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Newsletter 30th June 2017

Our Year 11 students had their last day in Chellaston Academy yesterday starting with a Leavers Assembly hosted by Miss Smith and concluding with the Leavers' Ball at the Toyota Suite, Pride Park Stadium in the evening. The students were a credit to both events and have left with good and happy memories. The Pride Park staff commented on it being one of the best Leavers' Ball they have been able to host. The students looked fantastic as they arrived in many modes of transport to the Stadium. Evidently, hours of preparation, hair styling and make-up had been done to compliment the amazing dresses and suits worn by the students. Many staff attended who again commented on the atmosphere and occasion. The last staff and the last pupil left Pride Park Stadium at 11:40pm!

As a reminder, on 3rd July, we have the Year 6 Parents' Information Evening commencing at 6:00pm. We look forward to meeting you all on that evening and to helping the Year 6 students to familiarise themselves with the Academy during their days too. The Year 6 students will be visiting us on Monday and then either Tuesday or Thursday for their induction days and taster lessons. At the Parents Evening, we have invited our two school uniform suppliers to display items for you to look at. We will not be holding a uniform shop; therefore, you will need to purchase the uniform from either supplier in Borrowash or Swadlincote. Further details are held on the website.

The exam season has now closed and we thank all of the staff who have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the arrangements ran so smoothly. Literally thousands of exams were taken by our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who now await results days in August. In line with our original announcement of exam procedures, **we will be reverting to the normal school day timing from Monday 3rd July. Lunchtime therefore, will return to the timing of 1:10pm to 1:55pm with a single lesson in the afternoon.** Thanks are due to the Lunchtime team and Catering Company for accommodating the changes over the exam period.

The Chellaston Academy Achievement Awards Evening is on Thursday 6th July. Mike Wedderburn has confirmed he will be in attendance and the venue arrangements are all in place. We have asked the cast of 'Oliver!' to include a short excerpt of their performance as part of the evening. Further information below.

Sports Day last Friday ran very smoothly. The PE staff did an excellent job in organising the many races and events. The field events and longer running events took place earlier in the week leaving the key track events until Sports Day. Mr Moore took over the mantle of commentator, a role held by Mr Newton for a number of years before he left. The weather was kind but blustery and the students gave of their best in competing for their year group. The overall winners for the Year Groups were for: Y10 – 10HLG, Y9 – 9HDY, Y8 – 8CKY, Y7 – 7MRK. Thankfully, there were no injuries other than the

odd spot of cramp but probably, due to the weather, there were no records broken this year. All of the Sports Day results will be on display on the Athletics Board in the PE corridor.

On Thursday, the Geography Department took the 'A' Level students to Withernsea and the Holderness Coast on the East Yorkshire Coast for their second compulsory field trip. The purpose of the fieldwork was to walk the sites, identify, photograph and draw the key features. This was complemented by an analysis of the effects of weather and coastal erosion. Unfortunately, the weather was cold and bleak; not expected by some in late June. Thanks to Mr Walters, Mr Rock and Mrs Shaw for their work in organising this event.

We have appointed new teaching staff in preparation for September and look forward to meeting them again during their induction day on Friday 7th July. They will have training in a number of areas in the morning followed by time in their departments for the remainder of the day.

Finally, our Annual Art and Technology Exhibition opens this evening from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, celebrating the outstanding work of our GCSE and 'A' Level students in these subjects. Both art courses and all technology disciplines are included in the work our students have completed. Course work and exam pieces are on display, supported by design work and scripted comments.

Safeguarding

Over the next few weeks, there will be an assembly followed by workshops, on Kayleigh's Love Story for Years 7, 8 and 10. This will deal with Child Sexual Exploitation and on-line safety. Year 9 have already done this.

After the assembly, tutors will 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 will circulate in these sessions to deal with any disclosures or difficult questions the students might have.

More information is on its way to parents via a letter and attachment with this Newsletter.

The scheduled dates are:

Year 7 – Tues 11th July

Year 8 – Thurs 13th July

Year 10 – TBC – we will let you know when this is confirmed

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Safeguarding

Achievement Evening – Thursday 6th July

Final preparations are taking place for the Achievement Evening next week. All nominations are now in and we congratulate all those students. We are really looking forward to this evening as the first Annual Achievement Evening for Chellaston Academy. Do not worry if you have missed out this time, there will be plenty more opportunities to celebrate the talents of all our students.

Mrs J Rumsey – Deputy Headteacher

School Dress and Uniform Code

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

Diversity and Careers Week

The final week of term will be an opportunity for students to widen their understanding of the world. We will be inviting external speakers and sending students out to study 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

Mathematics

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

Science

Science Week

Students have been able to get involved in a number of activities this week as part of Science week.

The week started with Mr Lewis and his Y10 space team's balloon launch. Despite losing the payload off the East Coast, the calculations and tracker indicate that the balloon did make it to space!

Throughout the week Rolls-Royce, Smallpiece Trust and Zoolabs have been in to work with Y7, 8 and 9 students. Lots of students have stayed after school to complete activities such as dissecting rats and body organs, making bouncing custard balls and racing balloon powered cars!

The week has been very successful and there are lots of photos on our website with more information about each activity.

Mrs Dunn – Subject Leader Science

For Year 6 Parents

You should now have received a letter regarding your child's transition to Chellaston Academy on Monday 3rd July **and** Tuesday 4th July or Thursday 6th 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 or 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

James Rose – 10RCK

Congratulations to James Rose who has enjoyed a fantastic season on the world skiing circuit. His hard work and perseverance has resulted in him being ranked at 274 in the world in the men's mogul discipline and he is 10th overall for his own age group. An amazing achievement when competing against people who live in the mountains and get to train every day. Well done James, we are all extremely proud of the effort you have put in.

Valentina Costa – 8BLY

Valentina Costa will be representing Derbyshire at the English Schools Championships. The Championships are at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th July. I would like to say a big congratulations to Valentina, she deserves it.

Mrs J Burke

Drama

We wish CASTensemble Youth Theatre the best of luck as they leave for London early on Saturday morning, heading to The National Theatre to perform their piece FOMO on the Olivier Stage as an especially chosen and nationally recognised group.

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 for further information. It is going to be a very exciting devising project!

Ms L Jones – Head of Drama & Music

Form Tutor Change

Mr Richard Davis has now taken over 8CKY. All parental contact should be addressed to richarddavis@chellaston.derby.sch.uk

Mr T Wheatley – Student Progress Manager Year 8

PE

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 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 to 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

3 rd , 4 th and 6 th July	Year 6 Induction Days
3 rd July	Parents' Evening at 6:00pm
17 th August	AS & A2 Results Day
24 th August	GCSE Results Day

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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