

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

We hope that you all managed to have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to the academy this week. In particular it has been pleasing to see us all get back to 'business as usual'. The quality of learning has been impressive, as has the volume of Integrity, Care and Excellence points awarded. It is great to see so many students already focusing on qualifying for the next Activities Day.

Message from Mr Smith

I am delighted to let the community know that from the 17th April my focus and commitment will solely be with Chellaston Academy. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Headteacher since I started in June 2022, and I look forward to leading Chellaston Academy on the next part of our journey.

Bank Holiday Reminder

We would like to remind parents that over the next two weeks there are **two** Bank Holidays. They are on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May 2023.

Year 7-13 Reports and extended form time

In the last week of the spring term, the latest set of reports was generated for Years 7-13. For Years 11 and 13, it would be their last ever report! There was an issue with the generation of the forms with the Year 7 reports. Ironically, this affected the Integrity column of the report. Thankfully, a couple of parents reported the issue incredibly quickly and we were able to sort it out within an hour.

On Tuesday April 18th, all year groups had an extended form time where the focus of the lesson was to reflect upon the report. Each student had (or will have) a face-to-face conversation with their tutor talking through all aspects of the report and also setting targets for the final term of 2022-2023. All students received a printed copy of their report, which hopefully made its way home to you over the past few days.

All reports from the past two years are available to view on Go4schools. You can change the academic year and access every single term. There was a large proportion of students who had not seen their report, so it was really good to raise awareness about them and for tutors to also gain a greater understanding of each student in their form.

Refurbishment Plans at Chellaston Academy

We are delighted to let the community know that there will be significant refurbishments taking place at Chellaston Academy. There will be refurbishments to A Block (Technology, Art, Reception and our Library), F Block (Redesigning F Ref) and B Block (New toilets). These plans are due to start in June 2023 and we will update the community as we go through each stage of the project. We would like to thank all of the colleagues who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to enable this to be possible.

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Strike Day Plans

The NEU have announced a further two days of strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Please find a link to the letter [here](#) which outlines our plans for those days.

Water Bottles

We are delighted that students are bringing their own water bottles and staying hydrated throughout the school day. Could we please request that water bottles are NOT made out of glass.

RSE Coffee morning

Thank you so much to everybody who attended our coffee morning on Wednesday this week on the theme of Relationships and Sex education. We explored how we approach this at the Academy, looked at the lessons and resources together and discussed positive follow up conversations at home. All of our materials are approved by the PSHE Association and ensure that statutory guidance is followed. Our staff have been receiving specialist training in this area and if you have any questions please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. These lessons will continue during PSHCE during this half term.

Online Safety

As part of our safeguarding curriculum and personal development, this week we secured the opportunity for the whole of Year 10 to receive input from our local PCSO in two presentations that covered the issues of Sexual Harrassment, Stalking and Nudes/Youth Produced Sexual Imagery.

As these are issues that predominantly happen outside of school, our priority is always to give children the information and knowledge to be able to navigate those difficult situations in the 'real world', and to keep themselves and others safe when we aren't around.

All students know the process for reporting any concerns about harrassment or nudes.

We are also in the process of updating our Online Safety Policy for the school. As part of this, we would love to consult with parents on the issues that you feel both you and your children face in the online world. More details on the process for this will follow soon!

Some websites and tools that you may find useful in supporting your child are:

'Report, Remove Tool' - NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-reporting/report-remove/>

Online Sexual Abuse - CEOP - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Online Safety Advice for Parents/Carers - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Child-friendly search engine - <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

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Next Monday and Tuesday, our Year 7 students will take part in a workshop delivered by local organisation 'Safe and Sound'. More details about them can be found here: <https://www.safeandsoundgroup.org.uk/>. This workshop is called 'I Can, I will', and explores the concept of being an 'upstander'; how to speak out against bullying, discrimination and unsafe behaviour.

Year 10 Parents Evening

Hopefully you will have already seen our message regarding our Year 10 parents evening only taking place on Wednesday 26th April due to the strike day on the 27th of April. There will be the same number of slots available to book as there has been with previous evenings. If you are unable to make an appointment, please contact your child's subject teacher and they will be able to give you feedback.

Dodgeball Awards

We have been shortlisted for the Secondary School Dodgeball awards. If we win, we get some new equipment for the pupils to use.

We would really appreciate it if you were able to vote for us, it should only take a minute. Public votes count for 50% of the total, so would be great if we could get as many as possible to increase our chances.

You can view the schools entered here: [Schools entered](#)

And you can vote for the schools using this form: [Vote here](#) - Many thanks in advance!

Sports Fixtures

Fixture	Against	Score
Year 7 boys football	John Port	Won 1-0

Dates for your Diary

26th April - Year 10 Parents Evening
1st May - Bank Holiday Monday
8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
26th May - Break up for May Half Term
5th June - Return to school for everyone

Kind regards
Phil Smith

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', is written over a light blue circular watermark.

Proud Executive Headteacher
Chellaston Academy