



# Chellaston Academy

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## Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

As we write this Newsletter to you, our Sports Day is being staged on the Main Field. Some of you will have heard the commentary of the various events as the afternoon unfolded. Sports Day is always a highlight of our calendar and it is encouraging to see competitors and supporters taking an active role in the day. Thankfully, it is not too hot, neither is it wet; good weather for fiercely competitive athletes and the enthusiastic crowd alike! Thanks are due to the staff and Sports Leaders who have organised the event. We will publish the highlights and results next week.

Our Music and Drama departments have staged 'Oliver!' for three nights this week. Without exception, all who have attended have spoken of the amazing quality of this thoroughly entertaining musical. The talent and quality of the performances of all of the cast has been utterly outstanding. Live music supported the production and we thank the musicians and the technical team for their work too. See more details from Miss Jones below.

Wednesday was another busy day with our Sixth Form Bridging event being organised by Mr Clarke and the Sixth Form team. A good number of external students joined our Year 11 to experience the day including subject taster sessions and information talks. Further details have been provided by Mr Clarke below.

We hope the Year 6 parents are finding these Newsletters useful; not only in updating them on our transition arrangements but also giving a flavour of what is happening at the Academy. The Year 6 induction days are only one week away and take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Full details of the arrangements have been published along with the transport and domestic arrangements. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we have the Parents' Information Evening commencing at 6:00pm. We look forward to meeting you all on that evening and helping the Year 6 students to familiarise themselves with the Academy.

The exam season is now drawing to an end and concludes next week. The Year 10 cohort are currently completing their exams and we thank all of the students for their focus and co-operation at this time. From Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 11 students have not needed to attend other than when they have an exam.

As an update to the information we gave you about our Achievement Evening, we have a change of date by one day to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. It will now be held at The Riverside Centre on Pride Park and will seek to recognise and celebrate the achievements of many of our students in a range of areas, both academic and extra-curricular. There are more details below.

Our Chello Mile, one of the major fund raising events for the Uganda Project, took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. I am aware that Mr Karran has sent messages encouraging any proceeds to be given to Form Tutors as soon as possible. The process of transferring funds to Uganda starts early next week, therefore it would be most helpful for any outstanding funds to be sent in on Monday morning.

Some students have started bringing energy drinks into school. In past Newsletters, we have requested your support in asking your children not to do this. The ingredients of the energy drinks have an adverse effect on concentration and behaviour, which is detrimental to the learning environment we work hard to cultivate.

## Safeguarding

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### 'Private Fostering'

If your child is living under private fostering arrangements and we don't already know about it, please let us know at school. Your child's form tutor, Progress Leader, Miss Stavri or Mrs Burdis are the best people to contact. We need to ensure that the correct provisions are in place from our side at school.



Safeguarding

A reminder as to the definition of 'Private Fostering':

**Private fostering is when a child under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a 'close relative'. This is a private arrangement made between a parent and a carer, for 28 days or more. Close relatives are defined as step-parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts (whether of full blood, half blood or marriage/affinity).**

## Achievement Evening – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

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At Chellaston Academy, we are always proud to celebrate our students' achievements. We are especially excited this year to announce our very first Achievement Evening, to be held at The Riverside Centre, Pride Park on the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This will be an opportunity for staff and parents to praise the very best that our fantastic students achieve. Staff have been nominating students from all subjects for awards in both effort and achievement from students in Key Stages 3 and 4. Shortly those students who have been nominated will receive invites along with their parents to attend the awards ceremony. This promises to be an excellent evening, showcasing Chellaston Academy; we look forward to seeing you on the night. There will be a similar event for KS5 students in the Autumn term as we celebrate their achievements in their final years at Chellaston Academy.

Mrs J Rumsey – Deputy Headteacher

## School Dress and Uniform Code

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As we draw into the slightly warmer weather and towards the end of the academic year, it is time for us to remind students about our expectations of uniform at Chellaston Academy. 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.

We have run a series of reminder assemblies and are conducting uniform checks to ensure that all students are aware of our expectations and that they are consistently applied. We know that you will support us in our efforts as we maintain the high standards that we expect here at Chellaston Academy. Please see our website if you have any queries regarding our uniform.

Mrs J Rumsey – Deputy Headteacher

## Sixth Form Bridging Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Bridging Day was open to all who had applied to join our 6<sup>th</sup> Form from September 2017. 250 letters had been issued and a large number of the students attended on Wednesday. Each student visited all of their chosen subjects and were given work to complete over the summer to aid their transition into the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. We hope the day was useful to them all, not least in helping them to confirm their decision on where to go and what to do after Year 11.

We are still welcoming applications. It is not too late! Also, if you have already applied and want to change subjects, this can also be done at any time. We do have a block structure in the updated prospectus.

Chellaston Sixth Form has its own official Twitter site @ChelloSixthForm to keep track of latest updates. If you follow and retweet the pinned tweet, you will be put into a prize draw to win an iPad Mini. The winner will be announced on the morning of the Bridging Day. At the moment, you have a 1 in 207 chance of winning. (One family has a 1 in 103.5 chance as the parent and student are both signed up!)

Mr Clarke

## Art and Technology Exhibition

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June marks the date of our Annual Summer Art and Technology Exhibition. The Art and Technology Departments will be open from 4:00pm until 7:00pm showcasing this years A-Level work and GCSE work from both departments. Anyone is welcome to come along to explore the exhibition, and please join us for a celebratory glass of wine or juice to open the exhibition from 4:00pm onwards.

Mrs C Johnson and Mrs W Allen – Subject Leaders for Art and Technology

## Mathematics

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### Year 8 Assessments

The End of Year tests will be on the 6th and 7th of July. The equipment they need is a calculator, ruler, rubber, pen, pencil and sharpener. This content will be on everything they have learnt this year. We advise pupils to use the revision materials on Firefly, their exercise books and Mymaths. Students can get support at KS3 Maths club, which runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### Year 7 Assessments

The End of Year tests will be the week beginning the 3rd July. The equipment they need is a calculator, ruler, rubber, pen, pencil and sharpener. This content will be on everything they have learnt this year. We advise pupils to use the revision materials on Firefly, their exercise books and Mymaths. Students can get support at KS3 Maths club, which runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss L Roberts - KS3 Coordinator for Maths

## Year 9 English

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All students should be revising for the Animal Farm assessment on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This will take place during period 3 and will last 45 minutes.

There will be an extract from the test which should lead into a whole text analysis. Students should write their answer using PETAL paragraphs and should be revising key quotations.

Ms D Leahy – Subject Leader English

## Science

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### Science Week

The Science department are hosting a Science week during the week commencing 26th June.

The week will start with Mr Lewis' Y10 Space team launching a balloon to the edge of space.

Many KS3 students will be invited to attend STEM sessions hosted by Rolls Royce and Smallpiece Trust. Zoolabs will also be allowing students to learn about adaptations, food webs and classification, through handling some unusual animals!

We will be running lots of fun and exciting sessions after school - including rat dissections, making aspirin and racing balloon powered cars!

For more information contact your Science teacher or Mrs Dunn!

## For Year 6 Parents

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You should now have received a letter regarding your child's transition to Chellaston Academy on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July **and** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This contains all of the information that you will need to ensure that your child is prepared for their days at the Academy, including uniform, food arrangements and equipment. It also details key timings for the day, as well as providing information regarding the parents' information evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Please ensure that your child knows their form group colour for their days in school and that you are familiar with the induction venue for the Parents' Information Evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's Year 6 teacher, in the first instance, who may be able to help, or please feel free to email [MichelleEley@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:MichelleEley@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) or [KellyGrimwood@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:KellyGrimwood@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) (Year 7 Student Progress Leader).

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Chellaston Academy.

Miss Eley - KS3 Raising Standards Leader

## **Sporting Achievements**

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### **Aimee Potts – 7STT**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Aimee Potts attended the National League Trampoline Competition at the Cardiff Metropolitan Centre representing Derbyshire. Aimee was placed in the 11-12 Female League 3 category for Series 1. There were 46 competitors in this category. Aimee was placed in 1<sup>st</sup> position after performing her set and vol routines. The top eight performers then had to perform a zero score final routine to compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze. Aimee went on to win a Gold for Derbyshire and qualified with 100 points into the next round. Aimee will take part in other events but she has already secured her place in the National League Finals at the Velodrome, Olympic Park in London, at the beginning of December this year.



## **Drama**

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Time to say 'pip pip cheerio' to Oliver!

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in our production this week. We are so thankful for all of the support given by friends and family, audiences, pupils and staff and are very proud of our performers and musicians. It was a sell out for two of three nights and we have been lucky enough to enjoy rave reviews all week! Can I also personally say what a pleasure it has been to work with every single young person involved. Their passion, commitment, talent and focus has been an immense honour to experience and have really showcased all that is wonderful about our pupils at the Academy. 😊

We wish CASTensemble Youth Theatre the best of luck with their final rehearsals this weekend before they head to The National Theatre to perform their piece FOMO on the Olivier Stage as an especially chosen and nationally recognised group. Tickets and coach fare available to support them Monday 3rd July - contact Miss Jones for details.

There are still a few places left on the CASTensemble summer school devising residency 14th-18th August. If you are in year 9 or above and interested send an email to [laura@castensemble.co.uk](mailto:laura@castensemble.co.uk) for further information. It is going to be a very exciting devising project!

Ms L Jones – Head of Drama & Music

## **Sinfonia Viva**

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On Monday 12th June, 21 students from years 9 and 10 took part in a music careers workshop involving the innovative and ground-breaking musical ensemble Sinfonia Viva.

The session was led by Ralph Clarkson - a professional trombonist, session musician, composer, orchestrator and music educator. The students were able to gain a more thorough knowledge and understanding of career opportunities in music.

Mr Baggott

## **Ski Trip to Austria : February 2018**

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The Presentation Evening for the above trip will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, beginning at 6:00pm, in the Main Hall.

Mr J Brown

## **Form Tutor Change**

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Mr Richard Davis has now taken over 8CKY. All parental contact should be addressed to [richarddavis@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:richarddavis@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

Mr T Wheatley – Student Progress Manager Year 8

## **PE**

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### **Chello Mile**

Last Wednesday, we saw the whole of year 7, 8, 9 and 10 take part in the Chello Mile. There was an amazing atmosphere out on the field while over 800 students walked or ran to raise money for our Uganda project. The fancy dress variations were some of the best yet!

The Uganda team are now coming round to form groups to collect the sponsor money. We would really appreciate your support with getting this money in so it can be taken out to Uganda on the 6th July.

### **Year 9 PE Kit**

The PE kit changes at the end of Year 9, as students move into Year 10. The new kit will consist of a black polo neck t-shirt and a zipped jumper. Both items will cost £35 per student, and this payment is available on Wisepay now. Please note: this kit is only available to buy from the Academy.

All Year 9 students will be given the opportunity to try on sample sizes in their PE lessons.

Please contact [dannidow@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:dannidow@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

### **Year 8 Rounders Team**

Congratulations to the Year 8 Rounders team who won the City Tournament last week. They played amazing well, and managed to bring home the title as champions against 8 other schools from across Derby City. Well done girls!

Mrs Dow – PE

## **Medicines in School**

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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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15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 7 Parents' Evening (changed from date of 8 <sup>th</sup> June due to General Election)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Prom @ Pride Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day & Parents' Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> August	AS & A2 Results Day
24 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE Results Day

## **GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS**

### **Visitors to the Site**

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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**

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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

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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](mailto: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**