

CHELLASTON ACADEMY TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our termly newsletter, which will round-up some of the things that we have been doing over the last few months.

As we have continued to navigate a global pandemic this term, we have also seen some record-breaking results from the January exam series, completed DofE activities, raised significant sums of money for charity and seen students engage in a large range of extra-curricular activities.

Whilst there has been so much accomplished during this term, we wanted to also look ahead and wish all of our students in Year 11 and Year 13 the very best for their revision over the holiday period as they approach their GCSE and A Level exams next term. As a reminder, you can find our revision webpage full of resources, support and guidance for both students and parents/carers by clicking on this [link](#).

Have a lovely Easter holiday!

Chellaston Academy

UPCOMING NEXT TERM

Sports:

Not only do we have on average 150 students taking part in cocurricular PE clubs each week, we also have lots to celebrate;

Year 11 Girls Regional Netball Finalists
Year 11 Girls County Netball Runners up
Year 11 Girls Regional and National Trampoline Finalists
Year 11 Boys City Football Champions
Year 8 Girls Utilita Cup City Football runners up
Year 8 Girls City Football Champions
Year 8 Boys City Football Runners up
Year 7 Girls Utilita Cup City Football Champions
Year 7 Girls Utilita Cup Regional Football Finalists
Year 7 Girls City Football Champions
Year 7 Boys City Football Champions
Year 7 Boys County Basketball Champions

Fantastic Fridays!

It has been a delight to watch the achievement assemblies that have taken place this week. With so many of our pupils receiving Subject Star awards, Form Star awards, and for being recognised for all their efforts and wonderful achievements within lessons and the wider school. Our Academy has many more pupils who deserve to be recognised for their efforts and achievements. After the Easter break, we are going to launch 'Fantastic Fridays'. Each week 15 pupils will be selected to enjoy a Pizza lunch delivered to school from True Pizza in Chellaston. Any pupil with specific dietary requirements will receive a reward to suit their needs. We are looking forward to Fantastic Fridays, a great opportunity to celebrate our pupils' successes.





LAST TERM INFORMATION

DOFE:

On Friday 25th- Sunday 27th March 108 Chellaston Y9 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice/training weekend. It was a very long weekend but ALL students did a fantastic job, and we were very proud of each and every child that took part. Over the course of the three days students worked on navigation, route planning, map skills, campcraft (including pitching tents and cooking on a stove), first aid and emergency procedure before completing a practice walk.

Bake for Ukraine:

On Friday 25th March, Year 9 students held a Bake Sale, baking and selling homemade sweet treats in aid of the #cookforukraine campaign. They raised over £140 for Unicef which will go towards supporting families affected by the war in Ukraine. A massive well done to all involved and a thank you to all the students and staff who supported the bake sale.

Easter Egg Donation:

on the 1st April we donated our Easter eggs and a cash sum that pupils and staff have collected over the last week to the brilliant team at Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance. Their campaign to make sure every child who might not get an Easter egg this year has been collecting all over Derby and we are proud to part of their work.

Loughborough Lightening Netball Trip:

On 28th March, 22 year 7 and 8 netballers went along to watch a top of the table Vitality Netball Superleague clash between Loughborough Lightning and Manchester Thunder at Loughborough University. Students had the opportunity to spectate elite level netball from the best seats in the sold out arena in an exciting game, inspiring them to try some new tactics on court in the future!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Sporting Success:

Year 11 Girls Netball; Regional finalists, County runners up and City champions

Year 11 Girls Regional and National Trampoline Finalists

Year 11 Boys City Football Champions

Year 8 Girls Football; City Champions, Utilita City Cup runners up

Year 8 Girls City Netball Champions

Year 8 Boys Football City Runners up

Year 7 Girls Football; Utilita Cup City Football Champions, Utilita Cup Regional Football Finalists, City Football Champions

Year 7 Boys City Football Champions

Year 7 Boys County Basketball Champions

Year 7-13 County Cross Country Finalists

Apprenticeship:

One of our amazing 6th form students has been accepted on a level 4 Engineering apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover

UKMT Maths Chal1enge:

Information about the challenges can be found on <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/>

Senior Maths Challenge:

This year we offered the opportunity to Year 13 students to take part in the Maths Challenge and 7 of them took up the offer. We are proud to report that all 6 achieved certificates, 3 golds, 2 silver and 1 bronze.



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Intermediate Maths Challenge:

As with Year 13 we offered the Year 11 students the opportunity to take part in an afterschool session. We were delighted that 23 students took up the offer. Our two top sets were also entered. Across the two year groups there were 8 Gold, 24 Silver and 28 Bronze Certificates.

Our congratulations go to all who participated in these competitions.

Junior Maths Challenge:

After Easter some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students will taking part in the Junior Maths Challenge and we wish them luck.



EXTRA INFORMATION

Rolls – Royce Volunteer Tutors:

This half-term the Maths Department have welcomed 15 volunteers from Rolls – Royce. They have been working with some of our A Level and GCSE students for the last 6 weeks for an hour each Tuesday afterschool.

Dr Leary and Mrs Roberts have been really impressed with the way the students have worked with the tutors, they are a credit to the school.

Uniform:

Chellaston Academy Uniform from September 2022

As we look forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2025 we will be maintaining a high expectation in the standard of our uniform. Over the past year we have been working hard to ensure that our uniform remains smart but as affordable and as widely available as possible. All current uniform and PE Kit can still be worn and we will be encouraging students to recycle wearable items that they have outgrown until they are no longer fit for purpose. We have made slight adjustments to our existing uniform to make it more sustainable and we are introducing a new and exciting tie design which features our unique school emblem.

More information can be viewed on our website via <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

EXTRA INFORMATION

60th Birthday Over Easter:

On the 17th April, Easter Sunday, our longest serving member of staff will be celebrating her 60th birthday.

Mrs Holdgate started teaching at Chellaston at 1985, which means she has spent 37 years teaching at the Academy! This works out at about 62% of her lifetime. She has seen the school grow from about 700 students to about 1750 today. We wish her all the best on this landmark occasion.

Finally, Mrs Holdgate has always been a stickler for high standards across all areas, particularly uniform. A member of the general public sent us this photo of a much younger Mrs Holdgate looking immaculate during her own school years.



Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme:

During the forthcoming Easter break, Derby City Council have a series of events planned as part of their Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. You can find out further information by looking through their Easter Promise booklet, attached with this letter, or via clicking on the link [here](#).

Apprenticeship Fayre:

For those students in Year 10 and above, Derby UTC are hosting an Apprenticeship Fayre on Tuesday 19th April from 3pm – 6pm, with attendees including Rolls-Royce, Alstom, JCB, Balfour Beatty, Motus Commercial, Pentaxia, Network Rail, The Army, The Navy, Derby University and Toyota. If you are interested in attending this event, you can sign up [here](#).