# **CHELLASTON ACADEMY**

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

Although the temperatures have dropped, the climate within our academy has been completely the opposite. There has been a genuine vibrant atmosphere in all areas our academy. This included, today, when Mr Smith accrued nearly 10,000 steps in one lesson whilst walking between the many positive 'On Calls' that teachers were awarding classes.

# Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening

On Thursday night, the booking system opened for the Year 9 Parents' Evening. Booking seemed to go very smoothly with most appointments being booked between 6:00 and 6:30. There are several staff (Eg Ms Clowes, Mr Whitehead and Mr Westmoreland) who teach up to four classes, so they have far more students than available slots. The vast majority of staff have only one class, or we've tweaked the booking process so one teacher will be talking on behalf of three staff (Science). Most staff still have slots available. Booking closes at the end of the school day on Wednesday 24th February.

Next week, Year 9 continue with the options process with an assembly on Wednesday from Mr Clarke. Before the Options Evening on Thursday 8th February we will be conducting a 'dry run' of the options process to see whether the final option blocks need tweaking before the main evening.

# Y7-13 Form Changes

From January 22nd, there will be a number of changes to form tutors that will appear on the timetable and Go4schools. Mrs Johnson will return from her maternity and will pick up her form from last year, which is currently known as 7JNS. Ms Jones, who has had that form for the past four months will now help with 8SVS. This is to replace Mrs Skinner who is now part of the Senior Leadership Team. Ms Stavri has taken over 10HLL for the rest of this half term. Ms Petrie and Ms Roberts are looking after 11MKZ until half term. In Year 13, we have collapsed 13CKR and moved the students into other forms. 13 WAR will be looked after by Ms Crocker and Ms Rowson who previously were in charge of 13CKR!

## Year 11 careers interviews

Are you able to support us here at Chellaston Academy to conduct mock face to face interviews with some of our year 11 students? We find this is an invaluable exercise that benefits the students in confidence and experience.

We will provide breakfast, interview questions and support you the whole time you're with us.

Date - 15th February Time - 8.30-12.30pm Contact - careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk

## Staying finance savvy!

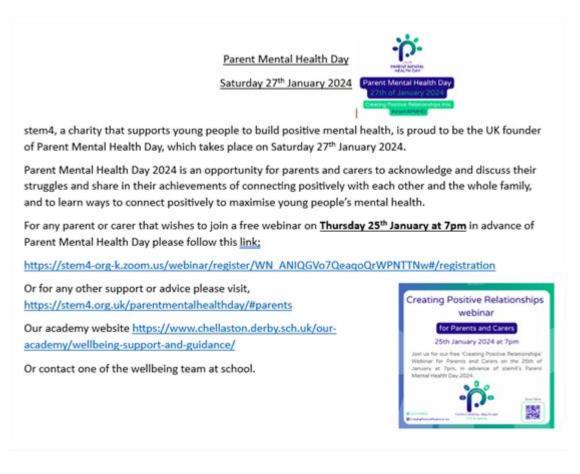
We would like to remind everyone about the importance of keeping an eye on bank accounts / card facilities that young people use. There have been a number of incidents where young people have clicked on links to get 'savings' or cashback and this has led to an amount of money being taken every month from accounts. Checking statements for transactions regularly can help prevent this happening over time but we do encourage parents and carers to remind young people about clicking on unfamiliar links, especially after purchases online.

#### **Teaching and Learning Award**

Many congratulation to Mr Luckhurst for winning the Teaching and Learning LEGEND mug this week. This is down to his passion and enthusiasm for his subject in History and ensuring that all students are engaged in their learning.



**Parent Mental Health Day - 27th January** Parent Mental Health day is next Saturday, the free webinar is on Thursday evening at 7pm.

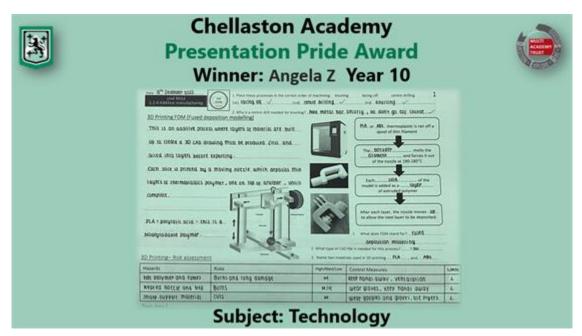


#### Bridge The Gap - Worry Workshop



## **Presentation Pride award**

This week's Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Technology to Angela Z in Year 10 - Congratulations Angela!



#### **Sports Fixtures**

| Event                   | Against                         | Score                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Girls Under 14 Football | Derby City League at Lees Brook | A team – Won all 4 matches          |
|                         |                                 | B team – Won 2 out of the 3 matches |

# Dates for your diary

25th January - Year 9 Parents evening - online 8th February - Year 9 Options/ Guided choice evening - 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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Phil Smith Proud Headteacher Chellaston Academy "Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence"