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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been a fantastic first half term at Chellaston Academy. Our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence have been demonstrated as embedded and active, and we are incredibly proud of this. The half term started with a visit from Ofsted and we were delighted that the educational provision we offer our young people was graded as good in all areas. On top of that we have provided a large number of memorable experiences some of which have been celebrated in our weekly communications. We hope that everyone has a great half term and returns refreshed for another exciting half term.

Calendar Reminders

Tomorrow 27th October is an Inset day & the Year 11 Parent Evening will be held on 7th December 2023 (Face to face). Please see details in our previous email.

Year 11 Geography Field Trips

On Monday and Tuesday over 100 year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Birmingham to complete their fieldwork investigating how the quality of the environment differs between inner city areas and the city centre. The students worked fantastically well and displayed our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence throughout the day.

Students worked hard to collect primary data in and around Highgate, China Town and the Bullring shopping area, for use in their fieldwork examination in the summer.

Year 11 Parents' Evening Advanced Warning (Affects all students) Thursday December 7th

On December 7th, between 4-7pm we are having our first face-to-face parents' evening since 2019! In previous years, we have had everyone in the main hall and we feel that this has a lack of privacy as well as occasionally feeling like a bit of a rugby scrum as the appointments start to overrun.

In order to try and alleviate these issues, teachers will be conducting the meetings in their own classrooms around the entire school. Bookings for this event will be sorted after half-term, but we wanted to give Y11 Parents advance notice of this event.

In order to ensure that every room will be clean for the next day and the evening itself, we have decided to close the school at 13:20. Students will only lose one hour of teaching. Students entitled to pick up a free lunch will still be able to get something from the dining hall before leaving. We also provide staffing for any students who need to be supervised in school until 3pm. There are two other face-to-face meetings throughout the year where this may also be happening. We will review the first one and give you advance warning of the other two nearer the time.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications are now open for students wishing to join Chellaston Academy Sixth Form from September 2024. Students from Year 11 will need to use the login details that were sent to them on their school email account as they are already registered users. We strongly recommend that the prospectus is read thoroughly before an application is made.

All information regarding the application process can be found here - [Sixth Form Information](#) - The deadline for applying is Monday 18th December.

Visit of Artist/Illustrator and BCU Lecturer

On Wednesday 25th October, Andy Denness-Hulland who also goes by his artist name of MrtheBeef, visited Chellaston Academy to give a talk to our 6th Form Art Students. Andy is a lecturer of Illustration at Birmingham City University so this was a really valuable talk for those considering their next steps. Andy talked about the Illustration course, creative practice, giving lots of encouragement around our students taking up creative careers. It was an absolute pleasure having Andy join us for the morning as an educator and also showing us his amazing Art work. Thank you to Andy for sharing his insights with us and supporting our students with information around next steps.



Chellaston Academy Mock Interviews

Are you able to support Chellaston Academy with their mock interviews for Year 13? This would involve you interviewing a student for 30 minutes working through a pro forma of questions and provide some verbal and written feedback at the end.

Dates:

7th December - 8.30am – 12.20pm for Year 13

If you are able to support any of the dates listed above, please contact Jo Shillingford, Careers Lead - careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk

Breakfast will be provided and you will be fully supported through the process.

Dates for your Diary

26th October - Last day of term

27th October - Inset day

6th November - First day of new term

6th December - Year 11 reports sent out

7th December - Year 11 parents evening (see above)

22nd December - Last day of term

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

"Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence"