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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

Please find our weekly newsletter which contains a review of some elements of our week and some useful reminders.

We are delighted to share with you our latest Ofsted report and press release, please see details here - Ofsted Report - September 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming our prospective students to the academy on Thursday 28th September. The evening will run from 5-7pm. Bookings for the talk with the Head in the Main Hall can be made here - Year 6 - Evening Booking System

There will be an opportunity for all parents to arrange a virtual appointment with their child's form tutor to discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year. Please look out for further details soon.

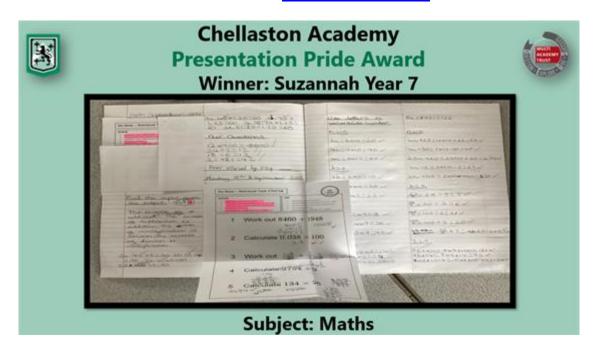
## ICE festival links

We just wanted to share with you some drone footage of our ICE festival that took place in July - ICE festival video

## Presentation pride award

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

Please find the link to our website here: Presentation Awards



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# **School photos**

Years 7 & 12 students have recently had an individual photograph by Tempest Photography. You should find this photo in their bag if you haven't seen it already. If you'd like to order a copy, please go to <a href="https://www.tempest-orders.co.uk">www.tempest-orders.co.uk</a> and type in the 10 digit code under their image. You have until 28th September for free delivery to school. All other year group photos will be sent out soon.

## **Bus fare increase**

If your child uses a bus that isn't their allocated bus or they have forgotten their bus pass please be aware that from Monday 25th September

# **SEND Parents' Drop in session**

There will be a parents drop in session on Wednesday 11th October between 4.30pm - 6pm

The focus will be on - New Year 7 students, requests for types of session throughout the year.

### **School Health Team**

Our School Health Team do regular drop-in sessions in school to support students' health and emotional wellbeing. Today they had an information stand in school over the lunch break, where students could access information on what services they provide and how they can deliver that support.

They will be in school again on 3<sup>rd</sup> September to give information on how smoking and vaping can cause ill health.



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# **Yellow & Red Accessories Day**

Pupils will be invited to wear accessories / enhancements of a particular colour in addition to their core uniform to raise awareness and show support for the following causes:

Wear it Yellow for World Mental Health Day – Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> Wear it Red to show Racism the Red Card – Friday October 20th

#### **Harvest Donations needed**

This year we are pleased once again to be collecting items as part of our Harvest Charity project for two different organisations. We are proud to continue our work with The Padley Centre and also to provide for the Hope Centre's 'Can you make a difference?' appeal. We appreciate that not everyone is able to donate during these challenging times but for those who feel able to, we are looking to have all donations into boxes in form rooms by October 6th. Please send them in with your child. Extra large donations must be arranged for drop offs in advance. We thank you in advance for anything that you might be able to provide.

The needs lists are below:

https://www.hopecentrederby.co.uk/shopping-list



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At the same time we are excited to launch for our year 7 and 6th form students our 'Love in a box' shoebox appeal. Further communications will be sent out around this to those involved but we hope to send boxes to Eastern Europe for young people in time for Christmas.

# Safeguarding - Online Safety

Please find a link here to a helpful page giving an overview of some of the most popular apps accessed by teenagers:

# Teaching your Teen online safety

We would also like to give you advanced notice of an Online Safety workshop for parents that we have arranged with Traci Goode from i-vengers on 25th October - more details to follow!

# **Applied Science Trip**

On Wednesday 13th September, our Year 13 Applied Science students took a trip to Aston University to see some of the techniques they have been learning about in class, in action.

We were given a tour of the labs by one of the technicians, who showed us lots of their equipment such as mass spectrometers, high performance liquid chromatography, centrifuges and much more. One of the neuroscientists even invited us to have a look around their lab where they were testing drugs for epilepsy. In the afternoon we were given a tissue culture demonstration, then practised some laboratory skills like serial dilutions.

Overall, it was a very successful trip. The students were able to experience lots of techniques and equipment we would otherwise only be able to talk about in theory. It was really reaffirming to see lots of the ideas we had talked about on the course being put to use in real life. The day also allowed the students to see what it can be like to work in STEM outside of the school setting. It was a great opportunity to hear about the variety of the courses and careers they might choose to follow in the future.

See photos on next page.

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# **Message from Tempest Photography**

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# **Dates for your Diary**

28th September - Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

10th October - Wear it Yellow for World Mental Health Day

12th October - Meet the tutor evening - all year groups (online)

19th October - Sixth Form Open Evening - details to follow

20th October - Wear it Red to show Racism the Red Card

25th October - Online Safety workshop for parents that we have arranged with Traci

Goode from i-vengers - details to follow

Kind regards Phil Smith

Proud Executive Headteacher Chellaston Academy