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The evening of Thursday 6th July 2017 was our first Achievement Awards Evening. Over 500 people attended to witness more than 80 awards being given to students from Years 7-11. The event was held at The Riverside Centre on Pride Park and we cannot speak highly enough of their staff for their assistance and support for the event. Mike Wedderburn, the Sky Sports News presenter, was our guest speaker and personally presented every award posing for photographs with each student. Feedback from the event has been incredibly positive and this will now most certainly be an annual event in the Academy calendar. We would particularly like to extend our thanks to the parents for their support on the evening, but acknowledge that it is the students drive, hard work and tenacity that set the foundation for the evening. Throughout the year they have earned these awards and it is a pleasure to be able to acknowledge their contribution to Academy life. During the presentation, citations were read out which captured the feelings of the teaching staff for each award winner. The citations and photographs are available for you to read by following [this link](#). It was great to see an excerpt from *Oliver!* and part of a dance programme as part of the evening too.

During these two weeks, we have run a series of assemblies using the workshop on Kayleigh's Love Story, which deals with Child Sexual Exploitation and on-line safety. Year 10 will take part on Monday morning and this will complete the presentations to Years 7-10. After the assembly, Tutors deliver a follow-up session, enabling the students' time to discuss and explore the relevant issues. The safeguarding team, external 'CSE Champions' and the police have circulated in these sessions to deal with any disclosures or difficult questions the students might have.

A couple of weeks ago we invited three Ofsted trained inspectors to visit the school and carry out a review, to help us to identify areas to improve. They were very thorough and have suggested a series of targets and given advice to help us develop the Academy further. We have started to feed the information back to the students through assemblies, student council and in Tutor time. At Leadership level, we are looking at changes and developments we can put in place during the next academic year and will keep you informed as things develop.

The transition and induction days for the Year 6 students took place at the beginning of the month and were very well received. 276 new students experienced 2 days at the Academy including lessons, activities, tutor time and our dining facilities. Hopefully they will feel more at home when they arrive in September as a result of the efforts of all involved.

We are currently in the middle of the work experience programme aimed at our Year 10 students. The placements, which are for one week, provide almost 50 students with a diverse range of opportunities; these include Bombardier, Rolls-Royce, East Midlands Trains, Derbyshire Police, Veterinary Centres, Hair Salons, local Schools and Nurseries to name but a few. Reports back from 'employers' have been overwhelmingly positive; we are proud of our students and the credit they bring to the themselves and the Academy.

Thanks are due to Sarah Stratton, one of our Admin team, for the hours of work done behind the scenes to make work experience such a success. Derbyshire County Council, who run a series of checks to ensure the providers are suitable and safeguarding measures are in place, support the programme. These placements are often life changing events for students and it is not uncommon for part-time work or offers of apprenticeships to result from the work experience.

On an operational level, we have undertaken a series of room changes and re-located seven departments within the Academy in order to enhance the facilities for teaching and learning. By doing this, we are future-proofing against any potential increase in numbers and have tackled the issue of congestion in some parts of the site. It is testament of the staff and students of the Academy that these changes, which involved thirty teaching rooms, have happened whilst the Academy has run as normal, the review has taken place and the Year 6 to 7 transition work was underway. Credit is due to the premises team and contractors who have worked discreetly and tirelessly to allow this to happen.

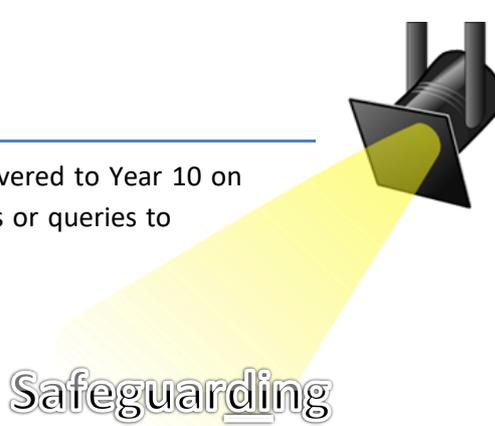
Our final week of the year has two main themes. Diversity Week is largely aimed at Years 7-9 but will also include elements for Year 10. Year 10 will predominantly be involved in Careers Week. Visits to Universities, Colleges and Apprenticeship Providers have been arranged. Workshops on CV and application writing plus other visitors will also form part of the week. Our Diversity Week is aimed at providing our students the opportunity to widen their understanding of the diverse world in which we live. They will engage in activities to help them understand and appreciate different cultures, religions, gender groups and other interests along with presentations, which include environmentalists and dance groups.

The Careers and Diversity week round off a very busy year and we look forward to reporting on these activities in the final Newsletter of the year next Friday.

Safeguarding

The final 'Kayleighs Love Story' assembly and workshop will be delivered to Year 10 on Monday 17th July. As mentioned above please direct any questions or queries to the Form Tutor or the Safeguarding Team.

As holiday times approach, so the normal structure and routines you are accustomed to change. Safeguarding yourself is of paramount importance, particularly when you are in situations, which are different. You are likely to be on holiday in different cities or countries and need to be aware of the increased risk, which could occur. Please ensure you always let somebody know where you will be, how you will travel and what time you expect to be back. Keep in touch with people and ensure your phone is charged and has credit before you set off. All of the safeguarding information I have given you in school applies to virtually any situation you are in. Stay aware and be cautious if approached by people you do not know.



Safeguarding

School Dress and Uniform Code

We believe that our high standards of uniform contribute to the positive ethos of the Academy. We take great pride in this and know that you support us with our expectations.

Around this time of year it is often the case that students stretch our expectations and may not present themselves, as they should. With this in mind, we are asking for your support in checking their uniform. As parents, we know and understand that the students grow during the year and that uniforms, particularly skirts and trousers, become very short; however, they still need to fully comply with the uniform policy, including length. Please ensure that any clothing purchases for school are made with our uniform list in mind.

Please see our website if you have any queries regarding our uniform.

Mrs J Rumsey – Deputy Headteacher

Diversity and Careers Week

Next week will be an opportunity for students to widen their understanding of the world. We have arranged for external speakers, organisations and workshop providers to come into the school and work with our students, studying a variety of PSHE and careers topics. This should prove to be a fun week that enables students to discuss and explore the wider community.

Mrs J Rumsey – Deputy Headteacher / Mrs C Buckle – Subject Leader Philosophy & Ethics

Science

Year 10 Physics Equations Assessments Information - Holiday Homework

As I am sure, you are aware your son/daughter has been working on the new specification for GCSE Science grades 9-1.

One of the major changes that has been introduced to the new GCSE Physics assessments is that students are no longer given equation sheets with all the equations that they will need.

They are given a much reduced equation sheet with 7 equations for the Trilogy Combined Science and 12 equations if they are taking the Physics Triple option.

In addition to this they are now required to recall (memorise) a further 21 equations for the Trilogy Combined Science and 23 equations if they are taking the Physics Triple option.

We have been helping them with various techniques to learn the ones we have covered so far in the course and we would like to assess how well they can do this.

Your son/daughter will be bringing home a booklet to work on over the holidays to learn only the equations we have covered so far in the course. They will be tested on this at the start of year 11 in their Physics lessons. They will have to resit the test if they do not perform well enough. It would be great if you could help them work on this by testing them and using the revision cards or the formula sheet that are in the booklet.

We will continue to check they can recall these equations and the new ones covered in the year 11 work as we go through the year.

Mrs E Jepson – Head of Physics

For Year 6 Parents

This week, over three days, Year 6 students have been into the Academy, getting to know their form tutors and form groups. They have completed a variety of activities, including having their photos and fingerprints taken and completing a survey in the ICT suites, which will help us get to know them even better.

They have enjoyed some challenging lessons in English, Maths, History and Geography; although I think, it is fair to say that the highlight was getting their Bunsen Burner licences in Science! As part of their experience, they have also toured the school, sampled the lunchtime food and participated in sports with our Sports' Leaders at lunchtime.

The behaviour and effort demonstrated by the year group has been exemplary, and we are really looking forward to welcoming them in September! Well done to all our Sports' Leaders and, particularly, our Year 10 Ambassadors, who represented the school brilliantly and looked after the Year 6 students throughout their time with us - the maturity, cooperation and responsibility displayed make each and every one of them a credit to Chellaston Academy.

The transitional residential Mrs Grimwood has organised to Whitemoor Lakes for the Year Group in October has proven very popular with nearly half of the year group signed up. The balance for this trip is due by Friday 8th September.

Miss Eley - KS3 Raising Standards Leader

Mrs Grimwood - Year 7 SPL

The Melbourne Festival of Creative and Performing Arts

Melbourne Festival will be taking place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of September. Any bands, musicians, dancers and performers who would like to appear at the Festival please contact Mr Statham (Drum Teacher) in [MD11](#) or one of the music teachers for more information.

Ian Statham

Design Challenge Day – Derby University

On Wednesday the 12th of July nine year ten students from Mrs Allen's and Mr Wheatley's Engineering classes and three year twelve students from the Product Design course took part in a design challenge day at Derby University. The students had to build a mechanical device that could launch a projectile to hit a number of targets at a range of different distances. There were several schools taking part and the competition was tough to say the least.

During the contest all of our students demonstrated excellent design and making skills. Their ability to work effectively within a team was specifically praised by the judges and their attitude and behaviour throughout the day was exemplary.

Although all of our students were outstanding special credit should go to Jamie Dorrington, Ryan Thompson and Jake Comery who claimed the runner up prize in the year 10 category winning a cheque for £40 for the school and a cash voucher for themselves.

Well done to all those that took part - Aaron Pole, Dylan Jones , Jake Comery, Matthew Moore, HarleighUpton, Phoebe Cross, Ryan Thompson, Thomas Harley, Jamie Dorrington, Sachin Bains, William Pezzack and Joe Clayton.

PE

KS4 PE Kit

In order for the new PE kit to be delivered in time for September, please ensure the Wisepay payment of £35 is paid before the end of term (21st July).

Please email dannidow@chellaston.derby.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Mrs Dow – PE

Medicines in School

Can we please remind parents / carers that all prescribed / non-prescribed medication should be taken the Medical Room on arrival at school, where it can be monitored and given out correctly to the right students. If you have any queries, please contact Dawn O'Shea.

Hay Fever Medication

Could you please ensure that your child has had their Hay Fever medication before school as we are unable to supply them with this type of medication. Alternatively, medication may be sent into school and this will be locked away and given to your child when necessary.

Water Bottles in School

Could we please ask that all students bring a water bottle with them into school, now that the weather is becoming warmer. These can be filled up at break time and lunchtime using the water fountains that are situated around the school.

Mrs D O'Shea – Medical Room

Important dates to the end of the year

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| 17 th August | AS & A2 Results Day |
| 24 th August | GCSE Results Day |
| 5 th September | Start of the new Academic year for our students |

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

Visitors to the Site

Access to the site is now controlled using the security gate system recently installed. After entering the site via the turnstile or pedestrian gate, could we remind all visitors to the site including parents, to report to Reception on arrival with some personal identification. If they need to visit particular rooms or members of staff they will then be escorted from Reception.

Apart from this being normal practise you will appreciate the Health and Safety and Safeguarding aspects which we have to see as paramount to the Academy community. It is normal for visitors to contact the school to make an appointment wherever possible and we appreciate that the vast majority of parents and potential visitors follow this practise.

Students Feeling Poorly in School

If a student feels poorly whilst in school, they should visit the medical room and seek medical attention. If the medical room supervisors feel that the student should be sent home, they will contact parents and inform appropriate staff in school. If felt that the student is well enough to be in school, they will send them back to their lessons.

If a student continues to feel poorly when they have been sent back to their lessons, they should revisit the medical room. Please impress on your child the importance of not making phone calls home themselves. This presents us with a health and safety issue in that we may have parents on site or students making arrangements to leave the site that we are not aware of. You will appreciate how serious a problem this could be.

Thank you for your co-operation, The Medical Room Supervisors

Reporting Absence/Request to Leave School

We kindly ask that **all** student absences must be reported for **each day** by a parent/carer and by **9:00am** using one of the following methods:

Telephone: 01332 702502 option 1 (24 hour Absence Line Answerphone)

Email: attendance@chellaston.derby.sch.uk (this replaces the previous reporting email address)

This allows all details to be correct and up to date and to ensure that your child is not assumed **missing**.

If a student needs to leave school during the day for an appointment etc. a medical appointment card/letter or note in the handbook should be shown to the form tutor during form time, preferably no later than the previous day, whereby a pink signing out slip will be authorised and issued to allow the student to leave the class, and to sign out at Reception at the time requested.

We can only allow a student to be taken out of school for an emergency appointment by a named contact that we currently hold on our records. In an emergency situation where a third party is asked to collect a student we need to be able to verify the identity and authority of this person by contacting you directly. We are not able to simply accept the word of a person not on our records. We advise that arrangements are made in advance by the parent/carer with the school.

For this reason, please ensure all contact details and contact numbers are correct and updated regularly.

Mr Kevin J Gaiderman – Headteacher