

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

Although the temperatures across the region have been unusually warm, we are delighted to report that the learning climate within the school has remained of a high standard.

Our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence are visible in abundance, and it is a genuine pleasure to be an around the academy.

Uniform week commencing 19th June 2023

The predicted temperatures next week are due to drop, therefore there will be changes to our uniform expectations next week. From next week, blazers will not be expected to be worn, but all other uniform items, including ties, will be expected to be worn.

Teaching & Learning

We'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our incredible students and staff this week in regards to the number of positive "on calls". This initiative allows any teacher to request a member of SLT to visit their lesson and look at the great work produced by students in the lesson. This can take the form of singling out any individual student or recognise the whole class as a team. 1391 positive behaviour points have been handed out just this week - this really captures our culture of Integrity, Care & Excellence.

YEAR 11 Exams

Today, (Friday June 16th) was the final full cohort examination for our Year 11 GCSE students. Students sat their sixth(!) science examination. Throughout the past four examination weeks, the students have been amazing with very few phone calls for absent or late students. Getting 280 people in and out of a large venue in total silence for a lengthy amount of time can be quite difficult, but our students have really stepped up and realised the importance of the situation. Exams are running like clockwork due to the hard work put in by our teaching staff and our exam team. There are still a handful of smaller exams taking place next week. Even though the Y11 students no longer have lessons, they need to turn up to any remaining exams in uniform.

Year 10 Mock Examinations

One of the main reasons for the success of the Year 11 examinations is that they have sat examinations in totally formal settings (Invigilators, exam timetables, full protocols followed) on four separate occasions. After a pretty poor start in Summer 2022, Year 11 began to understand the routines and regulations until they totally mastered it in the real thing. We are now starting this successful process with Year 10 as the Sports Hall venue starts to get some vacant mornings and afternoons. On Thursday, Year 10 had an assembly about exam protocols led by Mrs Holdgate and Ms Scattergood, who is our exams officer. Some Year 10s have already done their Art examination or a French/Spanish speaking examination. All students have been given a personalised printout of their examinations which will continue right through until the 30th June. Examinations will be conducted under identical conditions to the real thing, with our full team of experienced invigilators being used throughout the next fortnight. We put this level of effort and detail in at this early stage to reduce anxiety when students are faced with the real thing.

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Timetable Room Changes

Next week sees the start of our refurbishment getting underway. With the departure of Year 11 and Year 13, the capacity of the school gets increased with free rooms appearing more often. However, this year we are removing a few classrooms out of circulation as they get refurbished. Some rooms are being used as storage for heavy equipment whilst the renovations take place. From Monday, rooms in Health and Social Care, Art, Technology, English and Science are being closed. This means a considerable amount of re-rooming. Students will be given a reprint of their timetables, so that they are aware of any changes.

Vaping

The significant dangers of vaping are becoming more evident as more research is completed. The government has also recently pledged to impose stricter sanctions on the distribution of vapes. As a city we are very concerned for our young people and as a result all of the Derby Headteachers have gathered a joint response to vaping, this starts with an awareness week. To support the awareness week, we have attached a link to the joint letter and a PowerPoint which provides a few more facts. As an academy we will also be following up with our own education so please look out for further information.

Year 13 News

As the A Level exam season draws to a close, we want to say a huge well done to our fantastic Year 13 students who really have been a credit to the academy and in particular to the Sixth Form in the last 2 years. We recognise that this has been a challenging two years for our students, parents, and carers. We would like to say how proud we are of the effort, resilience, and maturity shown by the year group and we would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support. It has been a pleasure to work with Year 13 and we wish them every success in their future. We look forward to celebrating with them at their Prom on Thursday 29th June and then again on results day, Thursday 17th August. Full details regarding collection of A Level results, student next steps and all the support on offer have been sent directly to Year 13 students and parents.

Year 12 News

The year 12 mock exams have taken place this week. The students have shown excellence through their phenomenal attendance record and exemplary conduct throughout the exam period. Results will be released in July, however feedback on strengths and areas for development will take place within lessons earlier than this. All students should return from study leave, on Monday.

This week, we opened our student leader application process, and we look forward to welcoming in our new student leadership team, after what will be a rigorous and rewarding process.

We would like to, once again, remind Year 12 parents about the next steps information evening on Thursday 13th July at 6pm.

Presentation pride award

This week's Presentation Pride Award goes to Sabella in Year 9 for her amazing presentation in Art.

Please find the link to our website here: [Presentation Awards](#)

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SENDCO drop in

A big thank you to all parents of students with additional needs who attended the final SEND after school drop-in session of this academic year on Wednesday 14 June. A SEND facts and figures update was provided, parents and carers let us know what they thought was going well in school, and what they felt could be better, and suggestions for themes for future drop ins next year.

All parents/ carers of SEND students are welcome to attend these events in the future - you will receive an email invitation.

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze

This weekend 126 of our Year 9 students successfully passed their DofE Bronze qualifying expedition. It was a tough weekend battling the elements and we are so proud of how they conducted themselves, I look forward to presenting all of our fantastic students with their certificates and badges before the summer holidays.

Mental Health Support

The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) have created a podcast episode for Parents and Carers to explore supporting young people with their mental health.

Discussion points include:

- The best, and some of the challenging, aspects of working in a CAMHS outreach service.
- The signs parents should look for and when they need to step in and seek support.
- Best ways of setting boundaries around use of technology.
- The impact of relationships on mental health and wellbeing.
- Advice to parents, teachers, and carers around spotting when a child is feeling lonely or isolated.
- What parents and teachers can do to help children build personal resilience.

This can be accessed here:

<https://www.acamh.org/podcasts/supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-an-insight-for-parents-caregivers-and-teachers/>

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Boxing Mentoring

Today was the first taster session for boxing at the Chellaston Academy, and the students in Years 9 & 10 selected by Mrs Grimwood and HOY's were absolutely fantastic. They were a real credit to themselves and us as a school. The coach commented on their concentration and the effort each student put into the session and is really excited to continue working with them next year.



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Connect

School and especially, Mrs Grimwood and Mrs K are really proud of Connect's first two Year 11 students to finish school today after their final exams. Every single Year 11 student has behaved impeccably throughout the exams and these two are no exception. They have made us really proud by overcoming any adversity and showing true resilience by continuing and persevering with their education. We will be sorry to see them go but wish them all the best for their future.



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Into the Woods Jr is coming to Chellaston Academy!

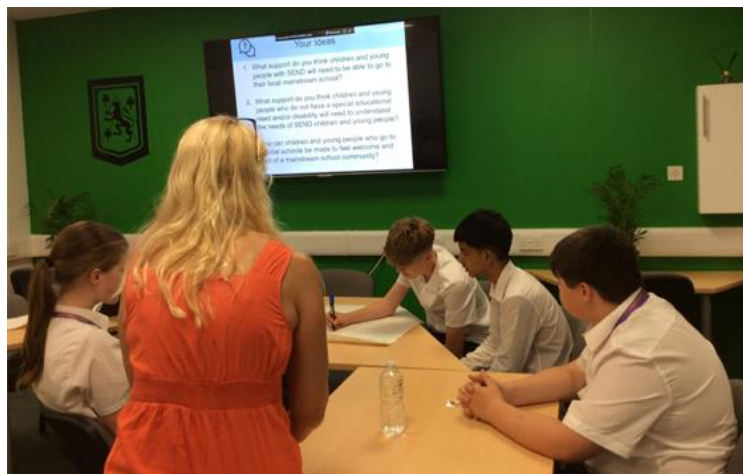
Chellaston Academy students from Year 7-12 have been working extremely hard over the past 7 months to bring you the first school musical in a few years. Students have shown focus, commitment, and camaraderie during rehearsals. They have supported one another and really embodied the school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence. It has been wonderful to witness.

Thank you in advance to all the students, their parents and staff that have supported. The show is promising to be an awesome treat and we hope to see you there!

Tickets are available on ParentPay at £4
Monday 26th-Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm

Student Council

On Wednesday, members of our student council met to review this year and suggest improvements about Academy life going forwards. They were all year group representatives and spoke on behalf of the year councils which met last week. We were particularly excited to welcome Adele and Holly from Derby City Child and Young People services to this meeting too, who came to ask some questions about how Derby can improve provision for SEND learners. We are extremely proud of their mature, thoughtful and creative contributions.



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Royal Life Saving Society - UK

Please see attached (at the bottom of this email) a message from Royal Life Saving Society UK regarding **Water Safety**.

Money Muling

Please see attached (at the bottom of this email) a message from **National Online Safety** regarding money muling.

Pride

This month is Pride month and on Wednesday 21st June we will be having a Pride party during lunchtime and after school for anyone who would like to join us on the field for some music. Our students have been brilliant during assemblies about Pride this week and have been focusing on treating everyone with respect.

Student Leadership

We are excited to have launched our upcoming vacant student leadership roles with our current year 12 students as we look towards the next academic year. Our wonderful Year 13's have been fantastic ambassadors for the Academy and we wish them all of the luck for the future, but it is time to look forwards to the next set of young people who will hold the prestigious Head Student positions. Applications from prospective applicants are due in by June 23rd. Can we once again extend our thanks and appreciation to: Rachel Boddey, Katie Mayling, Oliver Shilcock, Libby Pierce, Hazim Rashid and James Ashie-Kotey.

Sports Fixtures

Fixture	Against	Score
Year 7 & 8 Girls Cricket First girls tournament for Chellaston Academy!	Tournament at Derby High School	Came third
Year 10 Boys Cricket	Abbotsholme	Won by 21 runs

Dates for your Diary

22nd June - Year 11 final assembly, shirt signing & Prom
26th - 28th June - Into the Woods Jr - Whole School Production at 7.30pm
29th June - Year 13 Prom
13th July - Year 12 next steps meeting at 6pm
20th July - Rewards Day
21st July - End of Summer term!

Kind regards
Phil Smith

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

Proud Executive Headteacher
Chellaston Academy