

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

It has been another amazing week at Chellaston Academy with lots of learning and events taking place. We are delighted to provide a snapshot of some of the things in this week's SLT newsletter.

Strike Day

The next NEU national strike days are on Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July 2023. Please find a link to the letter that was sent out to the community on Monday - [Strike Action Letter](#).

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. Please find the link for the article that was run on the Vape Awareness Week in the Derby Telegraph here - [Vape Awareness Week](#)

Last day of term

School will be closing at **12noon** on 21st July. Early buses have been arranged for those who travel to school by bus.

Sports Day

We've had a great afternoon celebrating our annual sports day. The atmosphere was electric as the raring to go Athletes competed and the screaming supporters shouted for their country. Thank you to our wonderful PE department for arranging such a successful afternoon.



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Teaching & Learning Showcase

During Mr Kelly's lesson this week, 124/Ps1's were working on Stickability and Exam Technique (SET). This is where the class goes over a previously covered topic to encourage spaced / interleaved practice.

The extended "Do-Now" (starter activity) required the class (without any resources) to come up to the board and write the information they can remember from the topic. They then pass the pen to either "add something new" or "expand on what is there" this could be anything from new knowledge and understanding or from prior learning. The 10 students that were present today managed to cover the majority of the topic with developed and thought through evaluations.

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The main learning activity is utilising the SET PowerPoint which contains previous exam questions, mark schemes and helpful tips as they work their way through the questions methodically and do their own self-assessment DIRT (Directed Improvement & Reflection time).



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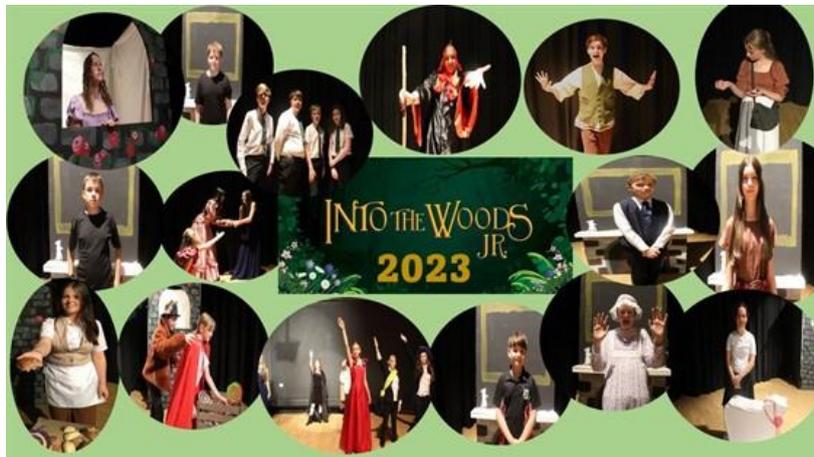
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Into the Woods Jr - Whole School Production

Well done to all the cast, crew and staff involved in Chellaston Academy's production of Into The Woods Jr which ran from Monday 26th June-Wednesday 28th June. It was absolutely spectacular! We had 39 students from Year 7-12 involved altogether, alongside the staff in the Music and Drama Department. There was also a Year 7 reward event- the matinée that took place on the Monday afternoon. Well done to those students for qualifying and upholding our school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence!

The cast and their parents have been extremely committed during the rehearsal process and show week, so we thank them. A heartfelt thanks also to the administration staff who contributed their time by supporting the process and to those that supported on show nights. This is the start of many great shows to come. There are already talks for the next production, so until then and in the words of Jack..."I guess this is goodbye."



Kindness

This week our assemblies have been around Kindness and what that can look like in and around the home and school. We have challenged our young people to show kindness to themselves, others and the environment.

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Online Safety

We have been made aware by the community that some young people are using an app called 'Whiz'. This allows you to communicate with people who are not usually a contact. As with all social media platforms, apps and devices we would like to remind you work with your children to ensure that they don't share any personal information, send any images or arrange to meet up with anyone they have communicated with on such platforms. Their safety is really important and could be compromised by such behaviours.

Water Safety

Springlakes open water swimming venue will again be delivering the Swim England and the RNLI's free water safety sessions designed to keep children aged 7-14 safe when swimming in open water.

Message from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service



Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Needs Your Help This Summer

Firefighters and Community Safety Officers are asking for your help to keep your community safe by reporting any information you have on deliberate fires to [FireStoppers](http://FireStoppers.co.uk).

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is working with partners to raise awareness of this issue and is therefore encouraging school pupils, parents/guardians, [local residents](#) to be vigilant and report any information that could help us prevent further fires.

Responding to deliberate fires in the open ties up valuable lifesaving resources.

While Firefighters are tackling a deliberate fire, they are not available to attend 999 emergencies. These emergencies can include house fires and road traffic collisions where people may be trapped with an immediate risk to life.

Anyone caught setting fires deliberately (Arson) could be charged with a criminal offence which would lead to a criminal record, which can also have longer term consequences.



Water Safety

This summer could see a heatwave [similar to 2022](#) which means people are tempted to cool off in rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Unfortunately, this decision can end in tragedy as there are many unseen dangers in the water, and even on a hot day submersion can result in cold water shock.

DFRS have worked closely with a bereaved family who want to raise awareness of the dangers of entering open water. The following video has been produced in memory of Thando Ndlovu who sadly passed away in 2021, scan this QR code to access the video.



Please follow our advice to stay safe around open water:

- DO NOT be tempted to swim in open [water](#)
- If you see someone in trouble, DO NOT enter the water to try and help, call 999 and ask for the fire [service](#)



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NEC UCAS Exhibition

On Tuesday 27th June, the whole of Year 12 travelled to Birmingham to visit the annual UCAS exhibition. The students were fantastic and made great use of the time to speak to potential universities about their next steps and get some expert advice, whilst also picking up some goodie bags along the way!



Sixth Form Transition Day

We had a fantastic day welcoming over 170 potential new students to Sixth Form on our transition day this week! Students engaged in our subject offers and experienced what a day in the life of a Year 12 would be like. We look forward to celebrating their successes come results day and seeing them hit the ground running in September. There will be an opportunity to give feedback, and further information on how to access transition work coming their way - so keep an eye out. A big thank you to all that attended and participated!

Student Leadership

We are delighted with the number and quality of the applications received for our Student Leadership positions. Next week, our shortlisted candidates for the Head Student (Sixth Form) position will present to the Year 12 student body; following this, our students will vote for the candidate they feel is best suited to the role. Our candidates for Head Student (Whole School) will have interviews with members of the Senior Leadership Team. We will announce the successful candidates once the positions have been filled.

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Mathsconf32

We were delighted to host over 260 maths teachers at the 32nd Maths Conference (last Saturday). The event was a complete success, with enthusiastic, like-minded maths teachers ranging from early years practitioners all the way through to university professors enjoying workshops, lectures and a chance to network. The Complete Maths team commented that despite being their 32nd conference it was a great event to organise and this is testament to all of the Chellaston and QEGSMAT team. The event will have no doubt inspired many teachers from all over the country, benefitting students now and for years to come.



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Dates for your Diary

12th July - Year 10 & 12 Careers Fair
13th July - Year 12 next steps meeting at 6pm
14th July - Year 10 mock exam results day
20th July - Rewards Day
21st July - End of Summer term at 12noon!

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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