

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another productive and busy week where the whole school community has flourished. Please take the time to read our weekly newsletter which celebrates some of our weekly highlights. In addition, there are important pieces of information for parents and carers.

Year 11 Face to Face Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and their parents/carers into school on 7th December. As a reminder, to all parents, school will be closing at 1.20pm on that day to support this event. Please see the link to the letter below.

Holiday Activities & Food Programme - HAF - Important information

What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), funded by the Department for Education, provides free holiday club sessions. The free holiday clubs offer a wide range of activities, including sport, dance, drama, song writing and trips during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Children will also receive a nutritious meal whilst at the club.

Who is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is for school aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

How do I book a place for my child?

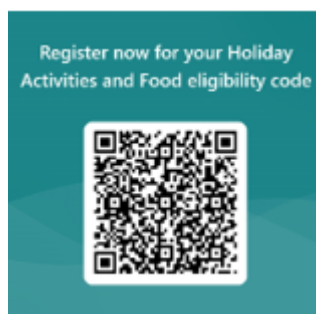
From winter 2023, to book a place on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme you will require a unique code to prove that your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

We advise parents or carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to apply for their Derby HAF code before 22 November 2023. This will ensure you can book your child's place on the winter HAF programme with ease.

How do I get my unique Derby HAF code?

To apply for a Derby HAF code, scan the QR code below or complete the online form available at

<https://forms.office.com/e/vEzBxnZ7Ck>



What information do I need to apply for a code?

The online form is easy to complete, and parents or carers will require:

- Parent's address and contact information
- Parent's National Insurance Number
- Each Child's name, address and date of birth

On completion of the online form, eligible parents and carers will receive an email with their Derby HAF code for each child within 5 working days.

When can I book a place?

Bookings for winter 2023 will open in mid-November, more information and the booking page can be found at www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF. Places for the Derby HAF programme are limited, and bookings will only be accepted with a Derby HAF code.

Rewards Day - December

We are delighted to share that our first Rewards day for this academic year will be on Thursday 21st December. Our theme is Winter Wonderland and we cannot wait to celebrate all of our young people who have qualified for this event. In order to qualify, all students will need to achieve a 95% positive or better behaviour ratio.

We will share more details throughout the month of December but this is how we announced it to the whole school through assemblies which was great fun!



Anti-bullying Assembly

Mrs Grimwood has led assemblies all week to celebrate National Anti-bullying week. This year's theme for the week as suggested by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, is 'Make a noise about bullying' and the assemblies have been a great opportunity to not only raise awareness of the issue of bullying but to highlight ways of preventing and responding to bullying as well as encouraging students to speak out about bullying.

Volunteers in each assembly were asked to help Mrs Grimwood demonstrate the power of words by squeezing the entire contents of a tube of toothpaste out onto a plate (to demonstrate how easy it is for hurtful words to spill out of our mouths). They were then asked to show how difficult it is to take those hateful words back once they have been spoken. This was to visually show students the impact of verbal bullying on the victim.



If your child is being bullied please get in contact with their Head of Year or form tutor and take a look at some of these websites:

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/kids.html>

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/if-youre-being-bullied/find-help-and-support>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/bullying/>

[Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Too many children in the UK are not getting the support they need to grow up safe and happy. We're here to p
anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Connect - Hair and Beauty intervention

Some of the KS3 and KS4 girls in Connect (our onsite alternative provision) have been working hard in the Salon to create different hairstyles, make up and nails. Here are some of the photos of them during this intervention.



English Language Conference - Aston University

On the 15th November, Mr Walker and Mrs Warren took their year 13 class to an A Level English Language Conference organised by Aston University. The students got to hear lectures from linguistics experts on topics as varied as 'do young people say like more' and 'using linguistics to solve crimes.' They had the chance to ask questions about the topics as well as university life to the lecturers as well as current university students. The students were a credit to Chellaston and gathered a lot of key information to help them in their exams and beyond.



Derby Theatre Trip

Year 11 GCSE Drama students went on a trip to Derby Theatre to see 'High Times and Dirty Monsters' which explored the ups and downs of being young in 2023, the main focus being of young disabled people. Year 11 were exemplar in their behaviour and also attended a Derby Theatre post show workshop in conjunction with 20 Stories High. Students unpacked the show and devised content of their own, using the show as a stimulus. A special thank you to Ms Feldmanis who accompanied the trip!



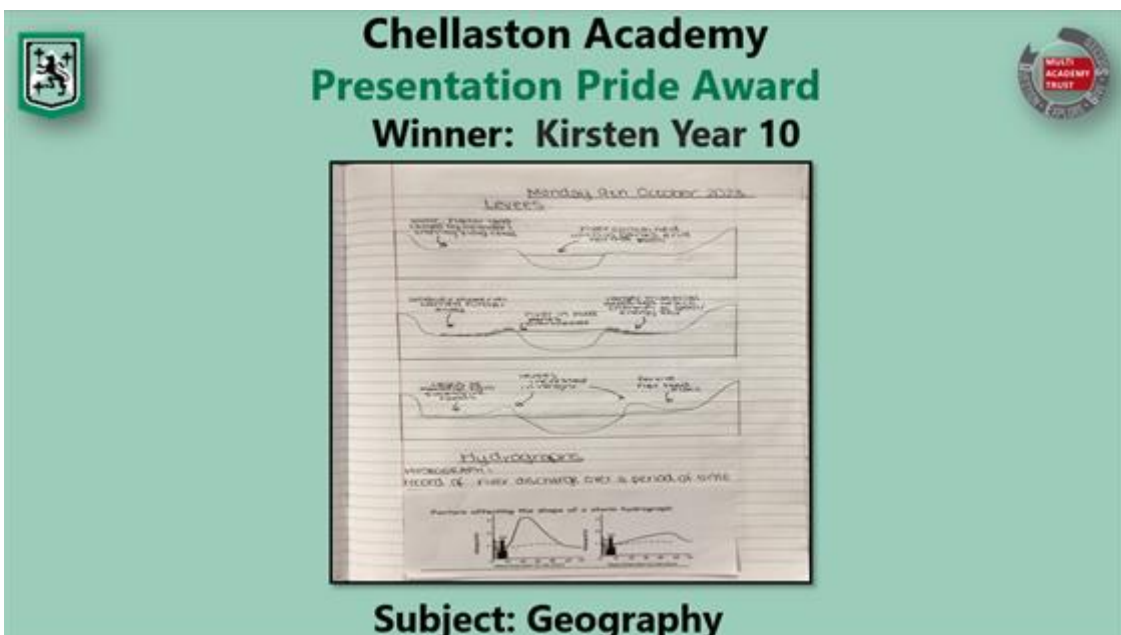
Discover Creative Careers Week

On Thursday Year 10 Art student's took part in an immersive half-day workshop, in partnership with Heritage Crafts. This is part of Discover Creative Careers Week which is a government funded, industry led programme working to ensure there is a larger and more diverse intake of talent into the creative industries. Students met inspiring young crafters pioneering traditional techniques like blacksmithing, ceramics and more from the 'Red List of Endangered Crafts' and discovered diverse career paths in the creative industries they may have never imagined before.



Presentation Pride Award

Congratulations to this weeks winner of the Presentation Pride Award in Geography goes to Kirsten in Year 10.



Dates for your Diary

Whole of November - Men's UK mental health month including white ribbon UK on **25th November**. This year's focus is 'Change the Story'

20th November - Nasal Flu Vaccines - Years 7-11 only

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

19th December - Christmas Concert - more news to follow

21st December - Rewards Day

22nd December - Last day of term

Kind regards



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Chellaston Academy

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