

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

We would like share our latest newsletter which is full of some of the memorable experiences that have been provided this week. There is a lot of information and some real moments of celebration, we hope that you enjoy reading it.

## Firefly

Firefly is our virtual learning platform which provides you and your student with **all** of their learning needs.

Students can access -

- Homework "Tasks"
- Timetable
- Resources for every subject
- Revision timetables for individual year groups
- Access to students email

<https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/09/Activating-and-Logging-Into-Firefly.pdf>

For Year 11 students we have created a whole host of support for their exams this summer which include -

- After school revision sessions
- Revision support resources
- Revision timetables revision timetables and instructions
- Student wellbeing support
- Subject specific revision plans
- Easter Revision sessions

This can be found on firefly here - <https://chellaston.fireflycloud.net/year-11---mrn>

## Year 9 Vaccinations

A reminder that the Year 9 booster immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday 20th March. Could we request that students wear short sleeved shirts where possible.

## Year 11 Core Religious Studies Mocks

Next week, all Year 11 students will be doing a mock exam for their Religious Studies short course. The examinations are going to held in the DREF and the Main Hall. The exam is 48 minutes long and will be taking place during form and period 1 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Teaching half will be doing it on Monday and the Learning half will be doing it on Tuesday.

### Year 11 and Year 13 Easter Classes

Over the Easter Holidays, there will be revision classes for Year 11 and Year 13.

### Year 13 Easter Classes

Day	Date	Subject	Focus	Start	Finish	Staff
Wednesday	03/04/2024	Biology	B/C Exam Preparation	09:00	11:00	MSM
		Biology	A/A* Exam Preparation	11:00	13:00	MSM
Thursday	04/04/2024	Psychology	Targeted Support	09:00	12:00	KLY
Friday	05/04/2024	Chemistry	Walking Talking Mock	09:00	11:30	CLR
		A Level PE	Revision and Exam preparation	10:00	13:00	DVS
Monday	08/04/2024	Geography	Exam technique	09:00	11:00	WLT
		Politics	Exam technique	11:30	13:30	WLT
		Product Design	NEA practical completion	09:00	13:00	ALE
Tuesday	09/04/2024	History	Y13 Tudor Paper 2	10:00	12:00	SKN
		Physics	Walking Talking Mock	10:00	13:00	WTN
		Computing	Paper 1 Revision	09:00	11:00	COX
Wednesday	10/04/2024	English Lit	Paper 2 Revision: Crime	09:00	12:30	LHY/DRK
		Art	Exam Project	09:30	13:30	SHP
		Computing	Paper 2 Revision	09:00	11:00	LWR
Thursday	11/04/2024	Maths	Exam Practice	09:00	12:00	SDN/RTS/WDN
Friday	12/04/2024	Economics	Exam technique	09:00	12:00	RDL

## Year 11 Easter Classes

Available 9am-1pm, please go to individual departments.

Day	Date	Subject	Students	Focus
Tuesday	02/04/2024	French	Foundation Tier	Writing Paper
Tuesday	02/04/2024	French	Higher Tier	Writing Paper
Wednesday	03/04/2024	Graphics	Invite only	NEA completion
Wednesday	03/04/2024	Sociology	ALL	Full WTM
Wednesday	03/04/2024	ICT	Invite only	Coursework project
Wednesday	03/04/2024	English Language	ALL	Skill revision
Wednesday	03/04/2024	Food	Invite only	NEA completion
Thursday	04/04/2024	History	ALL	Revision Paper 1
Thursday	04/04/2024	Food	ALL	NEA completion
Thursday	04/04/2024	Engineering	Invite only	NEA completion
Friday	05/04/2024	Engineering	Invite only	NEA completion
Friday	05/04/2024	History	ALL	Revision Paper 3
Friday	05/04/2024	Photography	ALL	EXAM PROJECT
Tuesday	09/04/2024	ICT	Invite only	Coursework project
Tuesday	09/04/2024	Geography	Level 5 to 9	Exam preparation
Tuesday	09/04/2024	Geography	Level 1 to 6	Exam preparation
Tuesday	09/04/2024	Photography	ALL	EXAM PROJECT
Wednesday	10/04/2024	Maths	Invite only	Boundary leapers
Wednesday	10/04/2024	Computing	Invite only	Revision
Wednesday	10/04/2024	Drama	ALL	WTM Crucible
Thursday	11/04/2024	Resistant Materials	Invite only	NEA completion
Thursday	11/04/2024	Fine Art	ALL	EXAM PROJECT
Thursday	11/04/2024	Drama	Target 6+	Exam Revision
Thursday	11/04/2024	Drama	Target <6	Exam Revision
Thursday	11/04/2024	Business	ALL	Exam Technique
Friday	12/04/2024	History	ALL	Revision & application Paper 2
Friday	12/04/2024	Physical Education	ALL	Revision and Exam prep

### Year 11 plea

Mr Moran and the prom committee would like to make a plea for any donations of prizes for a raffle they are holding before Easter. Any items at all would be appreciated such as unwanted gifts/chocolate or Easter eggs.

All funds will go towards making their prom extra special.

### Internal changes to the school day - 7th May

At the moment, Year 11 and Year 13 are attending after-school revision classes in preparation for their forthcoming exams. The examinations start in May and the afternoon exams start at 1pm, which is the same time as we have our dinner. To reduce the risk of disrupting the examinations with unnecessary noise, we are changing the school day from Tuesday May 7th. This involves switching around period 4 and dinnertime.

**Dinnertime** - 12:20pm-1pm (An hour earlier than at the moment)

**Period 4** - 1pm-2pm

**Period 5** - 2pm-3pm

This will continue to the end of June until the main examinations and Y10/Y12 mocks have completed.

**Year 11 and Year 13 - Last full days of teaching**

**Year 11** - Most Year 11 students have got almost 20 examinations to take in a four-week period. Year 11 students attend school as normal until Friday June 7th. After this date, they still have at least four exams, but they can just turn up for their exams and then leave the site. (In full uniform). Revision sessions will be also put in place in the week of June 10-14th for the remaining subjects.

**Year 13** - Pre-covid, the vast majority of the Year 13 exams took place after May half-term. This year has seen exams getting earlier and earlier. The last full teaching day for Year 13 will be Wednesday 15th May. Before this day, there is likely to be some additional sessions put on for subjects that have exams Monday 13th-15th.

**Year 11 & Year 13 Parent Exam support session**

Kooth are putting on an online support session for parents to help them support their child with exam stress. For those parents or carers who are interested please click on the link below and complete the form. The session is 45 minutes long and will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 1pm, and/or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm - [Kooth form](#)

**Comic Relief**

This break and lunchtime our wonderful student leaders and prefects put on a whole host of fantastic activities for Comic Relief. There were competitions, quizzes, crafts, a DJ set and a lot of cake! Some of our year 10's supported with the set up and we are so proud of the care that our young people have shown for others by organising, helping or taking part to raise money for such a great cause!



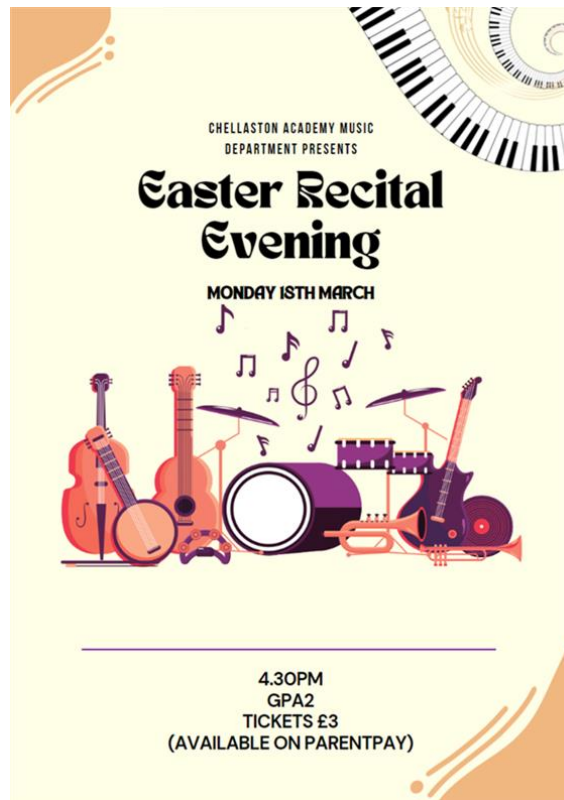


### **Gambling with our health - October**

Back in October some of our young people took part in focus groups with the team from Children and Young Peoples' services doing a research project into Gambling. Their opinions have been used to inform the which is now live [Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023 \(derby.gov.uk\)](https://www.derby.gov.uk). We'd like to thank those who contributed so maturely and honestly. Representatives from Derby City Council said 'It was incredibly useful to talk to your students and hear their perspectives, please pass on our thanks to them.'

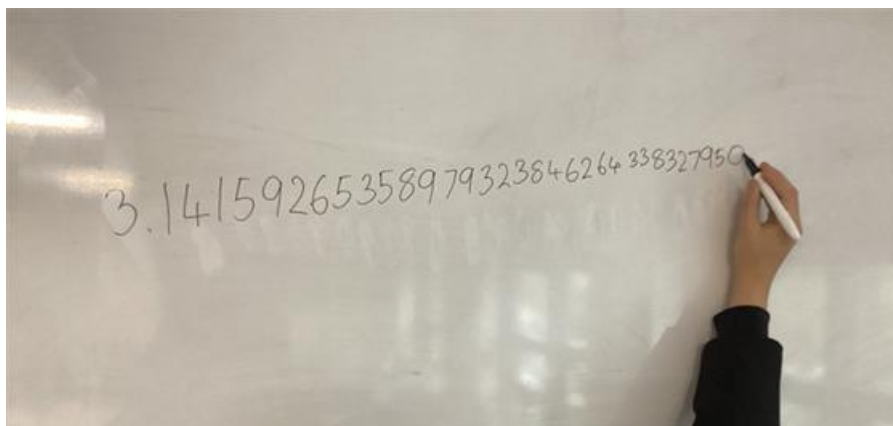
### **Easter Recital Evening - 18th March**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Chellaston Academy Music department will be hosting an Easter Recital evening, offering over an hour of some of the best musical talent the academy has to offer. The recital will be held in GPA2 from 4.30 - 6.30pm and tickets are priced at £3 each, available via ParentPay



### **Pi day - 14th March**

Maths enthusiasts around the world, from school students to rocket scientists celebrated Pi Day on Thursday 14th March - the first three digits (3.14) of an infinite number have many practical uses. One of our brilliant Year 7 students - Kaito F showed how many of the infinite numbers he can recall - 33!!!



### Derby City Under 12 Girls Football League - WINNERS

Chellaston Academy won the Derby City U12 Girls Football League this week! The top two teams in each group qualified for the playoff finals which were held at Murray Park. In our three rounds of league fixtures that were played over the last few months, we performed fantastically and finished top of our group. In the playoffs, we then beat Derby Moor 4-0 in the semi final and West Park 3-1 in the final to take the overall title!

Congratulations to Nevaeh S, Jess, H, Esmee S, Ffion D, Verity H, Emily K, Holly A, Adaya S and Isla M, who all played so well over the course of the league season.

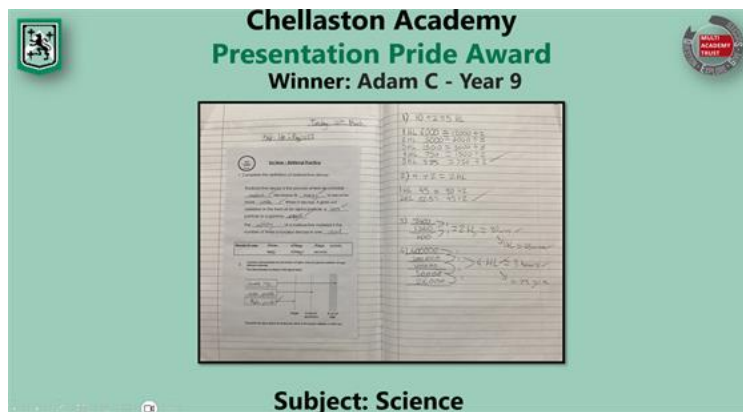


### Game Changers Status

Please see the link to the Derby County Community Trust video showcasing our Game Changers status here at Chellaston Academy and our Game Changer ambassadors - [Twitter - DCCT](#)

### Presentation Pride award

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Science to Adam C in Year 9 - Congratulations Adam!



## Sports Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Year 7 Boys Football	Woodlands	Won 8-2
Year 9 Boys Football Tournament	Tournament at John Port	Won 1 Drew 1 Lost 1
Year 11 Boys Football Tournament	Tournament at John Port	Won 1 Drew 2 Lost 1
Year 7 Girls Football CHAMPIONS!	Derby Moor West Park	WON – <u>semi final</u> against Derby Moor - 4-0 WON - final against West Park 3-1
Year 10 Boys Football Tournament	Tournament at John Port	Won 2 Drew 2 Lost 1
Year 7 Boys Football	CODA	Won 6-1

### Dates for your diary

18th March - Easter Recital - 4.30-6.30pm  
20th March - Booster vaccinations - Year 9 students  
28th March - Break up for Easter  
15th April - Return to school

Kind regards



Phil Smith  
Proud Headteacher  
Chellaston Academy  
"Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence"