



# Chadsgrove Specialist College

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## GOING FOR GOLD

David Smith MBE, Paralympian Boccia Gold medalist and reigning world champion was welcomed as guest of honour at College on Friday 8th October. David, who has recently returned from the Tokyo games after re-gaining his world number one status, had a rapturous reception from flag waving students and staff.

Last year David met some of our students via Zoom whilst the country was in national lockdown and it was still unclear whether the Olympic and Paralympic games could even take place.

David brought along his gold medal, talked about his career, answered student questions and gave a boccia demonstration where he shared top tips with some of our aspiring players.

*“David is an inspirational figure. He displays such drive and determination and is a great example of what we hope to instill in all students here at Chadsgrove. We are thrilled to have welcomed David here and we know that our students will always remember his motivational words and enthusiasm.” – Deb Rattley (Principal)*







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## GRAND OPENING

We were honoured to welcome the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the United Kingdom, Sajid Javid to our college to open our new extension.

We've increased the size of our bathroom facilities with a brand new, fully equipped area. This will support our daily timetable to run even more smoothly than they already did.

A huge thanks to DTD Charity for their donation towards the build.







### HEALTH FOCUSED

This half term we have enjoyed getting back to being active, especially in the hydro pool and on the trampoline during Rebound sessions.

Our newest students have been working hard with our therapists and other staff on their assessments in order to tailor their individual programs to meet their needs.

Meanwhile, our second year and onward students have been working just as hard to show us how good they are at working towards their own existing personalised targets.







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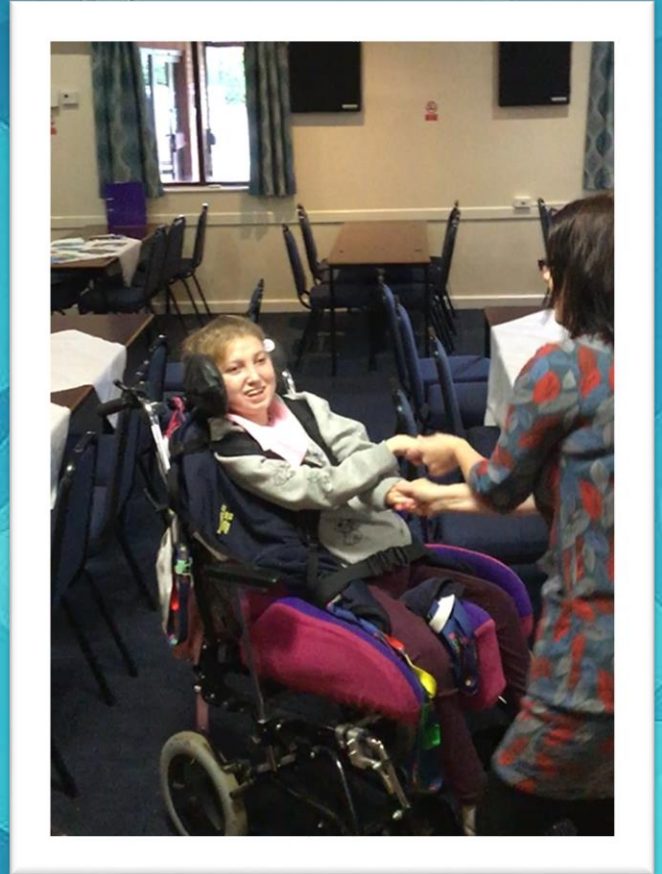
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## MEET THE TEAM

It was fabulous to be able to hold our meet the team in person this year, hosted across the road from our college, at Catshill Social Club. It was a fantastic opportunity to be able to chat to so many of the Parent Carers in person. All the students did a brilliant job of making sure everyone had tea, coffee and most importantly, cake! We all enjoyed a little bit of entertainment and dancing too.



Catshill Social Club is a great community facility that we will be accessing throughout the year for different events, watch this space!



## IMPORTANT DATES

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Students Break Up

1<sup>st</sup> November - Students Return

19<sup>th</sup> November - Bromsgrove Christmas Market

26<sup>th</sup> November – INSET

16<sup>th</sup> December - Parent and Guests Celebration

17<sup>th</sup> December - Students Break Up

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Students Return