

## CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,  
I have been so proud of the school community this week. The vibrancy around the school has been breathtaking and the productivity is of an equally high standard. We were delighted to open our doors for our Year 9 Options evening on Thursday and the positive feeling around the school was something special. There have been a number of other events this week that are catalogued below.

### **Strike Day Plans**

At the moment the next national strike day is scheduled for the 1st March 2023. If the strike goes ahead, we are planning to provide a face-to-face curriculum for Year 11, 12 & 13. All other Year groups will be provided with a remote provision. Further details will be provided next week.

### **Rewards Day**

We are excited to announce our Rewards day for Term 2 is taking place on Wednesday 29th March.

Last week, every student from Year 7 to 12 received a task on Firefly, allowing them to pick which activity they would be interested in. We have both in school and out of school activities on offer, some of which will require students to pay.

Students who qualify will have to meet our 95% positive to 5% negative behaviour points in Term 2.

More information about how to officially book spaces on the rewards day will be sent out in the coming weeks, along with any other information required.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Thank you to the members of the community who have been asking about Year 10 work experience. Unfortunately, we will not be running a traditional Year 10 work experience this year. We will, however, be providing other opportunities throughout the year and provide details later.

### **Year 11 Core Mock Examinations**

Over the past two weeks, the core exams have been sent out. In the week beginning 27th February, students will take English, Maths and Science exams. We have also added a core RS exam on the Thursday afternoon.

Option subjects will be doing assessments in the week beginning 6th March and done mainly in lesson time. We are currently collating all of these together and will send out the details before half term.

### **Year 9 Options Evening**

Choosing Key Stage 4 options is such an important stage of a student's life and it was great to see over 800 students and parents turn up on Thursday for our options evening. Some of the parents haven't been in school since the pandemic, so it was great to see many face-to-face conversations taking place. There was a presentation in the Main Hall by Mr Clarke and Mr Smith, with the remainder of the two hours involving walking around the 26 (!) subject areas dotted around the school. Many departments had Year 10/11 and Sixth Formers helping out and it was great to see them speaking with such passion about the subjects that they love. Closing date for making choices is Wednesday February 15th. Parents have also been given an interactive booklet with links to videos for each subject, too.

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### SEND Sports Event

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to our KS3 Sportshall Plus Athletics Team who competed at Derby Arena on Tuesday. The team showed amazing Integrity, Care and Excellence in the competition, not only with their physical efforts but also with their attitude and behaviour! They were super from start to end, and finished in joint first place! This means they qualify for the next round and will go on to represent Derby City in the County finals in April. We were super proud of all of them - Go Team! - Miss Starbuck, Mrs Eyre and Mrs Burke (some of the team are pictured below)



### Sixth Form Offers

All sixth form interviews should have taken place by the end of half term. Once applications have been reviewed, we will send out our offers to those interviewed students in first 2 weeks back after half term.

### Year 13 Parents Evening

Year 13 parents' evening takes place next week on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th February. Parents were sent the details of how to book appointments earlier in the week. If there are any questions, please email [sixthformadmin@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:sixthformadmin@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

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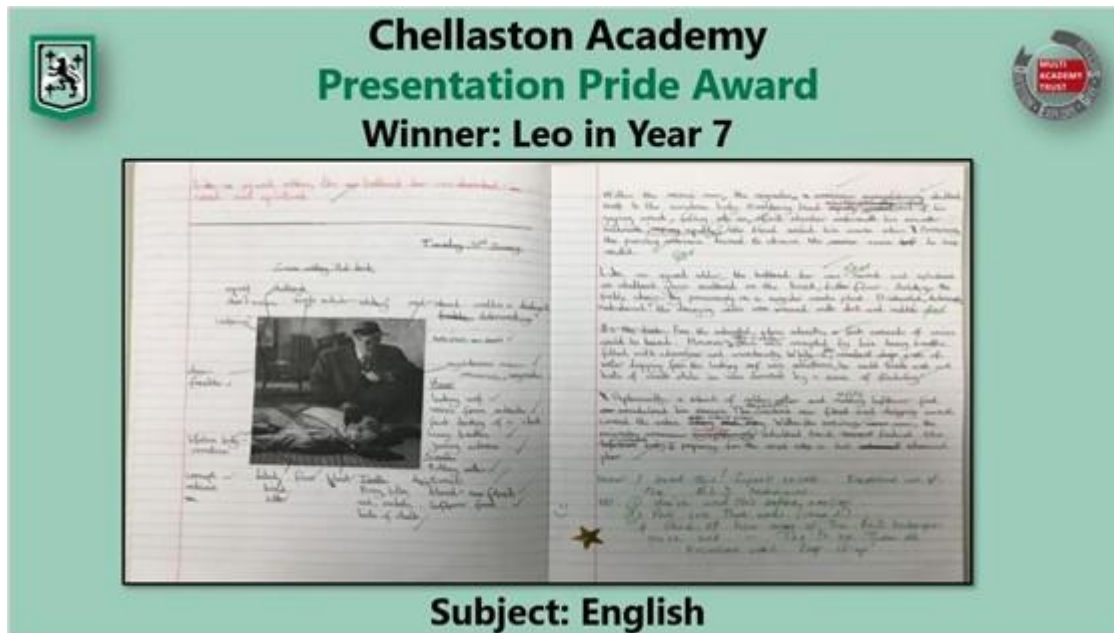
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### Chellaston Academy Presentation Pride Award

This week's Presentation Pride Award goes to Leo in Year 7 for his amazing presentation in English - [Presentation Pride Award](#)



### JCB Event - Alumni

So lovely to welcome two alumni back for National Apprenticeship Week. George and James are both working at JCB completing degree apprenticeships and joined us this week to talk to Year 10 & 12 about Apprenticeships at JCB. We also received an oak tree and plaque to celebrate 78 years of JCB and early careers. JCB Early Career Talent Manager, Neil Fowkes said: "The oak trees symbolise not only JCB's proud British heritage but also the importance of celebrating our apprentices' educational journeys from their school roots to the great opportunities that await when branching out into the world of work."

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### Drama news

On Monday afternoon our wonderful year 11 GCSE Drama students went to the Derby Quad to see the NTLive production of our set text *The Crucible*. They were a pleasure to take and impressed the staff and public around them!

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On Monday evening, Year 10 GCSE Drama students performed extracts from the play 'Two' in front of an excited and supportive audience. This was the first time that many of them have performed live on stage; they pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and showed fantastic courage. The performances were funny, moving and energetic, and they did themselves and the whole Drama team really proud. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who came to support, too!

### Attendance

We have attached some guidance on the importance of good attendance and how you can access support from school if your child is facing any barriers in attending regularly. Please see attachment at the bottom of this email.

### Half Term Free Breakfast

Please click on this link for details of a free breakfast at Asda over half term. - [Free Warm Breakfast for Children](#)

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### Sport Fixtures Results

Fixture	Against	Score
Basketball – Year 11/ Sixth Form Boys	West Park School	Won - 41-31 after being down by 7 points for most of the game
Netball – Year 8 & 9 Girls	West Park School	Won - 21-4

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### Dates for your Diary

15th February - Initial Year 9 Option choices to be returned  
15th & 16th February - Year 13 parents evenings - Remote  
17th February - End of term  
27th February - Return to Spring Term 2

Kind regards  
Phil Smith

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', is positioned below the typed name.

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