

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Updates and Reminders

It has been another fantastic week at Chellaston. Well done to the whole school community. Here are the weekly updates.

Lateness to school

All students are expected to be in form at 8:30am as this is the start of the school day. If students arrive to school after this time they will be registered as late. Students who travel on a school bus will not be registered as late if the bus is delayed. In the first instance, lateness will accrue negative 10 ICE points and persistent lateness will lead to some reflection and reparation time after school. School staff will be clearing the local community including Lidl and the park, at 8:20am to support students being in school on time.

Year 6 Open Evening

We look forward to opening Chellaston Academy to the wider community for our Year 6 Open Evening event on Thursday 29th September 2022. The times of the evening are between 5pm to 7pm and there will be presentations in the main hall at 5pm, 6pm and 6:30pm. In addition, our prospective students and their families will be able to tour the school site and participate in exciting activities in every department.

6th Form Open Evening

Advance notice for parents and carers of Year 11 students that the Chellaston Academy 6th Form Open Evening will be held on Thursday 20th October. More details to follow next week, including how to book tickets.

Year 11 Aim for Success Evening

Tuesday 11th October - 6pm in the Main Hall

With the upcoming Y11 mocks on November 7th, this evening is for parents of Y11 students. Mr Clarke, Deputy Head in charge of Quality of Education will talk through the final year of GCSEs and the examinations process. As well as what the school will be doing to support Year 11, guidance and advice will be given on what parent/guardians can do to support their child through this potentially stressful process. More details will be given nearer the time and Y11 parents will be emailed directly, but we are giving you advanced warning of this event.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Our Year 8 Parents' evening takes place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October. This will be available remotely via our Firefly platform. Parents will receive information about how to access the appointments in a separate email on Friday 30th September. The booking process will be open from 5pm on Thursday 6th October and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 11th October. Support on how to sign up for the appointments will be provided.

ICE points

ICE Point Update - Year group league table

Year group

Year group	Positive points
7	42268
8	43352
9	43261
10	38667
11	39795
12	12592
13	12815

Amazing effort so far!

Coming soon... Double points day and the launch of our reward shop.

Online Safety

We have attached some information on online safety to support parents in helping their children stay safe and positive when using social media platforms.

Please click the link below to view a guide for keeping children safe online:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc79bua3>

E-Scooter Information

Please click the below link to view a letter from South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership regarding E-Scooters

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7nw7yi>

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 29th September - Year 6 Open Evening

Tuesday 11th October – Year 11 Aim to success Evening

Wednesday 12th October - Year 8 Parents' Evening (remote)

Thursday 13th October - Year 8 Parents' Evening (remote)

Thursday 20th October - Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd November - Year 12 Parents' Evening (remote)

Thursday 3rd November - Year 12 Parents' Evening (remote)

Monday 7th to Friday 18th November - Year 11 Mock Exams

Wednesday 7th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening (remote)

Thursday 8th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening (remote)

SEND Information

Thursday 6th October at 11:30am - 1pm, we will be hosting a drop in SEND coffee morning (an opportunity to chat with all 3 SENCOs and get an update of what is going on here at Chellaston)

Monday 17th October 4:30pm - 6pm, we will be hosting a workshop on how to support a child with SEND needs through exams and assessments

Monday 14th November 3:30pm - 5pm, we will be hosting a drop in catch up with the SEND team session (a further opportunity to chat with all 3 SENCOs and get an update of what is going on here at Chellaston)

Monday 5th December 11:30am - 1pm, we are hosting a workshop on supporting a child with SEND needs through puberty and maturity.

Wider curriculum

On Wednesday, 18 of our young people who attend Eco Club or are student leaders went to Chellaston's Protecting Nature Action Day at Pit Close Nature Reserve. We worked alongside members of the local community to build bat, bird and bug boxes, tour the reserve and find out more about ways to protect nature. Our young people were fantastic we are so very proud of the mature and enthusiastic way that they got involved in the day. Huge thanks to the neighbourhood partnership officer, Fire service and other groups who made the event happen.

"Today we went to Pit Close to learn about its natural history and experience the biodiversity in our community. We got the chance to assemble and paint bat and bird boxes which we took back to school to utilise around our site. The volunteers there took us on a walk through the area, where we saw ancient elm trees, badgers' habitats, and a recently planted community orchard. It was so interesting to learn about an area so close to us and more beautiful than we knew. We especially enjoyed meeting and speaking to new people who had such a passion for maintaining an eco-aware community. We all really enjoyed coming along so thank you for involving us!" – Head students





We hope that you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,
The Senior Leadership Team