

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

In our last communication of the term, it is wonderful to reflect on how great the last 12 weeks have been. There is a positive and vibrant feel around the school community. Both external and internal, quality assurance celebrates our culture, our values [Integrity Care and Excellence], our productive learning environment and the memorable experiences we have provided for our young people. None more so than Chellaston Academy's first Rewards/Activity Day where over 1700 students enjoyed a day engaging with the activity/ies of their choice. The feedback from students, staff and the thank you messages from parents recognise the success of the day. It was a mammoth task to provide coach travel for over 1000 students and run the plethora of in school activities. We would like to thank Miss Burke, Mrs Eyre, Mrs Weaver and Miss Jones for being influential in the success of the day. Look out for the next one as apparently it is going to get bigger!

We look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 17th April.

End of Easter Term Reports

By the evening of Friday 31st March, new reports will have been generated for every year group. This will be available to view on Go4Schools. On Tuesday April 18th, all students will receive a printed copy of their report and have a discussion with their form tutor about their progress.

Poetry By Heart

This year, the English department has entered students from Chellaston Academy into **Poetry By Heart**, the country's most prestigious poetry recital competition. On Tuesday 28th March, students recited (from heart) poems of their own, classic verses as well as modern poems for Mr Walker and Ms Lloyla in the library. Those students will now be entered into the national Poetry By Heart competition with a chance of reaching the Poetry By Heart finals at the Globe theatre in London. Truly a sign of amazing things young people can achieve and we wish them the best of luck.

Reading Groups

We are excited to announce that we have created some small group reading lessons to begin after the Easter break. We are passionate about supporting our students to engage with wider literacy as we believe this is the key that will help to unlock an ability to read and write as experts across each subject area. Students from Years 7 to 10 will be attending the library once a fortnight for an hour to read with a member of staff and will be delving into one of the following choices: *Fake* by Ele Fountain, *Rat* by Patrice Lawrence and *The Stranded* by Sarah Daniels. We can't wait to generate more conversations around reading and look forward to creating more of a reading buzz!

Uniform

We would like to remind all parents and students that there have been no changes to our uniform expectations and there are no changes to our uniform requirements planned for the next academic year.

Whilst we relaxed our footwear rule during the bad weather, we expect all students to be wearing the correct uniform and footwear after the Easter break.

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In particular, we would like to remind students that trainers, leggings, jeggings and jean style trousers are not permitted. A blazer and correct lanyard with ID badge are also part of our uniform requirements.

We have a selection of pre-loved, laundered uniform available. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please let their form tutor know and we may be able to provide recycled items. If you have any unwanted blazers, trousers, ties, skirts or PE kit at home, please send them in to replenish our stocks. We do not require any shirts - please donate these to other recycling outlets.

Rewards Day

On Wednesday 29th March our Spring term rewards day took place. 1702 students qualified to take part in a fantastic range of in school activities and school trips. The day was absolutely brilliant, and it was so wonderful to see students rewarded for both persistently showing and acting with Integrity, Care and Excellence - our school values. - please see separate email for more information.

Easter Revision Sessions

As part of our programme of support for our Year 13 students, revision and exam preparation sessions over the Easter break are available to students. Your child should have already expressed an interest in whether they are attending these sessions. We strongly advise students to attend, where possible, whether they put their name down or not. The sessions are being run by subject specialists in all areas and will focus on the final strategies students should be using in the last few weeks.

Easter Revision Sessions Year 13					
Date	Subject	Focus	Start Time	Finish Time	Room
Monday 3rd April	Economics	Paper 1 and 2 Revision	09:00	13:00	A32
	Business Studies	General Revision for non Economists	09:00	13:00	A31
	Philosophy	General Revision	09:00	11:00	A35
	Maths	Exam Preparation	09:00	11:00	A26
	Art	Exam project prep	09:00	14:30	A19
Tuesday 4th April	Business Studies	General Revision for Economists	09:00	13:00	A31
	History	NEA Support	09:00	11:00	A37c
	Music	General Revision	09:00	11:00	A26
	History	Tudor Revision	11:30	13:00	A35
Wednesday 5th April	Health and Social Care	Walking Talking Mock (Yr 12)	09:00	12:00	A34
	Biology	A/A* Walking Talking Mock Revision	09:00	12:00	A14L
	Computing	Paper 1 and 2 Revision	09:00	11:00	A8c & A38c
Thursday 6th April	Biology	B/C Walking Talking Mock Revision	09:00	12:00	A14L
	History	Russia Revision	09:00	11:00	A35
Tuesday 11th April	Sociology	Exam Preparation	09:00	12:00	A28
	P.E	Paper 1 Revision	10:00	12:00	A32
Wednesday 12th April	English Literature	Exam Preparation	09:00	13:00	A33
Thursday 13th April	Psychology	General Revision	09:00	12:00	A28
	Art	Exam project prep	09:00	14:30	A19
	Chemistry	Exam Preparation	09:00	11:00	A14L

Chellaston Chocolate Bingo Night

The Year 11 team are raising funds for the Prom. We are going to be hosting a **Chocolate Bingo night** and would appreciate your help. We are looking for donations of chocolates and / or sweets of any variety. Please can these be brought into school by Friday 21st April. Please come and join us for an evening of bingo fun.

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Bingo night will take place on **Thursday 4th May 2023**

Location: Main Hall, Chellaston Academy

Doors open at 5.00pm

Eyes down at 6.00pm

The wonderful Mr Clark will be calling. Year 11's will be on hand to run around clearing up and delivering prizes. There will be additional raffles taking place and refreshments (non-alcoholic cold and hot drinks) will be available for purchase on the night. There will be no entry fee for the evening. Payment will be per game card - We look forward to seeing you there.

Lego League regional tournament

A group of 7 students representing Chellaston Academy attended the First Lego League (FLL) regional tournament at Birmingham University on Tuesday 28th March. The students have been attending a weekly after school club since October 2022 to help them to program their robot and to prepare for the innovation project presentation. The nationally run program is designed promote STEM subjects and to show our students the possibilities in Engineering.

The students did incredibly well and the day involved competing in several programming challenges against other schools from across the Midlands, presenting an innovation project to lecturers on how best to meet our future energy needs, explaining their Lego robot design and demonstrating the core values which are required both in the work place and to have a career in Engineering. Well done to Sophie S, Charlize A-K, Jack B, Arnand J, Kody S, Jessica W and Emma C and thanks to Mr Cox & Mrs Lawrence who took them along. The students who attended should be incredibly proud of themselves in what was their first experience of the FLL regional tournament.



Things to do in Derby over Spring

Please find the link with things to do over spring from Derby Live - [Derby Live - Things to do over Spring](#)

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Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) – Easter Programme 2022/23



The Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme provides free activities and meals during school holidays for families who are eligible for benefits-related to free school meals.

Families can find information about sessions across the city and book directly through the Derby HAF website – visit - www.derby.gov.uk/derbyhaf

Note: There is some additional funding available to support children who may not meet the free school meal eligibility but who may still benefit from the fun, food and friends. Places are subject to availability.

Safeguarding over Easter

We would like to remind all students and parents/carers that Mental Health and Wellbeing support can always be accessed whilst the school is closed from the organisations linked on the school website

here: <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/our-academy/wellbeing-support-and-guidance/> and through <https://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk/>

Any concerns about a child's welfare or safety should be referred to Social Care:
Derby City - 01332641172
Derbyshire – 01629533190

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Sports Fixture Results

Fixture	Against	Score
Year 7 boys football	Derby Moor	Won 4-3
Year 7 & 8 boys rugby	West Park	Lost 35-20 – a lot of the boys had their first experience of a match and really enjoyed it!
Year 8 boys football	Tournament – John Port	Won all 4 games without conceding a goal
Year 10 boys football	Tournament – John Port	Finished 2 nd after losing the final 3-2 on penalties

Finally, we hope that you all have a great break over the Easter period and we look forward to welcoming our students back, for another great term, on Monday 17th April 2023.

Dates for your Diary

17th April - Return to School
19th April - PSHE coffee morning
20th April - Year 9 immunisations
26th & 27th April - Year 10 Parents Evenings

Kind regards
Phil Smith

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

Proud Executive Headteacher
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