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Chatham House Grammar School
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New Website and Future Newsletters

I hope that you have had a chance to look at the new Federation website which went 'live' on 1st January to coincide with our change to Academy status. If you have not had the chance yet then the URL is:

www.ccgrammarschool.co.uk

It is our intention to only publish the termly newsletter on the website, so watch out for a text message announcing the next newsletter towards the end of next term. However, if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter then please contact the Federation Executive Head's PA, Mrs McMaster, **tmcmaster@chathamhouse.kent.sch.uk**

Cambridge Beckons for Craig

Congratulations to Craig Burns who has been offered a place to read Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

A New Era is Under Way for Historic Grammars

Just in case you missed this, the following formed the basis of a newspaper article about our new 6th form centre:

A new sixth form centre is open for senior students at Chatham House and Clarendon House Grammar Schools in the heart of Ramsgate.

The large common room features a cafe area, comfy sofas, tables and chairs, and rows of high-tech Apple Mac computers for study and research. It occupies part of the Cavendish Street complex which is a half-way point between the two schools in Chatham Street and Clarendon Gardens.

From September 2011 the two historic establishments will form part of the urban campus in the town with boys and girls from Years 7 to 9 occupying the Chatham House site and boys and girls from Years 10 and 11 occupying the Clarendon House location.

Sixth formers will be taught over both sites and the school day will be adjusted to make movement between the sites for these students – and staff – more practical.

It is all part of the coming together of the two traditional grammar schools under Chief Executive, Mr Smart, who has designed a new joint school crest that will feature on clothing, signage and literature from September 2011.

It incorporates the main elements from both existing school badges – the pelican from CHS, the Cinque Ports lion from Clarendon House, and the Kent Invicta horse against a green background – green is the colour of both schools.

Mr Smart said: "The urban campus is a logical and sensible progression and it will provide a more efficient use of resources across the sites and will enable us to deliver more diverse learning. The creation of a new badge and new literature reflecting our new status is part of the unifying process, as we develop and move forward. "The new Cavendish Street centre is a fantastic example of creating a space where students of our sixth form, which is the largest in the area, can work and relax together in an historic building with high-tech resources."

ePortal Replacement

We will shortly be releasing login details for the SIMS Learning Gateway to Chatham House parents. This system replaces the ePortal system that we have run successfully for the last few years, enabling you to check your child's progress via a secure Internet site. Login details will be sent to the primary contact name via email. Therefore, *if you do not think that you have given your email address to the school or it needs updating, please*

contact the school office so they can update your records. The information will be sent out in stages, starting with Year 8 pupils this term with remaining year groups following later in the year.

Regional Win for Biathlon Team

Three of our young athletes have set their sights on the final of the British Schools Modern Biathlon finals. Charlie Gambrell, Alex Kirkpatrick and Ben Pond – all from Year 10 – won the team title on the Kent and East Sussex regional heats of the nationwide competition at Medway Park.

They were also in the top six in their individual competitions, and now move on to the semi finals at Crystal Palace on February 6, aiming for a spot in the finals at the same venue on March 20.



Back To The 80's

A nostalgic trip celebrating the music of the 1980s is the theme to this year's joint stage production.

The show will be staged at Chatham House on March 10, 11 and 12 from 7.30pm. Tickets on sale soon!

Royal Albert Hall Success

Percussionists from Thanet played at the world famous Royal Albert Hall in London in November to cap another successful year. They were part of the prestigious Music for Youth concert and were among the elite of invited performers from around the UK at a three-day festival.

The drummers – who are tutored as part of an after school club here at Chatham House by musical director Ms Hollman – were invited to play at the historic venue following a successful appearance at the 40th annual National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham in the summer.

The community percussion school wowed the audience with an emotive new work on African djembe drums simply called African, plus a composition inspired by Indonesian gamelan percussion but using a range of 'tuned' saucepans and bottles in a piece called 'Gamapan'.

The community drumming groups were developed at Chatham House Grammar School, Ramsgate, through lottery funding.

On The Cup Trail With First XV

Our rugby continues to expand and develop. The Rugby Academy which 'kicked off' last year goes from the strength to strength and the autumn tour to Barcelona was another successful outing for the senior squad. The first XV are still progressing well in the Daily Mail cup and have made it through six rounds so far, with the next opponents from the Cooper and Cockburn School in Essex.



First XV coach Mr Hughes said: "Rugby coaching is very good at Chatham House and thanks are due to our committed coaches who support the boys' ongoing development in the sport."

Outreach Aims to Inspire Young Pupils

Primary school pupils are being encouraged to aim higher with a little help from our pupils and staff.

Maths teacher Miss Purland is co-ordinating a primary school links project that offers specialist resources to aid learning in the primary sector – and invites primary children into the grammars for specialist workshops.

Our maths and science outreach work has already won acclaim from the junior schools which have benefited from visits from teachers and technicians with a range of hands-on equipment and projects.

Miss Purland said: "We are extending the range of our expertise and support into the primary schools this year. Our intention is to further encourage the younger pupils to raise their attainment levels, to aim higher through inspirational teaching of a wide range of subjects across the curriculum.

"It also serves to demonstrate what life is like in senior schools to the primary pupils – it gives them a real taster of the life they can face when they leave Year 6."

Maths Masterclasses for Year 5 and 6 primary students look at a range of different topics including binary code and Braille. Shakespeare evenings and science and engineering workshops are among other initiatives being planned.