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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

We have been impressed with the strength and resilience our students have shown this week whilst we are mourning the tragic loss of one of our young people. There has been a lovely climate around the school and our weekly newsletter showcases a few of the great things that have gone on as well as providing some updates and reminders.

Maths Challenge

Four classes from across Year 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge this week. This is a national challenge recognised by Universities and Colleges. We will get the results in a few weeks - fingers crossed for some Bronze/Silver/Gold certificates! Well done to all the students who took part - all students tried their best.

Rolls Royce Maths tutoring

This week 24 students from across Years 11 & 13 and twelve tutors from Rolls-Royce came together for the first of our Maths tutoring sessions! All students attended and were exemplary. We are very grateful to the Rolls-Royce volunteers for giving up their time to support our students with their upcoming Maths exams.

Oxford University Computing challenge

The Oxford University Computing Challenge provisional results are in! This took place last week and was the first year we have entered. To be put forward students had to achieve Gold and be in the top 10% in the UK from the Bebras Challenge taken in November of which 10 students qualified. Students came in after school to sit the challenges and we look forward to the official results but as a school Charlie came first, Alfred second, Kivanc third and Miya got full marks on the most difficult question of the whole challenge! We congratulate them and we look forward to further success next year!

Message from "Love in a Box" Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We would like to thank you for your generosity in filling shoeboxes for our 2023 'Love in a Box' Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We are very pleased to tell you that, thanks to contributions like yours, we were able to send 2,951 shoeboxes from the Derby area to children living in poverty in Romania.

The charity that we supported, Teams4U, sent a total of 64,045 shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe, an increase of 1,471 from 2022. Some of our warehouse volunteers went to help deliver the shoeboxes and attached are a few of their photographs showing how pleased the children were to receive their gifts.

Well done for bringing some joy to children who would otherwise have received nothing at Christmas! With best wishes from the Rotary Club of Derby.







Army Workshop - Sixth form

This week, the Army paid us a visit to engage with our Sixth Form students, shedding light on a spectrum of apprenticeships and opportunities offered by the Armed Forces. Beyond exploring the path of a soldier, students gained valuable insights into the extensive array of apprenticeships and other opportunities provided by the British Army.

This session aligns with our commitment to the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), an evolution of the Baker Clause and a mandatory requirement for state schools in England. PAL mandates that schools facilitate access for college and training providers, enabling them to guide students on alternative academic routes like T Levels and apprenticeships. Our aim is to broaden horizons and empower students to make informed choices about their educational and career pathways.

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

Year 11-13 Reports

Over the first three weeks of 2024, there have been mock examinations for Years 11-13. The full formal examination process has been followed, to prepare students for the real event in May/June. This has been a mammoth undertaking to organise, and we are very fortunate to have a dedicated exams department with experienced invigilators. The behaviour and attitude of the students have been exemplary, and we are hoping that this will be reflected in the results! We are expecting to get the reports published just before the end of half term. (February 16th) The Year 13 reports will be published on St Valentine's Day, so that parents have access to this before the Year 13 parents' evening on February 15th.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Last week was Year 9 Parents' Evening which was an online event. 84% of parents made appointments, with some parents waiting for the options evening next week to speak to subject staff. There were 1787 five-minute appointments taking place over a three-hour period! We hope that the evening was useful, particularly with Y9 options also happening over the next few weeks.

Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday February 8th 5-7pm

This week, Year 9 had an assembly about the options process. Next week, we will be doing a 'dry run' of their options booking to check that our new system is robust enough for the real thing on February 8th. We will also see if there is any high demand for particular subjects as every year

group is different. The evening lasts between 5pm-7pm. There will be two identical presentations at 5pm and 6pm, which should last about 20minutes each. The subject staff are in their rooms from 5pm-7pm and you can visit them before and after the presentations. More details have been sent to Year 9 parents.

Holocaust Memorial Day - January 27th

On 27th January, Years 7-10 had an assembly about the Holocaust from Mr Clarke. This looked at the causes of the genocide, what happened during World War II and looked at the life of Nicholas Winton, who transported 600 children to safety to the UK from Czechoslovakia.

Time to Talk Day - Thursday 1st February

On Thursday 1st February we celebrated the national initiative 'Time To Talk Day' in school. Students and staff were encouraged during form and throughout their lessons to take the time to talk and listen to each other. Talking about mental health isn't always easy and sometimes it's even harder to say how you really feel but a conversation really can have the power to change lives. That's why it was important that students and staff took the time to connect with each other. As well as Taking the Time to Talk during lessons and form, our wellbeing ambassadors were on hand to chat to students at lunchtime and provide some support to their peers.

Next week we also celebrate two other important initiatives;

1. Children's Mental Health Week (5-11/02/24)
2. Internet Safety Day (Wednesday 7/02/24)

To celebrate the importance of these two initiatives, assemblies will take place, as well as a range of activities across the week. Students will also be asked to complete their second WEMWBS survey to voice any concerns they may have regarding wellbeing or mental health. Again our wellbeing ambassadors will be on hand, as well as a number of staff who will be offering wellbeing workshops to support all students.

If you'd like any further information, or would like to be signposted to further support or assistance please contact the wellbeing team at school or visit the website.

Message from Derbyshire Constabulary - County Lines webinar for parents and guardians



County Lines webinar available for parents and guardians

You might have seen county lines and child exploitation mentioned in TV shows and films, but what does it actually mean?

And, most importantly, how you can you safeguard your children against it?

We're sharing this webinar from the Ivison Trust, which is a free event to tell you all you need to know about county lines. To book your place visit: [County Lines Awareness in Derbyshire - Free Parent Webinar Tickets, Wed 6 Mar 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Art Trip - Whitworth Gallery in Manchester

On Friday 19th January the Art and Photography department took 88 year 10 students to the Whitworth gallery in Manchester to support their coursework projects. For some students this was their first chance to experience Art and Photography work first hand! A great day was had by all.



Derbyshire Schools Championship Final

Connie H came 2nd in the Derbyshire Schools Championship Final on 20th January. She was leading the race at one point but lost out in a sprint finish. Connie is the student that achieved the most I.C.E. points last year and no negatives. She is a model student for Chellaston Academy. We also had 5 other students, Tomislav, India-Rose, Emily and Hayden that took part yesterday and had really good runs. We're very proud of them all.



Presentation Pride award

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Art to Abbie H in Year 13 - Congratulations Abbie!



Sports Fixture

Event	Against	Score
Year 7 Boys Rugby	John Port Spencer Academy	Won 35-15
Year 9 Girls Netball	West Park	Lost 29-4
Year 7 City Athletics	Noel Baker	Boys 6 th place Girls 4 th place
Year 7 Girls Football	Lees Brook	A team – Won 2, Lost 1 B team – Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 1

Dates for your diary

8th February - Year 9 Options/ Guided choice evening - in school

15th February - Year 13 Parents evening

16th February - Break up for half term

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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