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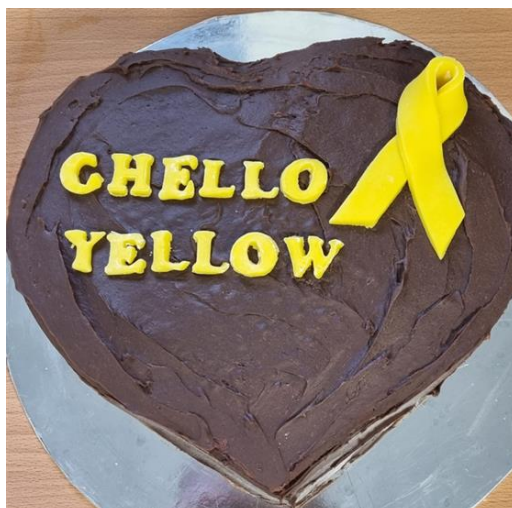
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at Chellaston Academy, with plenty to celebrate across our school community. Everything in our newsletter demonstrates the importance of our community and the opportunities & support given to our young people to be the very best they can be. We continue to be incredibly proud of Chellaston Academy and everything our students can achieve.

As always, thank you for your continued support. With Autumn now very much upon us, I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Hello Yellow Day - Young Minds - 9th October

On Friday 9th October we celebrated Hello Yellow day in school which is an annual initiative to celebrate World Mental Health Day on 10th October. The Hub hosted a celebration during Period 1 for Years 7 & 8. Students were encouraged to have a drink, some food and talk about how to manage their own mental health and wellbeing. This was really well attended and Mrs Burdis said how exceptional all students were and how well they interacted with each other. Staff and students were also encouraged to wear a splash of yellow, and year groups have had assemblies to remind them of the support and ways in which they can support others.



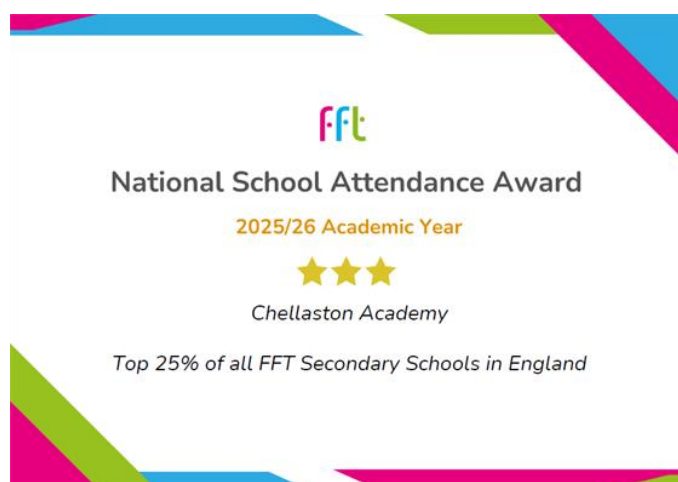




Attendance Awards

All parents have received a communication regarding attendance this week and Chellaston Academy has been awarded two attendance certificates, recognising that our attendance is in the top 25% of all schools nationally and also in the top 25% of similar schools to Chellaston. We know there is always more we can do to improve attendance, but this is a really positive achievement and recognition of the collective efforts of our students, families and staff. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us in ensuring students are in school, on time and able to make the most of every day.

Top 25% of **ALL** FFT Secondary Schools in England



Top 25% of **SIMILAR** FFT Secondary Schools in England



Sixth Form Open Evening - Thank you!

This week we held our Sixth Form Open Evening, and we were incredibly proud of how our school was represented. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to all our staff and students who supported the evening. Our student helpers and ambassadors were fantastic and demonstrated exactly what makes Chellaston Academy such a special community.

It was fantastic to welcome so many prospective students and their families, all eager to explore the exciting opportunities our Sixth Form has to offer. We hope you enjoyed meeting our dedicated staff and students, discovering our courses and getting a feel for what makes our Sixth Form such a special place to learn, grow and succeed. We look forward to welcoming many of you back as part of our Sixth Form community in the future! Applications are now open – submit yours through the QR from today!

#SixthForm#OpenEvening#YourFutureStartsHere#Applynow#NextSteps



Head Students - Chellaston Academy & Sixth Form

We are delighted to share with you that this year's Head Students for Chellaston Academy & Sixth Form have been selected. Congratulations to you all and well done to those who put themselves forward.

Head Students - Chellaston Academy

Ferishta H - Head student

Aaron A - Head student

Dan H - Assistant Head student

Head Students - Sixth Form

Liz W - Head Student

Connie D- Assistant Head Student



eBooks and Audiobooks available to read at home

This week we have started our Year 7 library induction sessions. A number of the classes have visited the library to learn more about the library facilities available for them to use at break and lunch.

See the poster below for details of our digital library. Students can download the app on their phone and read or listen to books for free at home. Please support the students with exploring the app as many students have been keen to read digital books.

eBooks & Audiobooks
Anywhere, Anytime.

AVAILABLE 24/7

Browsing Library

1 Open your web browser and go to your school's ePlatform library 2 Log in with your school credentials

URL: chellaston.eplatform.co

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play ePlatform digital libraries

Harvest Festival

We are hoping to donate a number of items to local foodbanks as part of our Harvest collection. Traditionally this was a time of year where food from the land was plentiful and shared with others. We know that today this is not the case for so very many families. If you are able to donate even just one item to help another family out this Autumn, we'd really appreciate it. Pupils will be donating during their coaching sessions on Mondays and Fridays. Unfortunately we cannot accept fresh items or those that require refrigeration.

Toiletries and good quality coats and blankets can also be donated along with a list of core food items:

CORE FOOD Items

ITEMS Needed PLEASE DO NOT DONATE GLASS JARS

- CEREAL
- UHT MILK
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED BEANS
- NOODLES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINNED HOT & COLD MEAT
- TINNED TUNA
- RICE 500G OR 1KG
- PASTA 500G OR 1KG
- CHAPATI FLOUR
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- COOKING OIL
- KIDNEY BEANS
- LENTILS
- TINNED HALAL PRODUCTS
- POT NOODLES
- COOKING SAUCES (PACKETED ONLY)
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- JAMS
- SPREADS
- BISCUITS
- TEA & COFFEE
- JUICE & SQUASH

FOOD 4 THOUGHT

Year 11 Science revision

The Year 11 suggested revision schedule has been sent out to students on Firefly, students should be using this to help plan their weekly revision for the next few weeks leading up to the Mocks. In addition, Year 11 revision sessions are currently running to help prepare students for their Mocks that are happening straight after half term.

Biology: Wednesday afterschool take place in B1L

Chemistry: Monday afterschool Foundation Combined and Triple in A16L with Miss Petrie

Chemistry: Tuesday afterschool Triple/Higher Combined in A17L Mrs Caulton and Mr Greig

Physics: Monday afterschool in A14L for all students We'd love to see any many students as possible attending please.

Sparx Science

Thank you to all the students who have completed their Sparx Science for this week. As a reminder it is set to start 7am 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.

This is set on Firefly every week but please remind students of the set and hand in days as some students are still forgetting and so are collective behaviour points. The completion in Science this week is really strong with nearly 1800 hours spent learning and 233,000 questions answered correctly with students working independently on their Home Learning and independent studies. 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. The following leaderboard shows the top students for each year:

Student Leaderboard for last week:

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 7

1. Vidhyuth the Builder
2. Alex the Guardian
3. Alexander the Helper
4. Emily the Superstar
5. Evie the Peacemaker
6. Sophiyah the Theorist

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 8

1. Jude the Legend
2. Jiya the One and Only
3. Amneet the Genius
4. Navraj the Professional
5. Alex the Boss
6. Lily Dancer
7. Jackson the Storyteller
8. Amiya the Zoom

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 9

1. Olivia the Majesty
2. May the Phoenix
3. Adam the Legend
4. Phoebe the Glory
5. Felix the Painter
6. Evie the CEO

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 10

1. Sadie the Magician
2. Izayah the Luminary
3. Isaac the Thinker
4. Nathaniel the Creator
5. Dawid the Nemesis
6. Emily the Sprit

Weekly Leaderboard - Year 11

1. Zayn the CEO
2. Alicia the Pioneer
3. Will the CEO
4. Stanley the Genius
5. Alicia the Champion
6. Nevaeh the Gladiator

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 three. Keep it up guys, amazing completion.

DLD Awareness Day - Developmental Language Disorder

We have been asked to share this information with you for Friday 16th October.



Cricket Superstars

Jude B - Year 10 and Evelyn H - Year 8 went to the Indoor Junior World Series for Cricket in South Africa.

Jude played for the U15s, who won the PLATE competition. Jude's cricket highlight was beating Sri Lanka. Evelyn played for U15s, placing 2nd OVERALL with the only game they lost being to Australia in the final. Evelyn's highlight was beating South Africa. This was Jude's second time playing at the Junior World series and Evelyn's first.

We are very proud of them both and cannot wait to see what other opportunities these two have in the future.





Sports News

Year 7 Football Tournament

Our Year 7s won a recent football tournament beating Littleover School, Derby High School and Woodlands with a draw with Murray Park at John Port. We are so proud of these young sports people who were very well behaved, good fun and very polite in saying thank you to Mr Burton when they were leaving - Well done all, we're very proud of you.



Dates for your diary

Please see the link to our new website with details of our calendar for this academic year.

[Chellaston Academy - Chellaston Academy Calendar](#)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Leese', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Mr. D Leese
Headteacher