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School Show - Matilda

What makes our school show so special, is that it involves Year 7 right through to Year 13. The cast work together as one, regardless of age and year group.

The last two years ago have been very strange in Performing Arts. Schools closing sent our rehearsals online, performances were shared to a camera and an empty room, but the biggest impact has been on the school show.



CTA students are incredible, but this year more than ever they returned to the stage in a burst of energy and mischief. The 40 strong cast and crew included many of our usual performers but also many new faces. Each and every student delivered at every level, producing high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs. Many of the cast had not performed to a live audience before. Olivia in Year 9 played her first lead role as Matilda to perfection, bringing a sassier funnier side to the role than is traditionally seen. Macy in Year 12 was endearing as Miss Honey and Evelyn in Year 10 created an intimidating Trunchbull for our audiences to hate. Traditionally our shows are supported by Sixth Form choreographers and this year was no different. "Matilda" was choreographed by Daniel who was an indispensable part of the production team. I'm always astounded at the talent our student directors have, and we wish Daniel all the best in the next stage of his training at the prestigious Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts.

This year I have been blessed to be supported by Miss Jones, Mr Lewis, Mr Krause, Mr Andrews and Mr Tennant. However, it is Mr Till's enthusiasm and ability to draw incredible performances from our students that makes the experience so magical. I truly am blessed to work with such an amazing department and cast. Now for the next show...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Chase Terrace Academy is excited to now be a part of the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust (JTMAT) as of 1st April 2022. We have strong links with JTMAT already and we are looking forward to more opportunities to strengthen our offer here at CTA, and to provide support to other schools where we have expertise to share. Students will benefit from increased opportunities to collaborate with students at other schools in competitions and events and will have access to a broad range of facilities and resources as a result of the transfer.



After what feels like a very long half term for students, and still much disruption, we are hoping to see things becoming more normal in the coming weeks. Many of our students are preparing for their final exams, please encourage your children to make the most of this time and come in for revision sessions if they can.

After Easter there is a consultation event for parents and carers to join us – please look out for the booking form and sign up if you can spare the time. We would very much appreciate your feedback and support.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes,

Ms Nicola Mason
Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to have welcomed Chase Terrace to the John Taylor MAT family of schools on 1st April. The Trust and its schools has been working with Ms Mason and her colleagues for some time, and we are excited by the possibilities that entering into a new phase of our relationship will bring.

We all want Chase Terrace to be the best school it can possibly be, and working together is the best way to achieve that.

I look forward to meeting you, and working with you and your children so they can succeed as learners and grow as young people who are happy and fulfilled - a credit to you, their school, and themselves.

With my best wishes for the Easter break, and looking forward to the new term with you.

Mike Donoghue
CEO, John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust

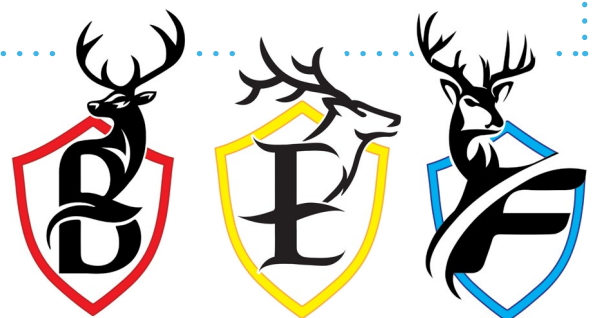


House system update

This term has been another busy term with regards to everything House related!

We have had a range of different events and competitions being put on around the school, including the RE, History and Maths departments. It has been fantastic to see students from all different year groups getting involved. We have also had another series of House related assemblies, where we shared with students our plans for the end of year celebration. The winning House will be rewarded with a huge inflatable set up on the school field, which will include a human sweeper arm and an assault course!

Students still have a term to earn as many House points as they can for their House and the competition is incredibly close at the moment. Students can gain House points from producing good pieces of work, participating in class discussions and by doing good deeds inside and outside of the classroom. May the best House win!

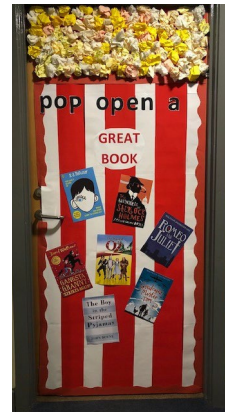




World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March saw students and staff celebrating World Book Day!

During the week, there were various activities that took place including handing out £1 book tokens to all students in years 7, 8 and 9, form activities, library competitions and best costume competition which proved very popular! The non-uniform day raised an amazing amount of money. Well done to everybody involved!



Bestselling Author Visit to CTA

Author Chris Bradford visited CTA on Wednesday 16th March to inspire students in a love of reading!

Chris spent the morning inspiring students with a variety of interactive sessions. The day started off in Lees Hall where Year 8 were treated to a spectacular show. Chris introduced his 'Bodyguard' series to students and read various extracts from one of his books, plus they were given the opportunity to learn tactical survival skills, learn about surveillance and how to think like a bodyguard. It was an action packed hour and students thoroughly enjoyed it. Following on from this, a group of thirty year 7 students then had the opportunity to spend an hour with Chris as he introduced them to his 'Young Samurai' series of books. His samurai sword display went down very well with students! At break time students then had the opportunity to purchase his books and get them signed. It was a fantastic day and great to see students getting so excited about reading!



International Book Giving Day

Students had the opportunity to get FREE books from the library.

To celebrate International Book Giving Day we had a stand in the library with FREE books to give away. Students were able to visit the library at break or lunchtime and choose a book to take home, completely free of charge!



BookBuzz for Year 7

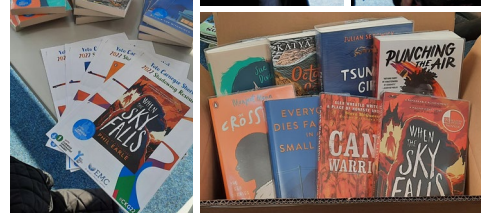
Students were happy to receive their FREE book as part of the BookBuzz scheme.

On International Book Giving Day, year 7 students received the books they had chosen as part of the BookBuzz scheme. Before Christmas, students had selected the book they wanted from a chosen selection, and they were all handed out on International Book Giving Day.

The Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022

Our new shadowing group meets each week to read and discuss the eight shortlisted titles!

Students meet to discuss the books which have been shortlisted as part of the Carnegie Awards. As well as eating cake, books are discussed, reviews are written, with a final vote being awarded to the favourite.



GCSE Food Year 11 Practical Assessments

Many of the Year 11 Food students have been busily cooking their final dishes for their GCSE course in the past few weeks.

Congratulations to all the students who had to cook multiple dishes within three hours – Master Chef style! There were some fantastic dishes that had to be planned out prior to the assessment and created independently. We hope that all of these students have developed cooking skills that will be with them for life and maybe even part of a future career in food catering!



Careers Week 2022

Students from Year 7 up to VI form took part in a week's activities to celebrate National Careers week 2022.

There were speakers in assemblies, tutor activities and a week of 'Guess Who' where over 50 volunteers were live streamed into classrooms for students to guess what career they had and to hear about their careers journeys.



Recycle Your Uniform and Save the Environment

Calling all Year 11s, the pastoral team are wanting to help with saving the environment in recycling your school uniform.

If you are interested in supporting us, and would like to donate your uniform after you have left, please can this be given to the school office. We are looking for Ties, Blazers, Skirts, Trousers, Jumpers and PE Kits. PE Kits can be left with the PE Department, where they will be washed and recycled.

Thank you.



Here at CTA, we have stood determined to highlight the climate of Ukraine in the local community and with our students.

Over the past couple of months, a team of six dedicated members of staff met to discuss the possibilities and strategies that could be put in place to do our best for this country, and for that, we thank Miss Vivian, Miss Wilson, Ms Hartley, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Tooth and Mr Andrews. Most importantly, the team decided that providing Ukraine with the essential necessities would be the main focus and, as a school, we wanted to think of the children being affected.

The response was absolutely astonishing! Each week our school minibus was used to take the plentiful donations to local drop off points where transport had already been organized for Ukraine. A huge thank you to Keith for assisting the driving and to Mrs Gilbert for organizing the transport and storage of contributions.

In the first week of collections, students, staff, families and members of the local community were asked to donate coats and bedding and in the second week toys for comfort. In the third week, where we had planned to collect educational equipment, the overwhelming support from weeks one and two was outstandingly sufficient.

Our television screens in school displayed information of the support over the weeks, and students will have noticed the dove of peace to show our unity. The art department also helpfully contributed in lessons, where students decorated and wrote their messages on paper doves. To help educate our students, an assembly was organised where students were spoken to about the conflict, and we thank our teachers for encouraging students to talk about their feelings in these challenging times.

We cannot thank the school, students and families that have helped us stand united with Ukraine enough!

By Mrs Tooth and Evie Hollowood



Supporting our Community - Foodbank

Although Covid restrictions have relaxed and we have been able to return to work there is still a need to support our families and friends with our Chase Terrace Academy Foodbank.

This has become more evident in the last few weeks where we are all feeling the effects of increasing fuel and petrol bills.

During the Christmas period we ran a successful drive in/walk through collection. Staff created parcels and these were put straight into the boots of cars or handed personally to our walk through customers. This, we believed, was a winning formula so we ran the same system again just before the Easter break.

Thank you to all who continue to donate to our foodbank, we are truly grateful for the community spirit that has been shown. We are still accepting donations any day of the week and can be left at our school reception. We would like to give a special mention to The House of Bread and Tesco Rugeley who have generously continued to support us on a regular basis.

It goes without saying that if you need an extra helping hand and your child attends our school please do not hesitate to contact us.

Telephone: 01543 682286

Email: office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

All calls are treated confidentially and we can arrange a time for you to pick up a food parcel at your convenience.



Eggs for Easter Campaign

Our Eggs for Easter Campaign was introduced in April 2021 where we distributed over 300 eggs in our local community.

This year we looked to match last year's achievements. Students and staff were once again very generous. Thank you to ABC Supply Agency, Lichfield, who gifted 100 chocolate eggs to support our campaign. Our community spirit never ceases to amaze us

As a result we were able to put two Easter eggs into each of our Easter food hampers. In addition, we supported Grangemoor Nursing home and Bracken House Care Home, in Chase Terrace. Each resident appreciatively received an egg.

Thank you so much from the Chase Terrace Foodbank Team.

Year 8 Bake Sale

Students in Year 8 held a bake sale during one Friday lunchtime in the library to raise money for the RSPCA.

They raised an amazing amount of £60. Well done to you all!





Introducing our Wellbeing Ambassadors and CTA Safe Space

We have launched a Wellbeing Ambassadors Programme to promote positive mental health and wellbeing amongst our students.

We have teamed up with Worth-it to train fifteen students who will become Wellbeing Ambassadors, providing peer support, peer mentoring and wellbeing campaigns.

The Ambassadors, who range across all year groups, will act as role models, peer mentors and will work with staff and the senior leadership team to promote mental health and wellbeing across the school to benefit all students and will be working on lots of projects to improve existing provision.

We were also recently successful in the Tesco Community Grant initiative and was awarded £1,000 to create a safe space in school for students as part of its mental health and wellbeing agenda. We hope the new space will encourage more students to open up and talk about their mental health.

Councillor Di Evans was invited to open the safe space once it was completed.

"This is the week of Children's Mental Health and today I was invited to Chase Terrace Academy to open their Safe Space initiative for students who are suffering with mental health issues. It is a scheme which I was privileged to discuss with a specially trained group of students from years 8 to 13 who have been selected to support their peers on this important issue. The room, that has been set up via funding from Tesco and Groundworks, is a sensory relaxing, restful and peaceful space that will enable students to discuss with their peers if they are stressed and finding it difficult to cope. As the words suggest it will provide a safe space for students who need support. The students themselves are amazing and I am confident they will all give excellent help to their peers. The staff who have been involved in setting up this vital service have also done a great job in selecting, training and organising the students and setting up the room. I am proud that Burntwood and in particular Chase Terrace Academy has young people who are so committed to giving up their time to helping others. Well done and congratulations to you all."

Councillor Di Evans Chair of Burntwood Town Council



Growing Together

During February, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week.

Students have been involved in a variety of activities during the week to mark this year's theme of 'Growing Together'. Each form group has been given a dahlia bulb to plant, nurture and grow. The plants will be planted in the school memorial garden in the summer, as a visual reminder of how we support each other and how we grow together at Chase Terrace Academy.

Pi Day

14th March was, of course, the International Day of Mathematics. It is known more commonly as "Pi Day" after that very special number which starts 3.14... and goes on forever without repeating.

This Pi Day, for the Maths department inter-house event, students competed for who could correctly recite the most digits of pi. Congratulations to Year 8 student Jack who memorised a staggering 70 digits! Notable mentions also go to Ben (Yr7), Jay (Yr9) and George (Yr10) who were all able to recite an impressive number of digits.

Students also wrote and submitted "pi-ems". A pi-em is a short poem, sentence or piece of writing where each word length corresponds to the digits of the number pi. For example, "how I love a fruit breakfast" (3.14159)

Jay (Yr9) came up with this one...

*Pie, a food, a maths conundrum.
So absurd the maths.*

Aerith (Yr9) continued the food theme...

*Pie, a food, a treat.
Fractions of apples, pears are eaten.
Crumbles flakiness.*

Superb pi-ems!

School Lottery Update

Our school lottery has been running now for 3 years & raised £9,154.80 in valuable funds for CTA! Thank you to all our supporters.

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 a percentage of all ticket sales are donated back to Chase Terrace Academy.

The school lottery currently has many supporters and with over 156 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 all our winners since the Autumn newsletter.

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>



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.



Competition

Win 1 of 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards

This term there are FIVE chances to win a special prize. On 25th June five lucky winners will scoop a £100 B&Q Gift Card, just in time for BBQ season! Get your tickets now!

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/>

Sport at Chase Terrace Academy

CTA Sports Results

Sports Hall Athletics

Year 7

- Performed well in both District competitions for boys and girls.

Year 8

- Performed well in District competition for boys and girls.
- Boys finished 1st.
- Boys qualified for County competition and finished 2nd.

Netball

Year 7

- District competition, reached the semi-finals.

Year 8

- District competition, just missed Semi-finals.

Year 9

- 3rd in District tournament.

Rugby

Year 7

- 2nd place in District competition
- RFU competition - won 4/7 games

Year 8

- 2nd place in District competition

Football

Year 7

- Boys – through to the District final.
- Girls – won both games and Year 7/8 Girls won the 7 aside tournament at King Edwards

Year 8

- Boys – in the Semi-final of District Cup.
- Girls – won both games

Year 9

- Boys - through to the District final.

Year 10

- Boys – in the Semi-final of District Cup.

Basketball

Year 7

- 5th place in District tournament.

Year 8

- 1st and 2nd place in District qualifying tournament

Year 10

- Won both District matches

Year 7 Boys Rugby

Congratulations to our team who played in the Staffordshire County Tournament recently finishing 2nd place. The boys won 5 games against St Josephs, The Hart School, King Edwards, Oldfields and QMS!

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to all participants in recent Netball, Football and Rugby fixtures/tournaments! Netball won all 3 matches, football won the District Cup Semi Final and the Rugby team won their group, qualifying them for the cup competition!



Year 9 Netball

Well done to our team who finished 3rd in the Cannock and District Netball Tournament recently held at Chase Terrace Academy!



Year 7 Netball

Congratulations to our team for finishing in 3rd place in the Cannock and District Netball Tournament recently!



Year 7 & 8 Girls Football

Congratulations to our team who won all 3 games that they played recently in the SGO tournament!



@CTA_PE

The PE Department at CTA 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!



Staff Focus

As we start 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:

- Mrs Waters - appointed as new SENCO from September 2022
- Mr Lloyd - appointed Head of History and Permanent Assistant Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Finch - appointed as Academy Progress Lead

New Starters

Welcome to:

- Mrs Lees - Computer Science
- Mrs Bogart - Science
- Mrs Keogh - English

Goodbye

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

- Mrs Hughes - Medical Officer
- Mrs Bone - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Hammond-White - English
- Mr Graham - Business Studies

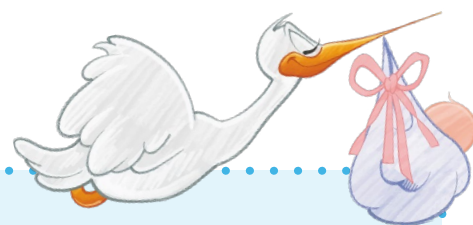
Baby News Congratulations

This term we were delighted to welcome back:

- Miss Forbes - Data Assistant

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

- Dr Allen-Bate
- Miss Woodhouse
- Miss Westwood



Vacancies

We currently have the following opportunities:

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| - Deputy Headteacher | - Assistant Headteacher | - 0.4 FTE Art Teacher (FTC) |
| - 3 x Teaching Assistants | - 0.4 FTE Performing Arts Teacher (FTC) | - ICT Technician |
| - Receptionist | | |

If you are interested in finding out about any of these opportunities please visit:

<https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>