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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

We hope that everyone had a restful and pleasant break over Christmas and New Year and we were delighted to welcome back our wonderful young people this week. Please find included in the first newsletter of 2024 some information about up and coming key dates, updates about our academy and some successes from the first week back.

Attendance

This week, the DfE have launched their national campaign on the importance of attendance in ensuring that children have full access to every opportunity and the benefits of social interaction in school.

We are really proud of our attendance culture at Chellaston, and the effective two-way communication that we have forged with parents and carers when your child is not able to attend school.

We know there are times when we are all simply too unwell to come into school, or other unavoidable situations occur. We strive for all children to miss less than 9 school days across the year.

If we are concerned about your child's attendance, and need your help in getting them to attend regularly, you will be contacted by a member of the pastoral team. Our 2nd round of letters will be sent out next week to keep you informed about any attendance worries.

As always, if you are experiencing difficulties in any aspect of your child's attendance, health, wellbeing or circumstances, we are here to ensure your family has access to the best support.



Year 9 Parents' Evening and Year 9 Options Evening

This half term is a very important one for Year 9 students. We will be looking at careers and the options process for Year 10. The Year 9 parents' evening is on the **25th January 2024**. More details will come out about this, but this is an online parents' evening. On the **8th February 2024** (between 5-7pm), there will be the options evening which will be in school. This will be an opportunity to find out about the range of subjects that we offer, visiting each department.

Refurbishment update

Our refurb project has continued to move forwards over the Christmas break with the completion of most of the Technology rooms. We are working to install all the machinery, tools and equipment so that practical lessons can recommence as soon as possible. The students have been really excited to be in the new classrooms and we cannot wait to see what they produce in the near future.

The outer shell of the library area is now approaching completion and in the corridor we have had a glimpse of the modern design as the first of the slatted wooden panels has been installed. We are looking forward to seeing the design team working in this area soon.

The next phase of the build has already started with work in the area that will house the art department and new toilets in B Block.

Our new facilities in this major project are on course to be completed by May.

Dates for your diary

25th January - Year 9 Parents evening - online

8th February - Options/ Guided choice evening – 5-7pm in school

15th February - Year 13 Parents evening - more details to follow

16th February - Break up for half term

Kind regards



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Proud Headteacher

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