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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

Although there has been a lot of rain this week, this has not dampened the atmosphere and climate for learning. It has been another great week, and one in which we welcomed our Year 11s and their parents into school for the first face to face parents evening for a while. In addition, we have had a number of external visitors experiencing the vibrancy and productivity across the school. All of our visitors, spoke highly of our academy and praised our young people for showing Integrity, Care and Excellence.

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday December 7th

Last night we had our first face-to-face parents' evening since before the Covid lockdowns. Previous years were conducted in the Main Hall with lots of overcrowding and background noise. This year, we changed the format so that staff were conducting their appointments in their specialist areas. There were over 1600 appointments spread across the three hours, with many staff having solid bookings straight through. We will send out surveys to staff and parents over the next few days but through general conversation, staff and parents were really positive about the experience. It was great to see our corridors full with parents and classrooms full of constructive conversations which will help students and parents navigate the remaining six months before the exams start in May 2024.

Year 12 & 13 mock timetable

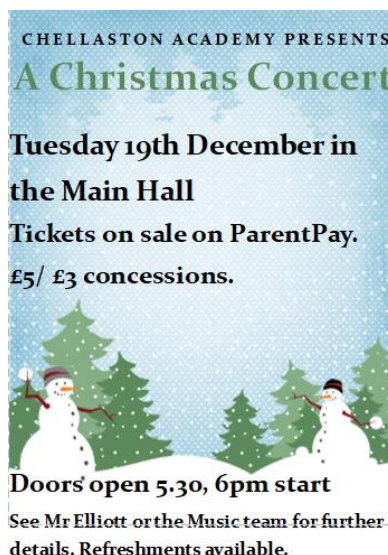
Students received this Mock Exam timetables this week in preparation for the Key Stage 5 mock exams that take place the first two weeks back after the Christmas break. Students and parents have already received the information regarding the study leave period. Results will be released with updated estimated grades in February.

Care Value at this time of year

Some of our tutor groups are taking part in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' this December. This involves donating items of food and other essentials in order to donate them to local charities. If anyone would like to contribute to this please feel free to send items in with your child and we will get them to a donation point.

Christmas Concert

Reminder that Christmas Concert tickets are on sale now - auditions are now closed.



Rewards prize

This is Connie in Year 7, she has the HIGHEST number of rewards points in the whole school and we have celebrated her this morning with some well done gifts. We are incredibly proud of her success! Well done Connie!!!



Taekwondo British Open - Sultan H

Sultan H took part in the Taekwondo British Open the other week and won both GOLD and SILVER medals in his categories.

This was his first tournament in Taekwondo - How amazing!!



If you have something you'd like to share about your student, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact your Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year.

Year 13 Mock Interviews

Our Year 13 mock interviews took place yesterday. It really was such a joy to see our students engaging so well with members of the local community who so kindly gave up their time to give our sixth formers the chance to practice their interview skills ahead of their next steps. Thank you so much to all who have supported us with this. There will be another opportunity for our Year 11s in the new year.

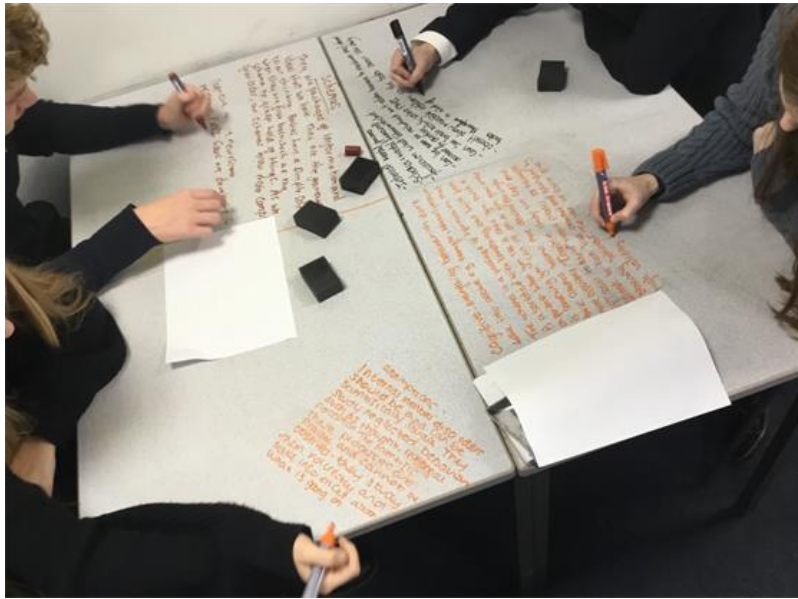


Psychology - Year 13 Teaching and Learning Showcase

Students were revising the first topic we ever covered in Psychology (The Approaches) We used 5-5-5 revision carousel!

Students have 5 minutes to spend solely focussed on reading and remembering information from a knowledge organiser. In the second 5-minute slot, they turn the knowledge organiser over and write on the table everything they can remember in their first coloured pen. During the final 5 minutes, they turn the knowledge organiser back over and in their second coloured pen, add to the information using the Knowledge organiser with the bits they couldn't remember.

This allows them to visually see what they can remember, or the bits that are easy to revise, and very clearly in the second colour the bits they couldn't remember. they spend 15 minutes on each station!

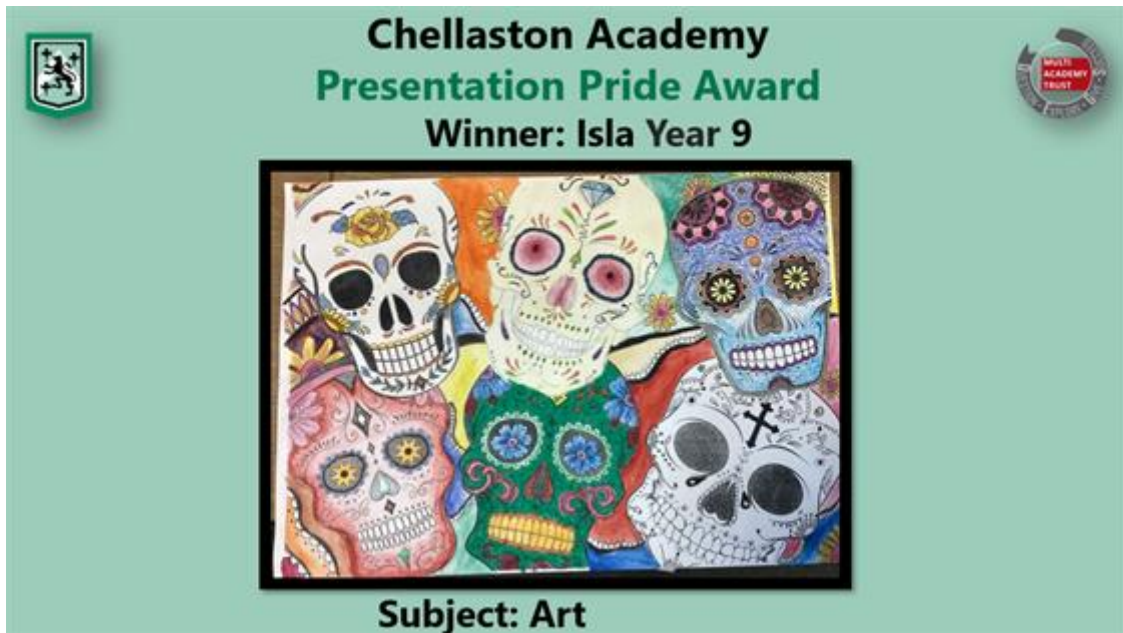


Reverse Advent

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Presentation Pride Award

Congratulations! This weeks winner of the Presentation Pride Award has been given by Art and goes to Isla B in Year 9.



PE Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Girls Under 14 Football	Derbyshire Cup against David Napier School	Got through to the quarter finals having won 9-0!

Dates for your diary

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

18th December - Flu vaccinations - Years 7-11

19th December - Christmas Concert - see above

21st December - Rewards Day

22nd December - Last day of term

Kind regards

Phil Smith
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