

## CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

We hope that you all have a great weekend. Please enjoy our latest weekly newsletter.

### Theo's back!

Our Year 8, Theo, who took part in the Junior World Series is back from playing cricket in Dubai! He had a fabulous time, made lots of new friends and is excited about his next challenge. He also casually mentioned that he was voted **MOST VALUED PLAYER** by the umpires (MVP). We are so proud of his success!



### Celebrating Each Other

Chellaston Academy Sixth Form has never before seen such wonderful diversity in its student body. We strongly feel it is important to recognise and celebrate the cultures and people that add so much to both our society and our day-to-day student lives. Therefore, today we encouraged any student who wished to recognise the traditions and heritage of many members of our sixth form community, to wear clothing that celebrated this culture instead of their normal 6th form uniform. The aim, alongside celebrating the cultural diversity within our 6th Form, was to educate all members of the student body and to spark discussion about culture and its history amongst us all. The response from all students was phenomenal and the positive and respectful discussions that were taking place between our students was a joy!



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### **Year 11 Aim For Success Evening**

Last Tuesday, we were really pleased to welcome over one hundred Year 11 parents to our **Aim For Success** Evening. The purpose of the event was to talk about the upcoming mocks as well as the Summer 2024 exams. A large chunk of the evening was devoted to how parents can help their son/daughter through such an important year. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the powerpoint and the revision booklet have been emailed out to all Year 11 parents.

### **Year 11 Mocks and Assessment Window**

From November 7th to November 18th, Year 11 will be undertaking assessments in all their subject areas. The core subjects will have examinations in the Sports Hall between the 13-15th of November. All other subject assessments will be done during lesson time.

### **Year 11 Reports and Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Following on from the mocks, a new Year 11 report will be sent home on Wednesday 6th December. This will be useful information for the Parents' Evening which will take place between 4 and 7pm on Thursday 7th December. Please note that this will be the first time since Covid that this is a face-to-face event. More details will follow about how to book appointments for this event.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Monday this week some of our amazing Harvest donations were collected by the Padley Centre for use in Derby at foodbanks and shelters over the next few months. We are so thankful for your contributions and proud of the Care shown by our Academy community. Our student leaders thanked each form who contributed and the staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of the school.



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### Harvest Festival cont.



### Show Racism the Red Card

Next Friday 20th October we are proud to be supporting **Show Racism the Red Card**. We encourage students to wear an item of red in addition to or as a replacement for part of their uniform. We will discuss in form time the importance of education around Racism and what we can do to stand up to it.

Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. In 1990s Newcastle, Shaka was at a petrol station near St. James' Park when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United football player, they came over to ask for an autograph. It was from this experience that Shaka realised he could harness his status as a professional player to make a difference. Coupled with the power of football and his status as a role model, Shaka thought education could be an effective strategy in challenging racism in society.

**"As a supporter you are showing your true brave colours. As part of the team you make us stronger.**

**Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.**

**Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us. WEAR RED".**

### Black History Month

This week we have continued our Black History Month education and awareness with activities in form, a research competition and some events in our library. We have been asking pupils to consider why it is celebrated, what voices and narrative do we hear the most in our own lives. The theme of this year's Black History Month is 'Saluting our Sisters.' This is to highlight the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. We have launched a research project on a choice of hugely influential black women, and we encourage our young people to get involved via their form tutors.

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### Student Leadership

Wednesday saw our newly appointed Prefects and Wellbeing ambassadors receive some important training in skills they will need for their new roles. We are really proud of their approach to helping others so far and can't wait to see them adding to the wonderful activities and support we have in school for our young people. Pupils got together with staff to discuss safeguarding, support signposting, de-escalation, charity events and communication, as well as what it takes to be a good leader.



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### World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday we celebrated WMHD by taking part in **Hello Yellow Day**. It was fantastic to see so many students adding a splash of yellow to their uniform to show their support for each others' mental health and wellbeing.

Our wonderful Student Leaders have run sessions each lunchtime this week including yoga, mindful colouring and boardgames. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have run a drop-in stall promoting resources and organisations that young people can use to support their emotional wellbeing, too.



### Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is to be held on Thursday 19th October and we would be delighted if you would join us to find out what Chellaston Academy Sixth Form has to offer.

Following our recent "Good" Ofsted judgement, growing numbers of students, more subjects on offer than ever before, and fantastic exam results that lead to great student destinations, this is an incredibly exciting time to join Chellaston Academy Sixth Form.

The format of the evening will be a short presentation in the Main Hall followed by an opportunity to meet the subject teams and discuss the courses available. We will also launch our prospectus during this evening and show people how to apply. To control the numbers of people on site at one point, we have a booking system in operation and there are two sessions that you can choose between. We ask that each student is accompanied by 1 adult only, to limit numbers of people on site.

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### Session 1

Presentation in the Main Hall 16:30 – 17:00

Time to visit departments 17:00 – 18:00

### Session 2

Presentation in the Main Hall 17:30 - 18:00

Time to visit departments 18:00 – 19:00

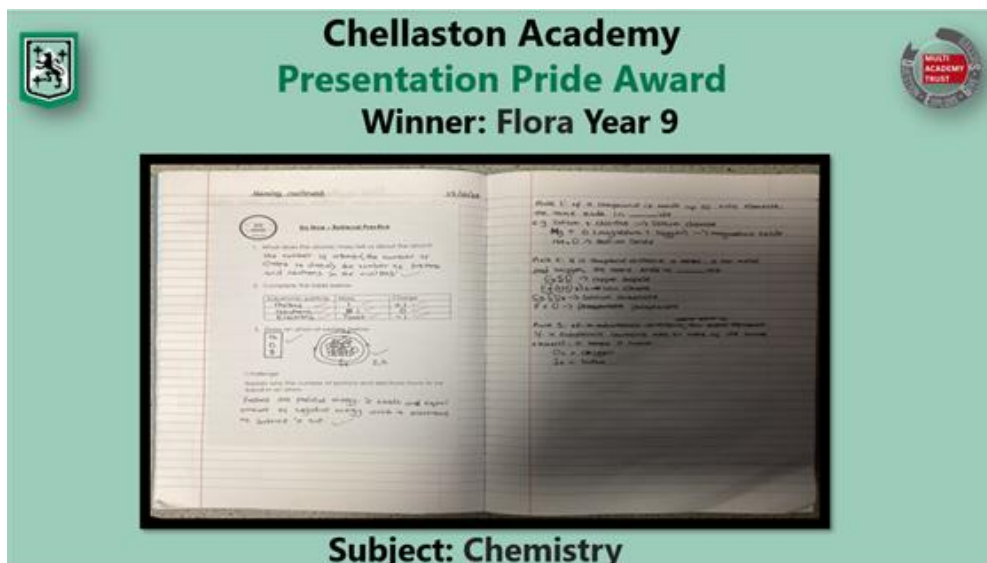
To book tickets please visit <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening-information/>

### SEND Parents Drop-in evening

There will be a SEND parents drop-in session on Wednesday 18th October at 4.30pm - 6.00pm Please let school know if you are coming by emailing [s.stratton.derby.sch.uk](mailto:s.stratton.derby.sch.uk).

### Presentation pride award

This week's Presentation Pride Award goes to Flora in Year 9 for her amazing presentation in Chemistry.



### PE Fixtures

| Fixture               | Against             | Score    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Year 8 Boys Football  | Murray Park         | 2-2 draw |
| Year 9 Boys Football  | John Port           | 4-4 draw |
| Year 11 Boys Football | <u>Ecclesbourne</u> | 1-1 draw |

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### Dates for your Diary

18th October - SEND Parents Drop in session - between 4.30pm - 6pm  
19th October - Sixth Form Open Evening (see above)  
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  
6th December - Year 11 reports sent out  
7th December - Year 11 parents evening

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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