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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

We hope that you all had a fantastic half term break and we were delighted to welcome back our wonderful students.

Although this is the first week of the half term, it has been a busy and vibrant one. Please enjoy reading our weekly newsletter which encapsulates some of the great achievements and successes that have had this week.

Ofsted Letter

I was delighted to receive, on behalf of the school, a personal congratulations letter from Amanda Spielman (His Majesty's Chief Inspector). The letter recognises the achievements of the school in being graded good. You can read this letter by following the link.

New Gates

We are delighted to announce that the gates at the front of the school have been updated. If members of the community want to visit the school they can now come straight down to our reception without having to pass through a number of external gates. The new gates also provide a clear boundary between the internal mechanisms of the school and the external ones.

Year 11 Parents Evening

As a reminder, on the 7th December we will be holding our Year 11 Parent Evening. This will be face to face so please look out for further notifications/ information.

Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to those that attended the online safety workshop for parents and carers from Traci Good. It was a really informative session with lots of advice on how to protect our young people in an ever-shifting landscape. We will continue to share resources from Traci in forthcoming newsletters.

Year 7 - PCSO workshop

On Monday, we have our PCSOs returning to run an interactive board game session called 'Shattered Lives' with selected groups of Year 7 students. It is part of their Knife Crime Awareness pilot scheme, and we look forward to supporting them in the process. The PCSO team will also be holding a Knife Crime pop up stall at lunch on Monday for students.

Year 11 Mocks

Over the next two weeks (13th November-24th November) Year 11 will be completing mock examinations as well as assessments in every subject. On Monday, Year 11 will have three days of core exams conducted in full examination conditions. Students have been given individual timetables including their seat numbers. In all of their other subjects, students are doing important assessments during their lesson times over that fortnight. Students will receive a new report during the week beginning December 4th in preparation for the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday December 7th.

Formal Assessments - Years 7-10, and Year 12

The three week period between 20th November and 8th December has been allocated as the formal assessment window for Years 7-10 and Year 12. During this time, each subject should do some form of formal assessment during this period. Staff have been asked to give advance warning of these tests on Firefly and provide resources/ information about what content will be assessed. The reports for Years 7-10 and Year 12 will come out in the final week of this half term. (Week beginning December 18th).

Shoebox Appeal

We are proud to have collaborated with the Derby Rotary Club and contributed to the Teams4u Shoebox appeal. This Charity works to send Christmas gift shoeboxes which will be sent to countries in Eastern Europe and given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. Over 70 boxes were created for a child by our year 7 and sixth form students, including raising over £200 to send the items too. We are so proud of the care shown by our community to others who are in need. Thank you!



Remembrance

Our assemblies this week have been asking our young people to think about what Remembrance means to them and celebrating the impact of the Windrush Generation on it's 75th Anniversary. Today we commemorated Remembrance as a school community. This involved us gathering on the courts, some of our young people demonstrating their parade skills, our wonderful student Beth of Year 10 playing *The Last Post* and a reflective silence. We are so proud of our young people and extend our thoughts to all of them representing youth groups across the area this weekend.



Odd Socks Day

At Chellaston we take Bullying extremely seriously.

Next week is Anti Bullying week and pupils will all be working on a presentation about being an upstander and places to go for support should they see or be part of any bullying incidents. We are launching the week with Odd Socks day on Monday 13th November.

What is Odd Socks day?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.

You do not have to raise money to take part - the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day!

In 2022 over 5 million children, 1,000s of parents, 100s of workplaces and lots of celebrities and influencers got involved. In previous years Ant and Dec, Emma Willis, Brian May, Craig David, Sir Mo Farah and Annamarie got involved by donning their odd socks! Don't miss out highlighting the important issue of bullying in such a fun way.

Children in Need

Next Friday 17th is BBC's Children Need and we are inviting young people at Chellaston to join in with a non-uniform day by donating £1 (or whatever they can) to wear their own clothes. We will also have a host of events around the site at lunchtime including stalls and competitions where young people can raise more essential funds, led by our students

Pupils should consider clothes that are safe to be on a school site in and are appropriate for learning, for example comfortable shoes, no offensive slogans and full length tops. It is important that if pupils have PE on that day they should still bring and wear their kit as usual.

This financial support is committed to funding grassroots organisations and project workers in every corner of the UK, who provide the vital relationships and support to help the children who need it most.

Toilets

All year groups have moved to Zoned Toilet areas at break and lunch times. As a result each year group have got their own toilet block and facilities. This is in direct response to our student surveys and Student Council meeting feedback.

Cross Country event

Several students from Years 7-10 took part in the Derby City Cross Country Championships at Moorway's Stadium on Wednesday 8th November. We had some very good results and podium finishes! They all competed for the opportunity to be selected to represent **Derby City** in the **Derbyshire Schools County Cross Country Championships** on Saturday 20th January 2024!

Year 7 - Connie finished 3rd in a sprint finish

Year 8 - Tomislav coming 3rd and Elliot finishing 4th after an excellent race.

Year 10 - Emily came 3rd and ran really well.

Jessica (Year 8) and India (Year 9) finished in the top 12 to get selected.

Several Year 8 boys also finished in the top 12 to get selected.



Year 10 boys - Remy, Alfie and Hayden all ran well to finish in the top 12 and get selected.

Well done to everyone that took part - you did Chellaston Academy proud!



Presentation Pride Award

Congratulations to this weeks winner of the Presentation Pride Award - Lucy E of Year 10 for her beautiful work in English.

 **Chellaston Academy**
Presentation Pride Award
Winner: Lucy 10 

Wednesday 25th October
Independent Announcement

A pristine white cotton gown hangs from the window's shoulder and draped down to the pavement. In the morning, a sun had perfectly suited her. The full moon was still the window's work, which Henry had never broken yet and was still forgotten from a good sleep. Now, the moon's eyes were not fully awake, but the sun and dawn the brain to run down the stairs almost tripping over patches of grass she was told to wear. Cradling her at the bottom of the stairs. A night she will always remember when looking back, so her childhood is something that which must be shared. 100 feet tall above back at her. However, the yellow paper, newspaper, which covered the floor, couldn't last much her. Henry always wondered her body and wondering a message. Henry, the window, was her hand to hand to give what she would give first. You had to stay quiet.

From across the room, something called her attention and grow her. A shadowy figure, great like, was standing in the corner, looking down at her. She was happy, gradually, which is hard for a student, and she has an intense she stretched her arms up at 100 feet. Her mind, constant, is worried. It's difficult to see her finger when it held perfectly back into the window's hand. Henry's eyes were looking into the window's hand, and looked like the outside.

but, Henry's window called each window with great and

Subject: English

PE Fixtures

Our County Cup Year 8 Football team came second in the A League this year. They sadly lost to Belper School this week but battled until the very end showing great integrity.



Dates for your Diary

13th November- Odd Socks Day

17th November - Children in Need day

Whole of November - Men's UK mental health month including white ribbon UK on **25th November**.

This year's focus is 'Change the Story'

6th December - Year 11 reports sent out

7th December - Year 11 parents evening

W/C 18th December - Years 7-10 & Year 12 to receive school reports

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"