

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has passed at Chellaston Academy, with lots happening across the school. As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend, and I look forward to another positive and productive week ahead.

Sixth Form Open Evening - 7th October

We are really looking forward to our Sixth Form Open Evening next week. This is always an important event in the school calendar and a fantastic opportunity for students and families to find out more about the range of courses and opportunities available in our Sixth Form. We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form and the support we provide to help our students achieve academically, develop as well-rounded young adults and prepare for university or a high-quality alternative pathway.



Year 10 Work Experience Programme

This week also saw the launch of our Year 10 Work Experience programme. Work experience is a really valuable opportunity for students to develop their confidence, independence and understanding of the world of work. We would encourage Year 10 students to start thinking early about potential placements and to make the most of the support available to them in school.



Parent Governor Opportunity

We are interested in hearing from any parents or carers who might consider becoming a Parent Governor at Chellaston Academy. Our governors play an important role in supporting and challenging the school and helping us to continue to move forward. Equally, if you know someone within our wider community who is not a parent at the school but who you feel may be interested in becoming a governor and contributing to the future of Chellaston

Academy, we would be very pleased to hear from them too. Governors can bring a wide range of professional skills, experiences and perspectives, and they certainly do not need to have a background in education. If you, or someone you know, would like an informal conversation about what the role involves, please get in touch with the school.



Term Dates

A quick practical reminder that next year's term dates are now available on the school website. Please take a moment to have a look, particularly if you are planning holidays or other commitments for the year ahead - [Chellaston Academy - Term Dates](#)

Taekwondo World Championship - written by Maryam A - Year 12

"Over the weekend, I travelled to Poland with some of my friends from my taekwondo club (Derbyshire Dragons) to compete in the Taekwondo World Championships, where I was proud to be selected to represent Team GB. The competition took place over two days, with Saturday being the black belt competitions, where I competed as a third-degree black belt alongside my sister and friends (Sara A - Year 9 and Maisy B - Year 10), who are both second-degree black belts. The fights were tough and challenging, but after training really hard, especially throughout the summer, I was very happy to win a gold medal. On Sunday, it was the colour belt competition, where Jacob C - Year 11, who is a blue belt, competed and won a gold medal for patterns. Sara won a silver and a bronze medal, and Maisy B won two bronze medals. The competition was tough, but it was an amazing experience, and I really enjoyed meeting lots of new people and making friends from all over the world. We had worked really hard and trained throughout the summer to prepare for the competition, so it was great to see all our hard work pay off. We also had lots of fun spending time with our friends from the club, going out together and supporting each other throughout the weekend. Overall, it was an amazing experience that I will never forget, and I am really proud of what we all achieved!"



European Week of Languages

As music in different languages was piped through our corridors this week we celebrated European Week of Languages and the wonderful advantages of learning a different language. Our Year 7s entered a poster competition and all year groups made incredibly special cakes to sell to add to our Macmillan fundraiser. We also had careers lessons for all years looking at the advantages of learning languages. Our year 13 A level linguists came into our Year 11 GCSE lessons and talked about their language learning journeys too.

Tres bien, muy bien and molto bene to all and thank you to the MFL department for marking an important week.





Tempest Photography Online Orders

Your students have been sent home with their photographs taken at the this beginning of term, this is a polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Wednesday 7th October 2026**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at Customerservice@htempest.co.uk

SMS TEXT

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs order by **Wednesday 7th October 2026**. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

School Health Team

The school health team were in school this week to promote their service to our students, they can talk confidentially about any worries or concerns they may have with the team.



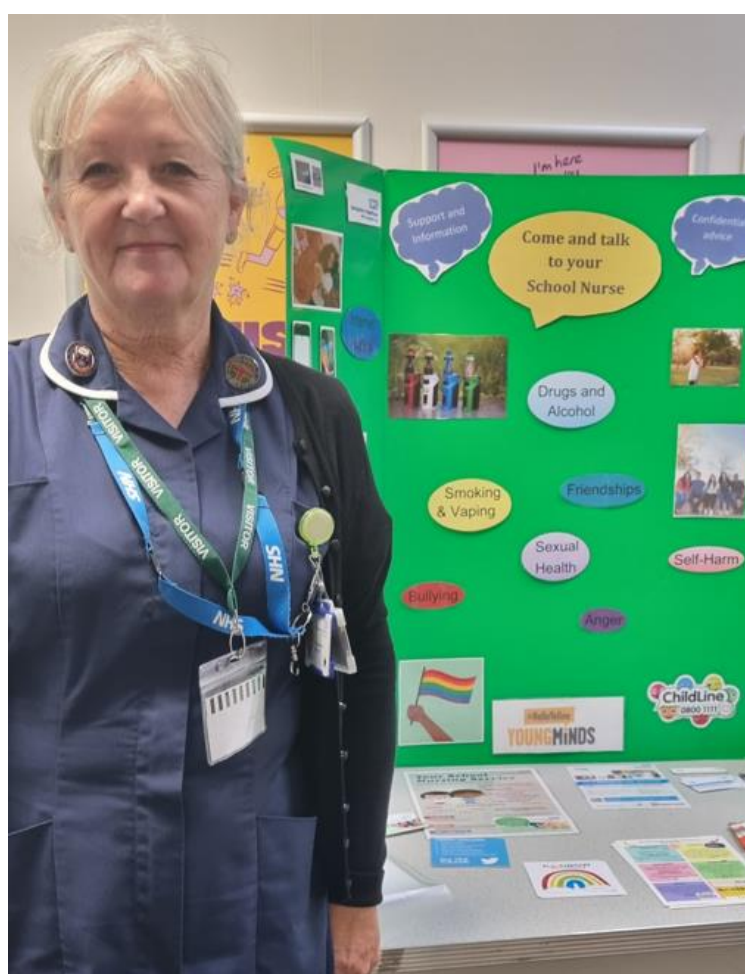
If you are a parent or carer for a child aged between 0-19 and want advice or have any worries **text the Parents and Carers ChatHealth Service on: 07507 327754**

You can now get confidential advice and support with any concerns such as hearing or vision, feeding problems, weaning, emotional wellbeing, and behaviour or general health queries.

NHS
Derbyshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth

Text us for confidential advice and support.





If you are aged 11-19 and want advice or have any worries **text the Young People's ChatHealth Service: 07507 327104**

If you feel concerned about:



Sexual health



Relationships



Emotional health



Drugs and alcohol use



Physical health

We might collect some information if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Parents with children up to the age of 16 can control us and we will ensure the relevant permissions are in place. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you have been seen we will contact your GP nearest to you or call 111. Our text number does not monitor voice calls or MMS (picture) messages. We support messaging from 16 mobile numbers only (bills don't add extra charges) and from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps. To ensure the health professional receiving messages to you, text 5557 to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

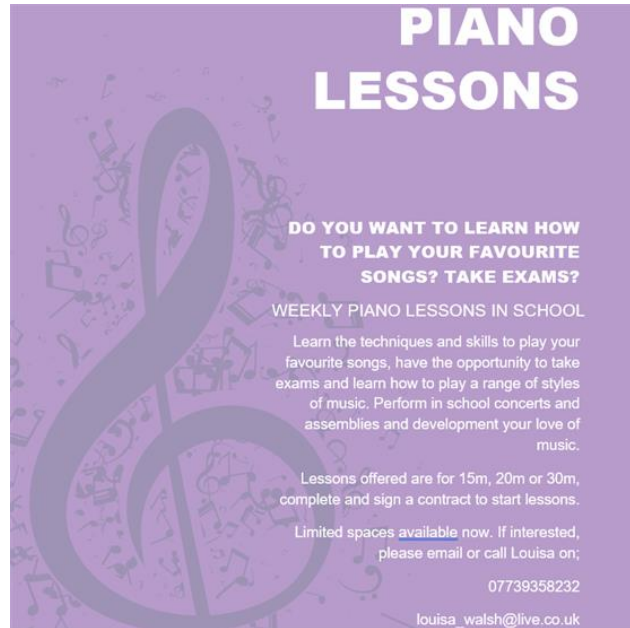
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Youth Voice Questionnaire

Derbyshire Constabulary have asked us to share the following questionnaire with our students, they'd really like to know their views.



Piano Lessons

A purple poster for piano lessons. At the top, the words "PIANO LESSONS" are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in smaller white capital letters, is the question "DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS? TAKE EXAMS?". Underneath that, it says "WEEKLY PIANO LESSONS IN SCHOOL". The next paragraph reads: "Learn the techniques and skills to play your favourite songs, have the opportunity to take exams and learn how to play a range of styles of music. Perform in school concerts and assemblies and development your love of music." The following paragraph states: "Lessons offered are for 15m, 20m or 30m, complete and sign a contract to start lessons." The next line says: "Limited spaces available now. If interested, please email or call Louisa on;". Below this is the phone number "07739358232". At the bottom, the email address "louisa_walsh@live.co.uk" is listed. The background of the poster features a large, faint treble clef and various musical notes and symbols scattered around it.

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Melbourne Wakes - Bus Diversions

In preparation for the Melbourne Wakes this year, please see 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**.

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](#)



Hello Yellow - 9th 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.



Family Hub Derby

FAMILY HUB EVENT AT
ROLLERWORLD
WEDNESDAY 28TH
OCTOBER 2026
9.30-11



This is a **TICKET ONLY** event.
Exclusively for 8-18 year olds within Derby City.

To get your free ticket you need to attend
one of our ticketing sessions:

WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Monday 12 th October	Sinfin Family Hub 345 Sinfin Lane DE24 9HW	3pm-5pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Rosehill Family Hub 17-19 Lowerdale Road, Normanton DE23 6WY	9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 15 th October	Derwent Family Hub Monmouth Street, Derby DE21 6BD	4pm-6pm
Friday 16 th October	Osmaston/Allenton Family Hub 60 Cockayne Street North - DE24 8XB	9.30am - 11.30am



'FIRST COME FIRST SERVED'

Dates for your diary

7th October - Sixth Form Open Evening (for students starting Year 12 in September 2027) 5-7pm book on our website - [Chellaston Academy - Open Evening](#)

9th October - Hello Yellow Day

14th October - Flu vaccine - Years 7-9

16th October - Flu vaccine - Years 10-11

23rd October - Break up for half term

2nd November - Return to school

27th November - Inset Day

10th December - Year 11 Parents evening

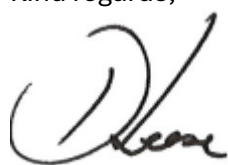
14th -18th December - Year 13 Mocks

18th December - Break up for Christmas break

4th January - Inset day

5th January - Return to school

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Leese', written in a cursive style.

Mr. D Leese
Headteacher