

## HELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

As we head into a historic weekend, we are delighted to say that the quality of education that has been displayed and achieved this week has been phenomenal. There have been many successes and this week's newsletter showcases just a few pieces.

### **Bank Holiday**

As a reminder Chellaston Academy will be closed on Monday 8th May, due to the bank holiday.

### **Safeguarding**

For International Women's Day back in March, our assembly explored some of the key issues in gender stereotypes, VAWG and sexism in the media. Since then, we have done some great work with students at both an individual and group level, in conversations and pupil forums, as well as additional staff training on challenging discriminatory language.

The overwhelming feedback from students is that they feel there is a really strong message of 'empowerment', 'equality' and 'challenge' around sexism. The concerns mainly come from the influence of social media; from accounts which portray harmful notions of gender stereotypes, and from things labelled as 'humour', or bias in the media that goes unchallenged.

As always, we are grateful when parents and carers support the messages we explore in school in your own conversations at home. Below is one example of a parents' approach to harmful online content:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/parent-stories/supporting-girls-impacted-by-misogyny-online/> - We will always continue to strive for better for all of our pupils; we will listen and we will act.

### **Year 10 & 12 exams**

Year 10 & 12 exams will be taking place in the main exam venues from 12th June onwards. More details will be available shortly.

### **Transition Dates**

We have some dates for our new Year 7 starters - Transition dates are on 4th, 5th, 6th July with a parents meeting on 6th July.

### **ASD assembly (Autism Spectrum Disorder)**

Last week, years 10, 9 and 7 took part in the Autism Awareness assemblies. All students listened really well, and took the positive message about understanding differences and neurodiversity seriously.

### **SEND & Puberty session**

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents' session on 3rd May after school focussing on SEND and Puberty - a productive discussion was had, and some really good resources available were highlighted. This information will be sent out to all parents of students with additional needs.

### **Coronation Day**

Pupils have today been looking at the significance of this weekend's Coronation in form time. We have explored what it means and what it might look like, how we

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celebrate significant events and what it says about British Values, culture and tradition. We wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend however you choose to spend it.

### Changes to School Day

From Monday 15th May 2023, the exam season commences. Our PM exams start at 1pm and our main venues are the gym and the sports hall. To help reduce noise/disturbances around these areas, we are altering the school day. This involves swapping around period 4 and dinner time.

From Monday 15th May 2023, dinner will be at 12:15-12:55. The bell will sound to get to lessons and period 4 will start at 13:00. Period 5 will be as normal. This change will swap back in mid to late June when the exam season finishes.

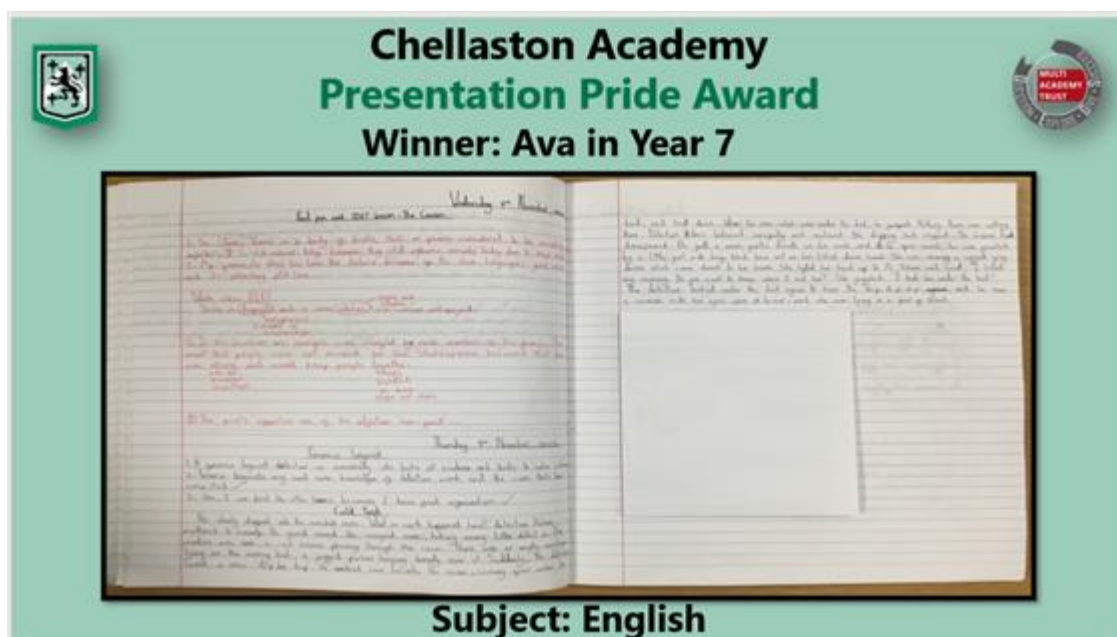
### Reader Leader

Our paired sessions with the Year 12s as leaders and our Years 7s and 8s as the readers are going from strength to strength. It is a genuine delight to venture into the library during form time to see students huddled together reading. Our leaders have been exceptional in the care and integrity they are demonstrating and modelling to their peers; they are strengthening their relationships and are becoming an additional level of care for our younger students. Our readers are showing resilience as they continue to show up and give it their all; they enjoy being read to without the worry of a teacher questioning them and they enjoy reading aloud without the worry of anyone but their peer listening. We are proud of all students involved and will continue to search for opportunities to create a wider reading culture.

### Chellaston Academy Presentation Pride Award

This week's Presentation Pride Award goes to Ava in Year 7 for her amazing presentation in English.

<https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/curriculum/presentation-pride-award/>



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### Dates for your Diary

8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

15th May - GCSE exams commence - Lunch changes to 12.15-1pm until end of exam season

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 below the typed name.

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