

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another productive and vibrant week at Chellaston Academy and we hope that you enjoy reading our weekly newsletter.

## **Early closure on the last day of term**

Please be aware that Chellaston Academy will be closing at **11.30am** next Friday, 22nd December for the end of term. Buses have been arranged. If you require your child to remain on site until 3pm please let your year team know.

## **Performance Data**

This week the DfE have published final IDSR [Inspection Data Summary Report] and ASP [Analysing School Performance] performance documents. Both documents demonstrate that Chellaston Academy are performing really well compared to regional and national comparators. We have added these documents to the website.

## **Rewards Day**

Rewards day is Thursday 21st December! Our Winter Wonderland rewards day is coming round fast - only 4 days to go! To qualify for this event, all children must receive a 95% or better behaviour ratio. All students will find out on Wednesday 20th December if they qualify or not. We are so excited for this event and cannot wait to share the experience with you all.

## **12 Top Tips for a Tech-Free Christmas**

## **New Tech rooms**

We've been in the thick of the school renovation which is really coming together and has been going really well. We're very excited to unveil some of our brand new tech rooms including two new food rooms and a multi-purpose workshop/ classroom.







**Connect**

One of our year 10 students, Gez, who has recently started attending Baby People Graffiti Art, has recently received a trophy & certificate for the 'most improved art student'. We wanted to share his progress, as he's really thriving at the provision and as you can see from his art work he's very creative.



### **Attendance**

We are proud to report that we end this term continuing to sit above national measures for attendance, meaning that more of our wonderful young people are accessing the support, development and interaction available from being in school.

We know this time of year is rife with colds and viruses; to support you in your decision-making when your child is unwell, the NHS have created some guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

One of our biggest priorities is to work together to improve school attendance. If you are worried about your child's absence, or if they have had more than 6 days off this term, the pastoral team is here to support; we can help to identify any barriers your child may be facing and offer solutions and adjustments to ensure that next term is an even better one for them!

### **Survey from the Childrens Commissioner**

We have been asked to share the following survey from the Childrens Commissioner which aims to get the opinions of children and parents in order to shape future policy and to prepare for the next election.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>



### **Family Hub Spring Guide**

For more information about Family Hubs see here:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/family-hub-childcare/family-hub/about-family-hub/>





### **Reverse Advent**

We are still collecting donations for our reverse advent initiative. We will be taking donations until Tuesday and then there are lots of drop off points on Chellaston if you would like to donate directly. Please see the link below for a list of suitable items and drop off points. We appreciate that times are exceptionally difficult so perhaps even sharing this site to others could make a difference.

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/>

### **Art Cafe**

Six of our Year 7 students saved up their ICE points and took part in the first ever Art Cafe on Tuesday which involved modelling some air dry clay into Christmas ornaments with Mrs Johnson. They had a fantastic time and took their creations home to finish drying so that they would be ready to paint in time for Christmas.



### **Book Cafe**

Today, Years 7-11 took it in turns to sit in the Book Cafe using their ICE points. Students relaxed with a book and a hot chocolate. It was so peaceful & relaxing for all who got involved.



### **Christmas Concert - Tuesday 19th December**

Chellaston academy's Christmas concert 2023 will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the main hall. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. There will be an interval with refreshments (cash only) and the event should finish at approximately 8.15pm.

There are over 100 students taking part in choirs, bands or solos and this really will show off the fantastic musical talent the academy has to offer.



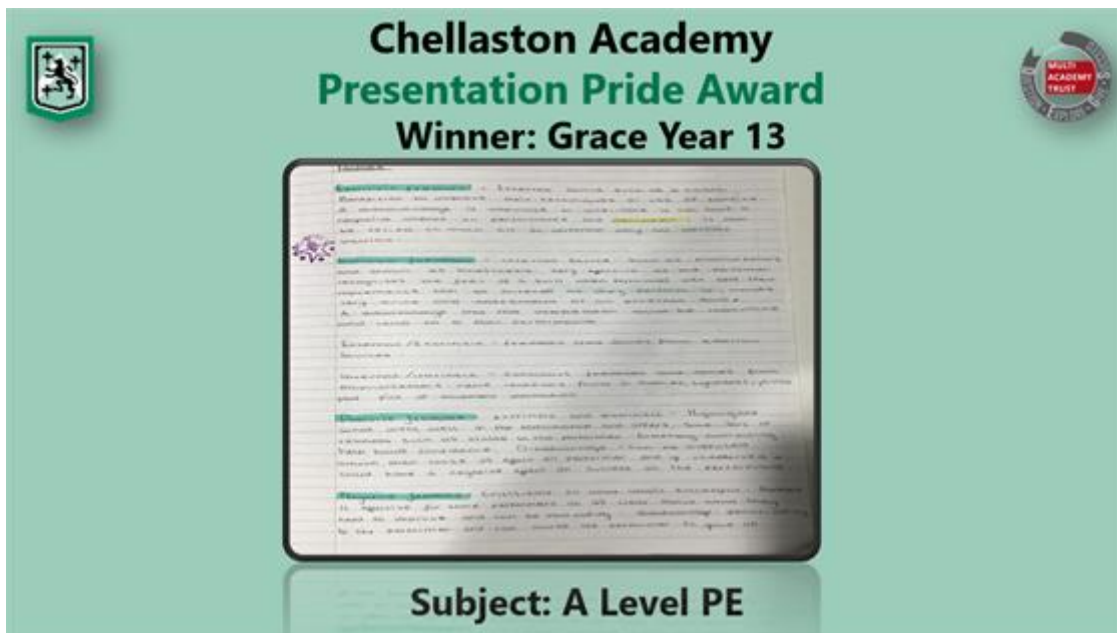
### **Pauline Quirke Academy - Winner!**

Myla attends the Pauline Quirke Academy and the whole academy had a monologue competition on Saturday. They were required to learn a long script and perform it in front of the whole academy. Myla spent a few weeks memorising her script of 'Cinderella's Ugly Stepsister' and using her skills to act out the role. Myla was over the moon when she actually won the **1st place**.



### Presentation Pride Award

Congratulations! This weeks winner of the Presentation Pride Award has been given by PE and goes to Grace F in Year 13.



### PE Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Girls Under 16 Football	Derby City League at Lees Brook	A team - Won 2 and Drew 1 and remain top of the <u>league</u>  B team – Won 1 and Lost 2 and played so well.

### 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 - school to close at 11.30am

Kind regards

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