



# CoDA Chronicles

## Academy News:

### Attendance Update:

Congratulations to **Alfie L** for winning the attendance prize for full attendance on the last week of the half term.

The winning forms for the half term with the highest attendance were:

7 PW

8 EH

9 SM

10 DB

11 JR

All forms received a box of sweets.



The attendance team have sent out 516 letters to students on 95% attendance and above, and 40 letters to students that haven't yet achieved 95% but are in our most improved group.

Keep up the great work all.

### Inset Choir Performance:

8 of our talented CoDA Chromatics' Choir performed for our joint school inset at Pride Park on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. They sang two pieces and a joint song with choirs from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, and Chellaston Academy. Lots of people came to congratulate me and Miss Haywood after the performance. I am incredibly proud of them for coming on the first day of their holiday and making the event so special. Well done Matthew O, Kaitlin G, Katelin EP, Kaycee S, Summer K, Emily D, Elsie U, and Anjali G - we are very proud of you. Mrs Powell.

### Year 11 Mock Exams:

Our Year 11's have their first set of Mock Exams starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please see below for the timetable of Core exams. Exams in other subjects are being arranged in lesson times during other parts of the school day.

		WEEK 1			
		Exam Start 9:00 P1	P2	P3	Exam start 2:15 P5
AM Entry Method					
Students to make sure that electronic devices are off and in their bag. Students to go to hall before being instructed to go to exam rooms. Bags and outdoor wear placed in the open lockers provided. Examiners will direct students to their seat. Calculators and equipment will be provided. Students will go back to their timetabled lesson when the exam is finished.					
Monday, 11 November	Meetin in Hall	Maths 1hr30m			
		Non-Calculator			
Tuesday, 12 November	Meetin in Hall	Science 1hr15m			
		Biology, Chemistry, Physics			
Wednesday, 13 November	Meetin in Hall	English Language 1hr45m			
Thursday, 14 November	Meetin in Hall	English Literature 1hr30m			
Friday, 15 November	Meetin in Hall	Maths 1hr30m			
		Calculator			

### New PE Extra Curricular Timetable:

Please see below for this halfterm's new PE Extra Curricular Timetable. The department has listened to the Academy Council and is putting on Trampolining club every Wednesday after school.

Inter-House sports competitions start this halfterm (on Thursday's) as well and we'd like to see as many pupils take part as possible. Class Charts points and Queue Jump passes will be available for participants and winners respectively.

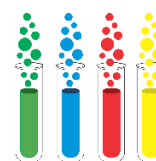
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### PE After School Clubs Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 7, 8 & 9 Football JPE / SSI	Trampolining SSI / EHA	Inter-House Competitions ABU	Badminton ABU
	Volleyball LKA		GCSE PE LKA	
	Dance/Cheerleading EHA		Year 10 & 11 Football JPE	



## Spotlight on Departments:



### This week's department - Science:

This week year 7 have been focussing on some chemistry skills.

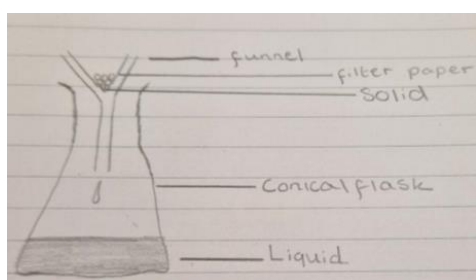
Mrs Ryan's class have been drawing bar charts.

Students were investigating what temperature water dissolved the most salt.



Miss Williams and Mrs Scanlon's class have been separating rock salt

Students started by adding water to the rock salt to dissolve the salt and then filtered it to remove the sand.



Students then evaporated the water to leave the salt behind.

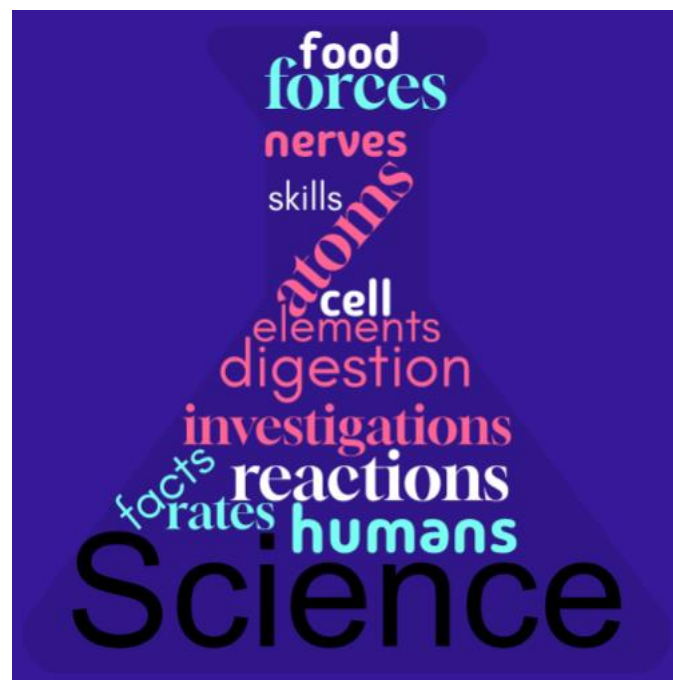


Mrs Russell's' class have been separating ink using chromatography.

Here you can see the chromatograms they made showing the colours the ink in felt tips is made from.



Other Year groups are studying the following areas in Science:



## Children in Need

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the school will be running some charity activities to raise money for Children in Need. These activities will include a cake sale, staff v student penalty shoot out and a 'guess the sweets' in the jar competition. Students are encouraged to bring any money that they can spare to support the activities.



## Pupil's Profiled:

This week, Year 10 pupils Jake B and Bhavandeep T talk about the first halfterm studying their GCSE subjects.

### **What Option Subjects are you studying?**

JB - *iMedia, Music, German*

BT - *Photography, Business Studies, Geography*

### **How has the first halfterm been in Year 10?**

JB - *It has been good, the first 2 weeks were like an introduction but after then, the work has become more in depth and focussed on what we need to do to pass the GCSE's.*



BT - *At the start, we learned about the course, assessment etc but now we are learning about the information we need for exams and the work has got a little harder.*

**What are you most enjoying about your new Option subjects?**

JB - *These are subjects that I wanted to do.*

BT - *The subjects are more what I chose, you learn more about these subjects as the information is quite in depth.*

**How does Year 10 differ from Year 7, 8 and 9 so far?**

JB - *The work is more in depth, we have to learn more but we can spend longer focussing on work so that we understand all of the work.*

BT - *In a way, it is more complex but is also more fun. We learn about more things in each subject. Also in PE, we are doing new sports from KS3 which is good.*

### **Inter-House Competition**

On a two-weekly basis, our four Houses (**Clancy**, **Daley**, **Ogogo** & **Adlington** - names of former GB Olympians) compete against each other to see which one has the best attendance and Class Charts ratios. The winning House at the end of each halfterm will be awarded with a non-uniform day and 100 Class Charts points will be retrospectively awarded to each pupil in that House. Please see the current scores below:

After the first halfterm, the winning house is **CLANCY!!!** Pupils in this House will be enjoying a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**,

**CLANCY - 468**

OGOGO - 462

DALEY - 390

ADLINGTON - 462

