

## CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

It has been another busy but tremendous week at Chellaston Academy. This week we have officially said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students, had an amazing start to our Year 10 Mock exams, welcomed 42 Year 6 students for a SEND transition day, held a wonderful Pride event and the quality of lessons and learning has been of a high standard. So much for us all to be proud of!

### **Uniform**

Due to the predicted temperatures, we are keeping our uniform expectations as they have been this week. All uniform is to be worn as expected, apart from the blazer which is optional.

### **Strike Days**

The NEU have announced a further 2 days of strike action in July. We will get plans to the school community next week.

### **SEND Transition Day**

It was a pleasure to welcome 39 Year 6 students with additional needs from our Primary Schools who came to have an extra "taster" day before our main transition days on 4th and 6th July.

The day was split up into four events, including:

- A Food Technology session where students worked together to produce a HUGE amount of scones - all students were impeccably well behaved and washed and dried all equipment brilliantly
- A session in our wonderful Art department
- A sensory circuit / tour of the school

Tea & coffee with parents and carers was provided at the end of the session including scones with jam and cream!

We have had some really positive feedback from parents and students about their day, and we hope that the extra visit will boost confidence and reduce anxiety of starting at secondary school.

Huge thanks must go to Sarah Starbuck (Deputy SENCO) and Thea Christie (Assistant SENCO) for organising this fantastic day!!



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### **Year 11 Leavers Prom**

We couldn't be happier for our Year 11s who enjoyed a fabulous and well deserved Prom last night. The evening was a huge success - Good luck from us all!



### **Year 11 into 12 Transition Day**

Our Chellaston Academy Sixth Form Transition Day takes place next week on Tuesday 27th June 2023.

This transition day is designed to give students a flavour of what life is like at Chellaston Academy Sixth Form. Students will have the opportunity to get to know the school a little better, work with subject specialists so that they are prepared to hit the ground running in September, and meet the key people that will support them through their Key Stage 5 journey. Students have already signed up, know what room to register in on the day, and will be given their personalised timetable during the registration period.

We look forward to welcoming all our potential sixth formers next week!

### **West Park: Carnegie Award**

On Wednesday 21st June, Mrs Lloyla and Ms Farmer had the pleasure of taking the Carnegie students to West Park for the day. The students all had to provide evidence that they had read three of the seven nominated books for the Carnegie book award before being selected for this trip. The enthusiasm for the day began with several renditions of Disney theme tunes which swiftly turned into a performance of Sweet Caroline on the mini- bus, coupled with a few descriptions of the books' best bits.

The day was challenging for all students as the agenda was packed. Representatives from schools such as West Park, Trent College, and Swanwick Hall were in attendance and in true Chellaston style, our students mixed well and made friends. The groups had the opportunity to present a section of their favourite book to the Headteacher and the leadership team; our students were superb: they were knowledgeable and eloquent in their delivery; they looked smart and represented the best of our Chellaston Academy values and certainly made us proud.

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### Pride Event

On Wednesday this week we had a wonderful atmosphere at our lunchtime PRIDE party. We played music on an area of the field and pupils enjoyed dancing, having stickers and making flags in order to celebrate our own special PRIDE Event with kindness and care. Huge thanks to the 6th form prefect team and sound tech crew with Mr Elliott who helped to make it all happen.



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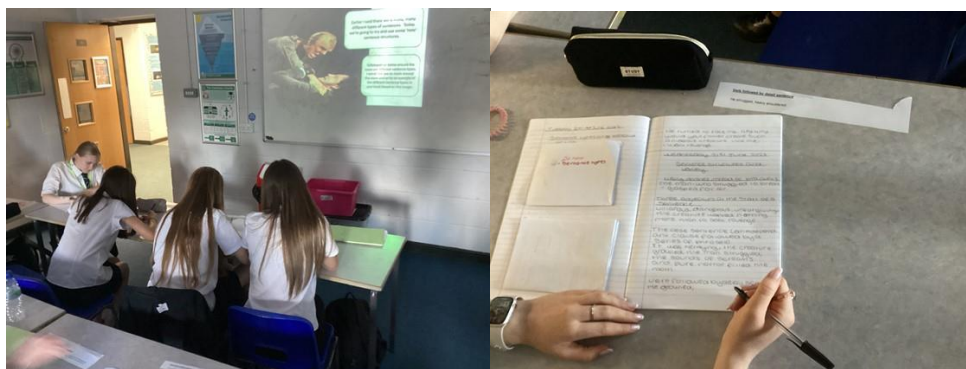


### Teaching and Learning Showcase

Following on from last weeks mention of positive on call visits by SLT, Class 9L5 were visited recently by Mr Walker. They have embraced performing the play "An Inspector Calls" and have been taking turns reading roles, stage directions, setting up the scene etc. Every student has read at some point, even if they were reluctant at first. Whilst they have read the play, they have been annotating key moments and discussing some really difficult topics that arise. They have done this with maturity and respect and Ms Feldmanis is very proud of their progress over this scheme of work. One of our props was an old fashioned phone that was made last year by Harry (now year 10) on his 3D printer. He received a book token for the vending machine for his efforts.



In addition to this, Mr Walker created an amazing learning environment for all students to develop their grammar skills. This group of year 8s learnt new sentence structures by walking around the room and tried to create their own sentences using new rules. This helped them stretch their abilities as writers and got them to try new ways of expressing themselves.



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### Spirit of Chellaston Festival

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 24 students and 6 members of staff took part in the annual Spirit of Chellaston Festival organised by members of the local community. We performed for an hour to an appreciative audience. Our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 choirs performed under the directorship of singing specialist Catheryn Heywood. There were also some excellent soloists and fantastic performances from the Show Choir and our Staff Choir. We finished our contribution with a rousing rendition of We are the Champions - we certainly felt like champions performing on the festival stage.



### Sports Day

There will be Sports Events running next week to mark our annual "Sports Day". Pupils who have volunteered will be taking part on two days.

On the **Monday** those who are doing the 1500m, Shot, Discus, Javelin, High Jump or Long Jump need to come to school in their PE kit. They will need to register with their class teacher at the times below and come straight to the field, they know who they are:

Registration and Period 1 – Year 9  
Period 2 – Year 7 boys  
Period 3 – Year 7 girls  
Period 4 – Year 8 boys  
Period 5 – Year 8 girls

On the **Friday** those pupils who have volunteered to do the 100m, 200m or Relay will need to come to school in their PE kit do their event in the afternoon.

Students who are **supporting** the event have been given a **COUNTRY** to support with an associated colour that they can accessorise with at lunchtime before spectating.

It is important that students remember water bottles each day to stay hydrated!

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### Sports Fixtures

Fixture	Against	Score
Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket	<u>Abbotsholme</u>	Won in a SUPER OVER!!
Year 9 & 10 City Athletics	Woodlands	Results TBC
Year 7 Girls Cricket	<u>Borrowash/ Ockbrook</u>	Won the plate <u>competition</u>

### Dates for your Diary

26th - 28th June - Into the Woods Jr - Whole School Production at 7.30pm  
27th June - Year 11 into Year 12 Transition day  
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

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