



Dear Parent/ Carer, Staff & Students,

It has been another really positive week at Chellaston Academy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend and enjoy our newsletter.

World Teacher's Day - 5th October 2026

To celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff at Chellaston Academy on World Teachers' Day on 5th October, we would love to hear from our students and parents! Please take a moment to write a few words of appreciation, thanks or special message for a member of staff of your choice at Chellaston Academy.

It's a lovely opportunity to let our teachers know how much they are valued and appreciated!!

[World Teachers day – Fill out form](#)



Year 6 Open Evening

Last night's Year 6 Open Evening was absolutely fantastic. Walking around the school, there was a real buzz, with departments full of excitement and energy. Mr Leese was particularly proud of our student helpers, who were excellent ambassadors for the school, alongside our staff who worked incredibly hard to showcase what makes Chellaston Academy such a special community.

Year 7 Wise Up Team-Building Event

Today, our Year 7 students took part in the Wise Up team-building event, giving them another opportunity to strengthen friendships and develop their confidence, communication and teamwork.



WISEUP TEAM BUILDING



Derby County Community Trust

We're incredibly fortunate that Derby County Community Trust will be joining us every Wednesday to hold a number of workshops and interventions with students from Year 8 to Year 10. These interventions encourage students to work on their leadership skills, develop resilience and understanding and team work. The interventions will last until the end of the Autumn term. If your child has been selected you should have received an email with more information.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We have supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning today, bringing staff and students together to raise money for a fantastic cause. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, whether through baking, donating or simply buying and enjoying some cake!





Tapestry's Board of Trustees

Earlier in the week, we were delighted to welcome Sir Will Adderley, Tim Slade and our CEO, Mark Mallender, to Chellaston Academy. Sir Will and Tim sit on Tapestry's Board of Trustees, and their visit gave us an excellent

opportunity to showcase the fantastic work taking place across our school. We are always incredibly proud to share the achievements of our students and staff with visitors.



Acres Engineering Visit

On Thursday 24th September, twelve of our Year 10 Engineering students visited a local firm, Acres Engineering, as part of National Manufacturing Day. The students were given a safety briefing and then a tour of the factory, including watching a metal laser cutter, looking at welding equipment and the powder coating process. The students had the opportunity to assemble mini trestles in teams and also see a mini trestle which was 3D printed, tested to destruction with 120Kg . The Army set the students an assembly task and also tested their maths problem solving. Toyota staff challenged their dexterity skills and talking about apprenticeships.

All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and some are keen to pursue a career in manufacturing, after seeing the shopfloor in action.



Year 11 parents/ carers - Raising Standards Evening - Tuesday 29th September 6-7pm

Year 11 parents/ carers are invited to our Raising Standards Evening, next Tuesday evening. This is a presentation by Mr Emberley, Mr Moran and Ms Leahy. We will talk through all the important dates for this crucial year and what parents/carers can do to help their son/daughter through the next few months. We will talk through the final exams; the upcoming mock examinations; interventions available, and point to resources that are available from the school. There is no need to book in advance and students do not need to attend. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Please note that if you are unable to attend, we will be sending out the presentation after the evening so you have access to the information shared.

Stepnell Careers Assembly - English

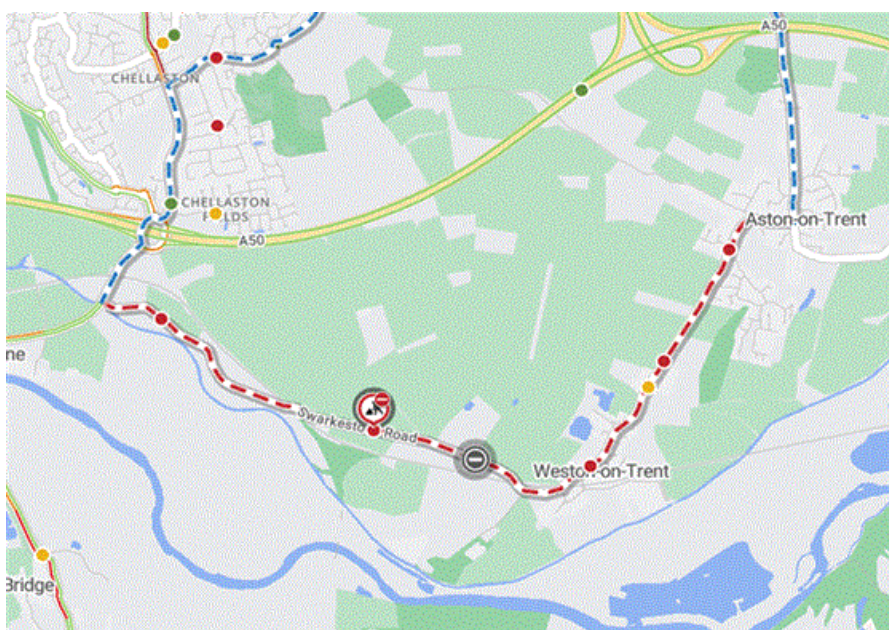
On Tuesday we were incredibly lucky to have Sue Woollett come into the Academy to deliver a careers assembly to our Year 10 and Year 11 cohorts. Sue is the Social Value Manager at Stepnell which is a construction company based in Chilwell, Nottingham. She came to share information with our students about the construction industry and different careers routes. Sue discussed the value of English as a core skill across the range of careers and the

valuable impact of skilled communication, reading and writing in the workplace. Alongside this, she shared the career journeys of several of her colleagues and apprentices. This included the ways that they utilised their skills learnt in English to be successful in their roles. She ended with an explanation of degree apprenticeships and what her top tips were for impressing future employers. Students listened diligently and many even stayed afterwards to ask curious and insightful questions. A huge thank you to Sue for visiting us and sharing her expertise.



Road Closure - Aston on Trent to Weston on Trent

I have been made aware of a road closure to enable carriageway patching work and this will be from **Monday 28th September until half term**. The closure will be from Aston on Trent to Weston on Trent and along Swarkestone Road, but work will not start until 9.00am. Work will finish around 3.00pm and the road will be open no later than 3.30pm. Hopefully, services 242, 243 and 247 will not be delayed but please make drivers aware just in case.



Melbourne Wakes - Bus Diversions

In preparation for the Melbourne Wakes this year, we will need to agree diversions for affected services to Chellaston Academy.

The Wakes will take place from **Tuesday 6th October until Monday 12th October** which means a section of Castle Street will not be accessible to traffic. Based on previous diversions, the routes for services will be:

Service 205 (Bagnalls)

Will operate along Packhorse Road and divert via Queensway to Derby Road where it will pick up the normal route.

Service 206 (Harpurs)

Will be unaffected and will operate its normal route.

Service 207 (Harpurs)

Will operate along Station Road and divert onto Packhorse Road and Queensway to Derby Road where it will pick up the normal route.

Service 208 (Hawkes)

Will operate along Packhorse Road and divert via Queensway to Derby Road where it will pick up the normal route.

Service 209 (Linburg)

Will be unaffected and will operate its normal route.

Normal routes will resume from **Monday afternoon 13th October**.

Year 11 Science Revision Sessions

Year 11 revision sessions are starting next week (from the 28th September) to help get students prepared for their Mocks that are happening straight after half term.

Biology: Wednesday 7th October lunch: magnification and leaf; Wednesday 14th October lunch: digestion and food; Monday 5th lunch: osmosis. All to take place in B1L

Chemistry: Tuesday afterschool Triple/Higher Combined in A15L Mrs Caulton/ Mr Greig and Foundation combined in A16L with Miss Petrie

Physics: Monday afterschool in A14L for all students

We'd love to see any many students as possible attending please.



Year 11 Suggested Revision Timetable

As we quickly approach the Year 11 Mock exams straight after half term, in Science, we have created a suggested revision timetable to help plan what to cover during revision in the weeks leading up to the exams. This starts on Monday 28th October and goes all the way up to the mock period. During half term we suggest students practice exam questions on the topics they have been revising to boost their exam skills.

Year 11 Science (Triple and Combined) suggested revision schedule Mock Nov 2026			
Two week window	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Mon 28th Sept - Sun 4th Oct	Paper 2: Homeostasis and response	Paper 2: Rates - measuring, graphs and required practicals	Paper 2: Waves
Mon 5th Oct - Sun 11th Oct	Paper 2: Ecology	Paper 2: Rates - factors affecting rates and equilibrium	Paper 2: Magnetism and electromagnetism
Mon 12th Oct - Sun 18th Oct	Paper 1: Organisation	Paper 1: Atomic structure and the periodic table	Paper 1: Atomic structure and radioactivity
Mon 19th Oct - Sun 25th Oct	Paper 1: Cell biology	Paper 1: Structure, bonding and properties	Paper 1: Energy
Half term			
Mon 2nd Nov	Mocks start		

This document has been added to students Firefly tasks page so it can be opened in excel allowing the links to work.

As always if students need any help or have questions please come and see your science teachers.

Sparx Science

Thank you to all the students who have competed their Sparx Science for this week. As a reminder it is set to start 9am Wednesday and runs until 10pm Tuesday in the following week. ICE points and behaviour points have been issued for completion or not as per Chellaston homework policy.

The completion in Science this week is really strong with 90,000 questions answered correctly with students working independently on their Home Learning and independent studies. As always please encourage students to use the entire Sparx package.

If students are struggling to complete their Sparx Science Miss Petrie runs a Sparx Science club on a Thursday lunchtime in A16L where students can get help and use the Science iPads to complete their tasks. Thank you to those students who attended yesterday. Please attend to complete your Sparx and collect extra ICE points.

The following leaderboard shows the top students for each year:

Student Leaderboard for last week:

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 7

1. Grace the Legend
2. Hudson the one and only
3. Emilia the Traveller
4. Clara the Nimbus
5. Rose the Performer
6. Max the Builder

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 8

1. Yuzuki the Infinity
2. Lucas the CEO
3. Ollie the Prodigy
4. Eva the Velocity
5. James the Justice
6. Jasleen the All-Star

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 9

1. Kiran the All-Star
2. Molly the Mastermind
3. Sara the All-Star
4. Clara the Pianist
5. Bella the Star
6. Phoebe the Glory

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 10

1. Daisy the Scholar
2. Suzannah the Sculptor
3. Gurleen the Conductor
4. Ryan the Captain
5. Lauren the Wizard
6. Evan the CEO

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 11

1. Zayn the CEO
2. Daisy the Virtuoso
3. Blythe the Bard
4. Liam the Student
5. Alicia the Champion
6. Wilfie the Whiz

Amazing work as always, well done. 100 ICE points will be awarded to the top 3 students and 50 ICE points awarded to the next 3. Keep it up guys, amazing completion.

Hello Yellow - 5th October 2026

Chellaston Academy is joining thousands of schools, companies and communities to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day by taking part in #HelloYellow, organised by YoungMinds. This will take place on Friday 9th October. We are asking students to wear something yellow (alongside their uniform) and make a small voluntary donation via the Young minds website at <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/.../hello-yellow/donate> Students can dig out their neon socks, ties, ribbons, scarves or hair accessories- let us show young people they're not alone with their mental health. Yellow ribbons/ pin badges will also be on sale all week from Monday 5th October.



Sixth Form Open Evening



Chellaston Academy
Integrity Care Excellence

Your Future Starts Here

Sixth Form OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7th October
5 - 7pm
Main hall

This is a ticketed event, there will be two presentations at 5pm and 6pm.

Secure a great future and next steps for yourself

INTEGRITY CARE EXCELLENCE

PE News

Cross Country

On Friday last week, students from all year groups went to West Park to take part in the first leg of the cross-

country series. Despite the rain the course stayed relatively mud free, which made the hills slightly easier to navigate.

All of our students raced very well and they as always make us so proud, but here are some stand out performances:

Wren E (7)- 4th
Erin B (8)- 4th
Daisey S (8)- 6th
Fred P (8)- 5th
James B (9)- 2nd
Isla M (10)- 1st
Leo S (11)- 1st

Well done everyone! We will have our second leg this evening and look forward to sharing more results with you!

Dates for your diary

29th September - Raising Attainment - Year 11

30th September - Year 10 - Work Experience Information Evening - 6pm

5th October - Hello Yellow Day

7th October - SAVE THE DATE - Sixth Form Open Evening (for students starting Year 12 in September 2027) details to follow

14th October - Flu vaccine - Years 7-9

16th October - Flu vaccine - Years 10-11

26th October - Break up for half term

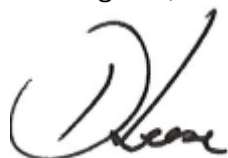
2nd November - Return to school

27th November - Inset Day

10th December - Year 11 Parents evening

18th December - Break up for Christmas break

Kind regards,



Mr. D Leese
Headteacher