

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all members of the community had a relaxing half term break. We were delighted to welcome our students back into school this week and the school has had a vibrant and positive atmosphere.

## Information Evening

It was a pleasure for the senior leadership to meet over 400 parents and share our post Ofsted priorities, strategies and actions this week. The presentation also included details of the many changes that are now embedded within the academy. For those parents who could not attend, the presentation is now available on the website.

## INSET Day Reminder

Chellaston Academy will be closed for staff training on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2022.

## Mock Exams

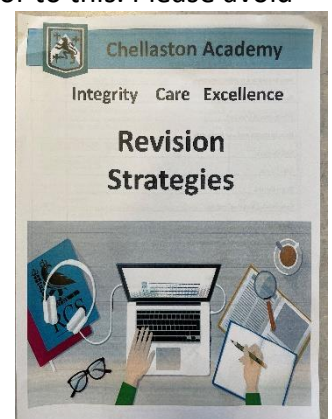
The Year 11 Mock Exams start on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and continue to 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Students have received individual timetables, and they are advised to check their emails for updates. We are running a full set of formal mock exams to ensure that our students are well prepared for the main exam period. These are mainly taking place in the Sports Hall, so that students get another chance to emulate the real exams in Summer 2023.

Mrs Holdgate has gone through all the exam protocols with students in an assembly. Students should register with their form tutor each morning at 8.30am. Any absences should be reported in the normal way by 8am at the latest, please. Students attend exams in full school uniform and must ensure they have the correct equipment for each exam. Normal lessons will continue around the exams.

For reference, in the summer series of exams, the majority of subjects will be examined from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. However, practical and language speaking tests will take place prior to this. Please avoid booking or accepting any appointments during this period.

## Revision and Well-being Support Assembly

This week Mr Walker launched a revision and wellbeing support assembly to guide all Year 11 students through their Exam year. Each student received a support booklet with a variety of evidence driven revision strategies to help their revision alongside useful tips and ideas to manage exam stress. From next week Year 11 students will have the opportunity to use the D-ref afterschool from 15:15-16:15 for independent study. A member of staff will be there to supervise and support their revision.



## Curriculum

After the information evenings this week, a couple of parents have asked about how they get to know what is being taught in each subject in each particular year. All of this information is available to parents on the school website and Firefly. If you click on <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/> you will see each subject. These have 'learning journeys' for Key Stages and also contain long term learning plans available for download.

There is far more detail using Firefly to get information you need. For example, <https://chellaston.fireflycloud.net/science> takes you to Science. This subject has a virtual lesson for every single lesson taught in Year 7-13, with past papers, knowledge organisers and many other resources. If you click on Resources and then subjects, you will be able to get to any subject in the school.

## ICE Point update

### Year group

Year group	Positive points
7	217902
8	188957
9	193074
10	169542
11	173990
12	56033
13	48666

## SEND Updates

SEND Catch up - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November -3:30 till 5pm. Drop in to catch up with our SENCOs and network with other parents and families. Please email [s.stratton@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:s.stratton@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) to confirm your attendance.

## The Reward Shop



We have been delighted with the positive response to the New Rewards shop.

It took the help of 40 members of staff to cope with the demand in our first week of business. By the end of today around 700 items will have been sold and a grand total of 200,000 ICE points will have been spent.

Our best seller was one of our offers of the week, a stretchy figure at 100 ICE points. It was also great to see that students had combined ICE points to buy some of our high tariff items such as footballs.

In addition to this, we are very excited by the high sales of Book Café invites. We look forward to announcing the date for this event and seeing the students engage in reading for pleasure.

Further opening times will be announced soon.

Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Note: ICE point spending will not impact on a student's overall ICE point total.

### **Sixth Form Applications**

Applications for Chellaston Academy Sixth Form are now open. Students received their login details directly to their school email account the week before half term. All details on the broad range of courses we are offering as well as instructions how to apply can be found here: <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions-2021/>

### **Year 12 Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended the Year 12 parent's evening this week. We hope this evening was useful. We have contacted Year 12 parents this morning to ask for any feedback to help us improve the experience.

### **Youth Mayor**

We are delighted to announce that Lilly Copeland in Year 10 has been successfully shortlisted for the penultimate round of Derby City Youth Mayor. There is one final speech to deliver before the final four candidates are voted on by young people across the city.

*The shortlisting panel were impressed with the strength of all the applications received and the passion demonstrated by young people for their city. We really appreciated the time and effort young people put in to submitting their applications. The extremely high standard of applications clearly demonstrates that young people have so much to offer. - Derby City Council*

We are exceptionally proud of Lilly and her achievements in getting this far in the selection process. Lilly is a wonderful, positive and kind member of our school community involved in so many aspects of school life. Her involvement in the school council and Duke of Edinburgh award in particular have demonstrated her care and passion for helping others.

This is the second year in two after the lockdown that we have had an entrant get this far and we wish her lots of luck for the next and final stage. Hazim, one of our head students in year 13, was in this position last year and will be supporting Lilly all of the way, as will we all.

Well done to all of our other candidates who applied, and we hope that they will apply again next year. We will be voting as a school for the Youth Mayor using a ballot box and private voting in January, not only to choose who will represent us, but also to learn more about a democratic process.



## **Remembrance Day**

Next week all students will receive an assembly about Remembrance Day and the importance of it. Next Friday (weather permitting) we would like to, once again, observe the 2 minutes silence on the courts together as a school community. Students who recently went on our Battlefields trip will also lay a wreath that was purchased in at the 'Memorial Museum Passchendaele' on behalf of the school.

## **Sports Achievements**

The Year 7 girls were unbeaten and didn't concede a single goal in the first round of their football league matches.

Lara Shaw from Derbyshire County Cricket Club has been in school providing lunchtime sessions for any KS3 girls that are interested in playing cricket.

Daniel Sabin has maintained his title as National Champion in his Ballroom Dancing Competition, we are very proud of his achievement!

Kind regards

Your Senior Leadership Team

