screen to cover our Covid-19 Memorial Wall. This will protect the bricks from the weather and ensure it lasts for many years to come. The memorial wall sits proudly in our memorial garden and we are grateful for everyone who played a part in this project. We are thrilled with the end result.



Musical Achievements

Congratulations to two of our students who have achieved great success by being awarded distinction grades in their singing exams this term. Well done to you both!

Congratulations also to Year 12 student Louis, who passed his Grade 8 piano exam with a distinction.



Winter Showcase

Thank you to everybody who was involved in the Winter Showcase that took place on Tuesday 14 December, including staff and students who helped behind the scenes as well as our very talented students who worked really hard in their rehearsals.

