

CHELLASTON ACADEMY TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter to the Chellaston Community. I am so proud of so many elements within the school and this newsletter showcases and celebrates just a few of them.

Although my tenure has not been long, the students at Chellaston have already provided me with so many memorable experiences. Our wonderful Year 11 and 13 students have had fantastic leavers' events which hopefully provided them with a plethora of memorable experiences.

In addition, I have had the pleasure of interviewing our breathtaking Head Students. The quality of the presentations, and the responses to interview questions, were at a level I have never been part of before. They genuinely brought me to tears with how amazing they were. Well done to James A-K, Rachel B and Katie M. you are all a credit to the school and in particular yourselves. You all have incredibly bright futures.

Here is a brief summary of what is in the newsletter:

- Achievements
- Safeguarding Information
- Last term events
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Upcoming next term

How did we fit so much into our newsletter?

I would also like to say goodbye and good luck to the following staff who are moving onto different paths. I would like to thank them for their care and dedication towards our students. The staff leaving are;

Ms Hayley Smith, Mrs Laura Webb, Mrs Mandy Holmes, Ms Georgina Hughes, Mrs Kate Lomax, Ms Alaina Duncan, Mr Stuart Hutchinson, Ms Olivia Steinman-Richmond, Ms Geraldine Barnett, Ms Clare Carr, Ms Yolanda De'One, Ms Farina Jabbar, Miss Bethany Merrick, Mr Ryan Sharp, Ms Gabrielle Furness, Mr Zac Tudor, Mr Anthony Fricker, Mrs Daisy Perkins, Mr Rohan Beverley, Ms Rachel Sweeney, Miss Heather Scullion, Mrs Clare Owens, Mrs Rachel Bowley-Haynes, Mrs Deena Machlaclan and Ms Bozica Keca.

I would like to give a big welcome to our new staff starting in September;

Mr Nathaniel Bevan-Brown, Mr Ben Burton, Ms Clare Causer, Ms Paris Crawley, Ms Jeniece Gittins, Ms Joanna Henschley, Ms Daniela Ling, Ms Alix Mansfield, Ms Natasha Muldoon, Ms Denise Owusu, Mr Josh Quince, Mr Andrew Rose, Ms Emma Shasanya, Ms Ana Marie Stroe, Mr Timothy Wagg, Mr Chris Walker and Mr Thomas Warren.

I appreciate that this year has had many ups and some significant challenges. As we move into the preparations for next academic, I am genuinely excited for what the future will bring and how, as a community, we will put Chellaston back on the map as a school where 'excellence' is recognised.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for their hard work and diligence in supporting the young people at Chellaston Academy and I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and come back refreshed for an exciting year.

Mr Phil Smith

Proud Executive Headteacher

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- Japanese Club

A range of KS3 pupils (and some teachers!) have attended Japanese club throughout the year with Mrs Mackenzie-Scott, ably helped by James A-K in Y12. Some used it as their new skill to learn for Duke of Edinburgh but others have continued even after those hours have been completed. A small group is still continuing and with lots of hard work, they are managing to communicate more and more fluently and have even started tackling some elements of GCSE level work.

Well done in particular to James A-K (Y12), Abigail B and Francesca O'T (Y9), Charlize A-K, Darcey N, Claudia V and Mathilda F (Y7) for this sustained effort.

- Carnegie Award Book Shadowers

Have been meeting on a Thursday lunchtime for the past few months to review the short-listed books for this years Carnegie Award. Holly O, Jay W, Harry R, Harry A and Isabella P (Y9) have all come along every Thursday to read and review the shortlisted books, and we then voted for our favourite to win the 'Shadowers Choice Award'.



In June our Y9 and Y11 boys football teams were both announced as the Derby City Football League Winners 21/22

- Brilliant Club - Scholars Programme

We have run this for the first time this year. It was an opportunity for disadvantaged and 'First in the family to Uni' students to see university as a possible next steps option

- Poetry Competition

Last term we had a whole school poetry competition with some fantastic entries and the winners received a certificate and token to the book vending machine. The winners were:

1st Claudia V (Y7)

2nd Jesse Peterson (Y10)

Runners up Meghan O'R and Finely G (Y9)

- Congratulations

To Ava H (Y8) who went away to Switzerland in July for a gymnastics competition and won Bronze medal

To Blake M (Y7), A Spanish student who has really worked on improving the quality and presentation of his work.

To Ella A (Y12) who won the Rowing British Champions in a pair on 17th July



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- Art Exhibition

Students were invited to create a piece of Art work inspired by any theme and in a material of their choice. The winners were chosen for different skills:

Thought Provoking:

Siddhi D (Y8)

Imogen S (Y9)

Use of Materials:

Holly S (Y8)

Amandine O (Y7)

Abigail C (Y9)

Theo M (Y9)

Composition (layout):

Jude H (Y7)

Edward B (Y7)

Benjamin R (Y7)

Sienna H (Y8)

Samuel W (Y8)

Maryam A (Y7)



- Sports

Finishing runners up at the U12 City rounders we hosted. The students represented the school fantastically and were all a credit to themselves and the Chellaston community.

Year 7 and 8 City rounders runners up

Year 8 County rounders 3rd place

Cricket victories over West Park (Year 8/Year 10)

Well done to everyone, we are very proud of you!

- Outstanding book review

Here are the initial impressions of the novel that you so charitably gifted me a little while ago. First off: it is astounding, with little razors of comments interspersed into fairly typical prose. Second: the mental condition chosen (hyperthymesia) could be spun as being indicative of the information age, which if true is an extremely perceptive choice; another facet of this is that our protagonist is also burdened under the weight of her own conscience – another prescient theme. I haven't got far enough in to extract anything more than this.

However, it is not flawless. For one, it falls foul to the one thing that burdens almost all teen fiction: some mildly contrived, corny romance in the opening pages; the sort of thing that makes the reader naturally recoil a little just in its inherent nature. (In fairness, the spark on the gunpowder keg was due to romance – it was revenge – which led to the whole 'whodunnit' premise. Perhaps its flaw lies in the fact that our narrator, for a paragraph or two, gushes like mad; on due reflection, that was the saccharine element I have been trying to describe all paragraph).

But on the whole – and by that I mean 99% of the time – it is a terrifically good book, and makes a pleasant change after reading nothing but 20th Century and classic novels for years.

Christian W (Y11)

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Students have been given summer safety information over the last few weeks to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Please see the links below for further information on supporting your child over the break:

Water Safety - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>

Derelict Buildings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7guPZdVSw&feature=youtu.be> (note: the content of this video may be distressing for some)

Online Safety - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> - site to report any concerns of online abuse.

Wellbeing and Worries - ChatHealth is a secure and confidential text messaging service for parents/carers and young people. It allows you to easily get in touch with a healthcare professional for advice and support. You don't have to give your name if you don't want to; you can still send a message to get advice or to chat with us about any worries you may have.

Parents: send us a message by texting 07507 327754

Young people (aged 11-19) - send us a message by texting 07507 327104.

The Police Commissioner has asked us to circulate the following link to a survey regarding local issues:
<https://forms.office.com/r/MXhfn0glr2>

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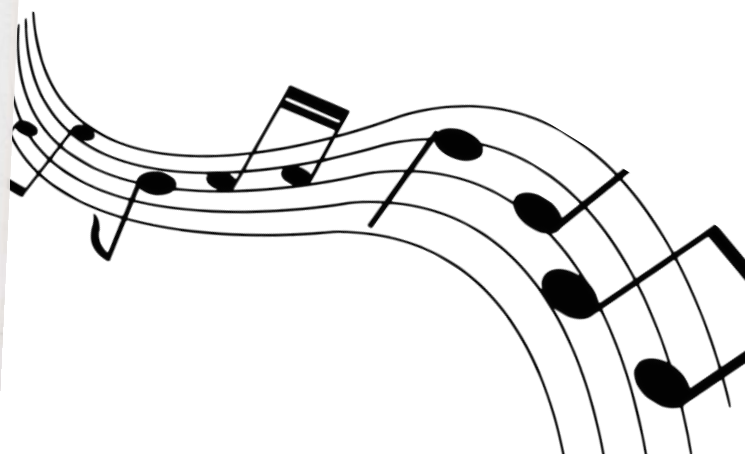
School of Rock Musical

On Saturday 4th June, a group of Year 7&8 students went to watch School of Rock the musical at The Curve theatre. It's always wonderful to watch live work in the theatre, but this was extra special as a student of Chellaston Academy was a lead part of the cast. It's safe to say she got the biggest cheer when it was time for her bow.

The students were incredibly well behaved and represented our Academy perfectly. Mrs Dow would like to thank Miss Kowalczyk, Miss Jones and Mrs Jackson for giving up a day of their half term to chaperone the trip.



School of Rock



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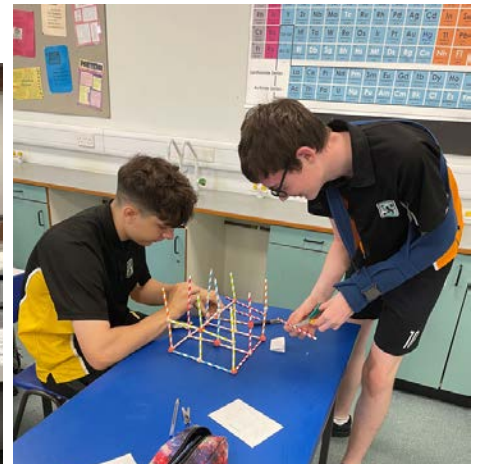
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Chellaston Academy's Science Week 2022

The Science team launched science week in the week beginning of July. As a department, they wanted to take this opportunity to have a short break from 'normal' Science lessons to introduce students to a wide range of different activities that will hopefully inspire, amaze, excite and show how science can be used in future careers. The activities will be chosen by Science teachers and included water rocket designing, production and testing; making slime; ecological sampling techniques; forensic investigations; tower building and 'extravabanga' as a few examples.

We also had a few different groups coming in to present various activities for those students who have shown Excellence, Care and Integrity within their science lessons throughout the year. These include senior anatomists from Nottingham University, Astrophysicists and a group of amazing animals! As a department we enjoyed showcasing our subject to excite and inspire you as scientists of the future.



Digital Media Rams TV visit

In July the Year 12 Digital media students visited Rams TV headquarters at Pride Park stadium to look at what goes into putting together the live productions for match days as well as the features they put together. They had the opportunity to tour the stadium, walk through the players tunnel and check out the view from the boardroom.

They were also lucky enough to speak to the presenter of Rams TV Owen Bradley who shared his experiences in media and how he progressed in his career. The trip gave a rich experience to the students on how much goes into media production.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

For the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June, students were able to celebrate during lessons with jubilee themed lesson material. For example, within technology they were able to build the Union Jack shown below:



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This year we have finally been able to offer the full Duke of Edinburgh experience once again and as a result, we have had 4 cohorts completing different levels of the award. Firstly, 109 Year 9 students have completed their Bronze, with their qualifying expedition taking place in Cannock Chase – they all did incredibly well and despite a few tears along the way, all 109 students passed their expedition section. Secondly, we had two Silver groups this year, 35 Year 10s completed their practice (with their qualifying coming up in September) and 11 Year 11s completed their award, exploring the White Peaks on their qualifying expedition. This group of Year 11 students overcame many hurdles to complete their award and we are extremely proud of them for their resilience and perseverance.

Finally, we were delighted to have 4 Sixth Form students complete their Gold award, most recently completing, and passing, their qualifying in Snowdonia – we look forward to seeing these students at the palace in due course once their other sections have been completed.

I have been incredibly proud of the students who have represented Chellaston Academy this year, they have upheld the school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence brilliantly and I look forward to working with many of them again as they progress through their Duke of Edinburgh journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and parents for their support in what has been a tough year – without you, our young people would not have had this fantastic experience which has created lifelong memories for many of them.

Miss E Ford
Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator



DofE Gold



DofE Silver



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Newspaper Club

The school newspaper club is open for Key Stage 3 students. We have 12 students across Year 7 and 9 who are working hard behind the scenes reporting on school events, media, and wider issues. We're looking forward to our newspaper becoming a fortnightly edition in the new academic term.

