

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

Although the temperatures have started to drop this week, the climate within Chellaston has remained hot! There have been a number of additional memorable experiences on offer this week as well as a productive climate for learning. Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Uniform Consultation 2024

As an academy, we support the philosophy of having a uniform and we are passionate for you to have pride in your academy uniform. We are also conscious that the world we live in is changing rapidly, so reviewing our uniform and the protocols around our uniform, is appropriate.

We would be delighted to hear your views, so please complete the short survey to support this part of our uniform consultation. The consultation will provide us with the information for a possible change in September 2024.

We would like to reassure members of the community that if there are changes to our uniform, students will be allowed to wear their current uniform until it needs updating/replacing.

Parent Link - <https://forms.office.com/e/CPeNexiHyN>

Student Link - <https://forms.office.com/e/8ML9YGCxW1>

Early closure and Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday December 7th 4pm-7pm

A reminder that on Thursday December 7th, the school is closing early to all students at 1.20pm. This is to prepare for the Year 11 Parents' Evening which is taking place in school for the first time since 2019.

Refurbished Technology rooms

We'd like to use this opportunity to show off our new Technology rooms that have recently opened, these include two food rooms and a multi purpose workshop/ classroom!





Teaching & Learning Inset & Training

Last night all teaching staff participated in a Teaching & Learning "Teachmeet". This linked directly to the INSET day on Monday. They shared ideas, resources and tips with each other. The focus was around disciplinary literacy (improving reading, writing and oracy in every subject area) and ensuring work is accessible for all of our learners. Staff comment "I took away so many wonderful ideas for my teaching, the buzz around the room for teaching and learning was incredible".





Bebras

Once again Chellaston Academy took part in the Bebras, a worldwide computational thinking challenge to promote problem solving and resilience. A special well done to Archie (KS5), Charlie (KS4) and Ben (KS3) who achieved "Best in School" and also to the 10 achieving Gold who are in the top 10% worldwide out of over 400,000 students: Miya, Benjamin, Rohan, Alfred, Kivanc, Daniel, Isaac, Charlie, Ffion and Archie.

For those achieving Gold Mrs Lawrence will be in touch to ask if they want to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge in Mid January. We will run a lunch time information and revision session to find out more on 11th December in A8c. All students who took part will be getting their certificates soon to celebrate their achievements.

QA (Appreciative enquiry)

We have started the ball rolling within quality assurance this term with all departments. The role of Quality Assurance is to ensure **all** students receive the highest quality education throughout their time in the academy.

Quality assurance at Chellaston Academy is not about scrutiny it is an appreciative inquiry into the learning experience through the lens of our students.

We seek good practice and develop a supportive collaborative and coaching culture within our Academy and across our trust. It is not a judgmental process it is a developmental process for all staff involved.

BAE Systems visit

Years 7 & 8 were very lucky to have a fun filled visit from BAE systems. They spoke about the importance of communication and the roles of aircraft carriers, submarines, rockets and jets. The activities were great and the grand finale demonstrated that the earth (a marble) would fit inside the sun 1.3 million times!






Reverse Advent

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.

Presentation Pride Award


Congratulations! This weeks winner of the Presentation Pride Award has been given by History and goes to Miyuki in Year 11.

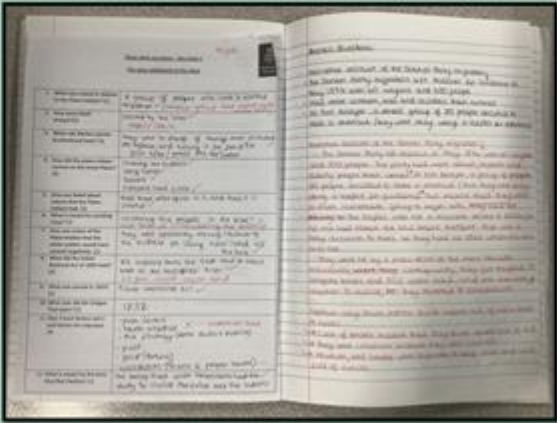


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Presentation Pride Award

Winner: Miyuki Year 11





Subject: History

PE Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Girls Under 13 Football	<u>Utilita Cup - Derbyshire Schools - Powerleague</u>	A team – Runners up B team – Got to the semi final
Girls Under 14 Football	Derby City Leagues – Lees Brook School	A team – won both <u>games</u> B team – narrowly lost both their games

Dates for your diary

6th December - Year 11 reports sent out

7th December - Year 11 parents evening - **school to close at 1.20pm**

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

18th December - Flu vaccinations - Years 7-11

19th December - Christmas Concert - more news to follow

21st December - Rewards Day

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"