

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

We are delighted to let you know that we have had another fantastic week. There have been so many positives including a record number of 'positive On Calls'. The week has also included two amazing transition days for our up-and-coming year 7's. (more details later on) We have also just finalised our community voice for this term, and we are delighted with the results, thank you to those who passed on their views. Below is a synopsis of some of our key messages and proud moments this week.

Important Calendar Reminders

End of Summer term arrangements - Chellaston Academy will close for the Summer break on Friday 21st July. School will now be closed to students from 11.30. Buses have been booked.

Start of Autumn term arrangements for September 2023 - Chellaston Academy will open to Year 7, 12 and 13 on Tuesday 5th September and then open to **all** students from Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Rewards Day

Our ICE festival takes place on Thursday 20th July. To qualify your child needs to have a 95% positive to negative behaviour ratio. Students have been given up to date behaviour ratios during their BAM sessions in form time and are working hard to achieve more ICE points to spend on the day and to secure their place. If your child does not manage to qualify for this event, they will be based in lessons during this day. We cannot wait for our biggest rewards day yet!

Year 6 Transition Day

This week we welcomed over 300 Year 6 children into school for their transition days. They got to meet their form tutor, experience some of their subjects and got a feel for school life in preparation for September. We look forward to them joining us in September.

SEND Students

If you are a parent/ carer of a student with additional needs on our SEND register, you should have been contacted by the student's SEND Link, either by email by phone. This is so you and your child are involved in the review process - in particular to be able to add to / change the Student Passport that all staff read and use to plan support.

All these reviews will be completed by the end of this term - thanks to parents and carers for their support with this.

Sixth Form - Student Leaders

This week we appointed our student leaders for next year from year 12. It was a privilege to see how passionately our young people spoke about wanting to make a difference to the student experience in such mature and brilliant ways. We have split these prestigious roles into 6th form focused and whole school focused due to the fantastic ways these roles have grown over the past few years.

Sixth Form Head students wrote a letter of application, were shortlisted and then presented to the student body who then voted for their members. The whole school Head students went through a letter of application, shortlist and formal interview process with members of the senior team.

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We are pleased to announce the following:

Head Students for 6th form are :

Yamika Phiri
Stella Broome

Head Students for Whole school are:

Emma Armstrong
Amy Fleming

Deputy Head Student for 6th form is :

Thomas Holford

Deputy Head Students for Whole school are:

Charles Hobbs – Whole School Student Leader for Excellence
Nathan Nworoko - Whole School Student Leader for Integrity
Molly Wileman - Whole School Student Leader for Care

Message from Derby City Council regarding buses

DCC contracted school buses currently charge a flat rate fare of £1 if a student does not have their bus pass or is travelling on a different bus. This will be increasing to £1.20 from September 2023.

You will be aware that bus fares charged to students were rounded up to £1.00 for a single journey from September 2020 as part of the Council's Covid measures. Following a three year price freeze the single fare will increase to £1.20 from September 2023. To give families time to adjust to the change, this will be implemented from **Monday 25th September 2023**. School buses will display the attached notice in the bus window from the first day of the new school year.

Reports and Y10 Mock Results

Next week sees the data deadline for staff for Years 7,8,9, 10 and 12. Then we need to collate 1364 individual reports for the week after.

After a very successful exam period for Year 10, we have decided to get as close to the real thing as possible by handing out mock results from a sealed envelope on the morning of Friday July 14th. This will be done in the D-Refectory just like the real Year 11 exam results in August.

All year groups should receive their reports on the morning of Thursday, July 20th. These will also be published on Go4Schools later on that day.

Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week

This week, Derbyshire Constabulary have taken part in the national ASB Awareness Campaign to explore anti-social behaviour in our communities; this year's theme was 'Know Your Rights'. They have asked for our support in signposting the community to the ASB Hub, which signposts people to support and advice on ASB, which can be found here: www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/asbhub

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team also came in to work with some of our Year 7 students in piloting an interactive game board on Knife Crime. The students were fantastic, and engaged really well with a difficult and moving topic. The SNT want to come in again next week to run the session with more students!

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Safe and Sound Workshops - Year 9

As part of our Safeguarding Curriculum, we have secured the opportunity for all Year 9 students to take part in a workshop exploring Consent and Sexual Harrassment and Exploitation. These will be run by the Derby-based organisation Safe and Sound, and will take place on 12th and 14th July.

Teaching & Learning Showcase

Ethan Carlier has given a uni and portfolio talk to Year 12 Art and Design Students. Ethan is in his 2nd year of Architecture at Queens uni in Belfast and past student of Chellaston Academy/Sixth Form having studied Alevel Fine Art with us. Ethan is in this week completing work experience. Ethan gave a really interesting and thoughtful talk about university life and preparing for uni as well as the course itself. He talked through how to create a portfolio (which our students need to know about) but also gave an honest and helpful account of university life. It was really interesting listening to him and such a joy seeing how far he has come.



Reading & Comprehension Assessments

Throughout your child's time at our school, we will assess their progress in a number of ways. As reading and comprehension is an integral part of your child's learning, we prioritise accurate assessment of this.

From Summer 2023, we are introducing the NGRT (New Group Reading Test) from GL Assessment. This assessment helps us as a school accurately identify where our pupils are less secure in their knowledge and allows us to put additional assessment

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and/or intervention in place. The NGRT also gives us a really clear 'flight path' of the outcomes your child may be expected to achieve. It is important that your child tries their very best on these assessments so that their level of reading and comprehension skill is accurate.

If your child scores in the lower regions on the tests, they don't need to worry! We will look at the results compared to what we know about them as a learner, and where needed, we may complete additional 1:1 assessments which will help pinpoint where we can support. We will be in touch with you as a parent/carer if this is the case, to help you support your child at home too.

Students will need a pair of headphones (with a wire) to be able to complete the test as they have the option of having the words read aloud to them. Whilst we do have some available in school, we recognise that our students might prefer to use their own. If they can bring them into school until they have completed their assessment, we'd appreciate it.

The information below is from GL Assessment about the NGRT test:

"Developing literacy and reading ability is fundamental to a pupil's ability to access the curriculum in secondary school. The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised, termly assessment that reliably measures reading skills against the national average to help you get to the root of any problems precisely and quickly. NGRT provides information about sentence completion and comprehension skills allowing you to identify where difficulties lie. Being a termly assessment allows for regular monitoring of reading progress and measuring the impact of intervention, and a pupil's reading ability can be benchmarked using the Standardised Age Score (SAS).

The assessment is adaptive - questions are automatically presented based on a pupil's ability as they complete them, so more able pupils can be challenged while weaker readers are kept engaged".

Sports Day

We're really looking forward to sharing the results of Sports Day with students during assembly next week. There are only 5 points between 1st, 2nd & 3rd. We'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of the students for their amazing attitude and conduct throughout the day and cheering on each and every student.

National Dodgeball Competition

We had a group of Year 7 students come to represent Chellaston Academy at Stoke-on-Trent in the National Dodgeball competitions after winning their place at Regionals back in March. They had a tough group stage games but managed to successfully secure a place in the quarter finals. They came back from 4-0 to finishing the final game 6-6. This meant that they had one final round to get a final score, which unfortunately saw us out of the competition. However the team show excellent sportsmanship and supported one another throughout the whole day, playing with grace. Chellaston will hopefully be back to claim that winning place next year!

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Dates for your Diary

12th July - Year 10 & 12 Careers Fair
12th & 14th July - Safe & Sound Workshop - Year 9
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 11.30am

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