

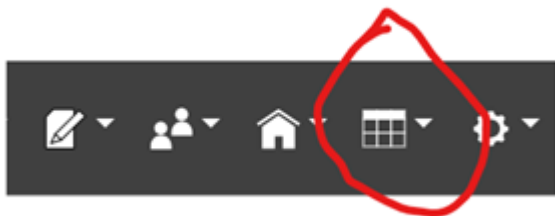
CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back after the summer break. Although the external temperatures have been hotter than expected, it has been lovely to see that the quality of learning continues to be of a high standard. There have already been so many successes this week which includes an extended form time where students discussed their last term's report with their form tutor. This was a great opportunity to focus on successes but also provide a personal focus for learning this term. As a reminder parents can also access their children's reports through Go4Schools. Please be aware that to access the reports you will need to change the school year to the previous one which is bizarrely called 2023! To do this you need to click on the icon that looks a bit like a calendar and select 2023. Then click on the reports tab on the left hand side. The icon that you are looking for is shown below.



Exam Results

As an academy we were delighted with the achievements and performance of all of our young people in their exams last year. Please find the links to the GCSE/ Level 2 and A Level/ Level 3 press releases.

[GCSE press release](#)

[A Level press release](#)

Calendar Reminders

Year 5 & 6 Open evening - Thursday 28th September 2023
Meet the tutor evening (online) - Thursday 12th October 2023

Afterschool detentions

This year we are running Year team afterschool detentions for those students who are repeatedly late for lesson with no reason, and for any students who truant from a lesson. These will be ran by your child's Year team and will run on a Monday from 3 until 4pm. You will be notified in advance if your child has been issued a detention for persistent lateness and or truanting from lessons.

Home Learning Timetable

From this week, we have launched our home learning timetable with the students. During the summer term, staff have been improving the quality of the tasks that are going to be set this coming year. Homework needs to be a bit like baby bear's porridge. If it's too short, it's barely worth doing, if it's too long then it starts to lose its value. Tasks should be practice or preparation type tasks and not be finishing-off

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tasks, for example.

In order to ensure that students are not bombarded with homework on one day and then none the next, staff have been given days that subjects can set homework. Sometimes, there might not be a lesson on that day, so home learning will be set in advance for that day. As home learning is such an important factor in increasing levels of success at exams, staff can reward students with +10 points for every task. Staff can also notify parents through Go4schools if tasks haven't been completed, but this is just a notification and does not incur any negative points.

We believe that home learning should allow practice of skills, prepare students for future lessons and exams. It should help build independent learning skills, develop self-regulation and organisation and train them to make use of resources outside of school. We hope that the planning that we have put in place will help to achieve these goals.

Parents also play a part in this process, so please use the Firefly platform to check when students have been set tasks.

The timetable for this year, is shown below.

 **Chellaston Academy Home Learning Timetable 2023-2024** 

Year	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	Science History (A) Geography (B)	English Art (A) Technology (B)	Music (A) Drama (B)	MFL Computing (A) Philosophy (B)	Maths
8T	Science Philosophy (A)	Maths French (A) Spanish (B)	English Geography (A) History (B)	Music (A) Computing (B once a month)	Art (B) Drama (A) Technology (A)
8L	English Geography (A) History (B)	Maths	Spanish (B) French (A) Music (A)	Science Technology (A) Philosophy (B)	Computing (A) Art (B)
9T	Art (A) Computing (B)	Science Geography (A) History (B)	Technology (B) Philosophy (A)	French Maths	English Drama (A) Music (A)
9L	Technology (A) English Spanish	Art (A) Drama (A) Music (B) Computing (B)	Science	Geography (A) History (B) Philosophy (A)	Maths
10+11	Block 2 Physics (B)	Maths RS (Once a month)	Block 3 Biology (A)	English Chemistry (A)	Block 1

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Early Career Teachers

We are so incredibly proud of our seven ECTs who have just recently completed their 2 year ECT programme, they are all not only a credit to the academy but a credit to the profession. We look forward to following their career here at Chellaston Academy.



Dates for your Diary

14th September - School photos for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13
28th September - Year 5 & 6 Open evening
12th October - Meet the Year 7 tutor evening (online)

Members of the Chellaston Community,

Kind regards
Phil Smith

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

Proud Executive Headteacher
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