

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been another amazing week at Chellaston Academy with lots of learning and events taking place. We are delighted to provide a snapshot of some of the things and important information in this week's SLT newsletter.

Rewards Day

We are still awaiting a small number of consent forms for Wednesdays Rewards Day next week. If you have received another email in the last 24 hours it means that we hadn't received consent by this morning, you may have done it since then - if so, thank you. Please check your junk mail too, if we don't receive your consent form by Monday morning (including medical information and photo permissions) it may mean your student can not go on the trip.

Early finish of school day due to Year 10 parents' evening

On Thursday April 25th we have our Year 10 Parents' evening. This will be a face-to-face event where the whole school is in use. More details about this event will be sent directly to Year 10 parents. Appointments will be made from Thursday April 18th. In order to get the site clean for the evening and the next day, **the school will close early at 1.20pm**. Buses have already been arranged for this time.

Year 11 Easter Classes reminder

Available 9am-1pm on the following dates, please go to individual departments on the day.

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

Bridge the Gap - drop in advice for parents

For any parents wanting advice or support with their child's mental health and wellbeing please see the flyer from Bridge the Gap for up and coming drop in sessions. The next one is Saturday 20th April 10-3pm.



The flyer features a light blue background with white clouds. At the top, a green banner contains the word 'FREE' in pink, a megaphone icon, and the 'BRIDGE THE GAP' logo which includes a rainbow and a house. Below this, the text 'DROP-IN SERVICE' is written in large blue letters. To the right is an illustration of two women sitting on a cloud, one with her arm around the other. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'FULLY FUNDED DROP-IN EARLY SUPPORT HUB AT BRIDGE THE GAP, 45 FRIAR GATE, DERBY DE1 1DA'. To the left of this text is a photograph of a modern interior space with a bed and a desk, framed like a Polaroid with a rainbow sticker at the bottom. Below the photo, it says: 'Feel welcome to join our team of professionals in a supportive and non-judgmental environment for immediate advice and assistance.' To the right of the photo, a yellow box lists the dates: 'SATURDAY 2ND MARCH, 20TH APRIL, 18TH MAY, 29TH JUNE 2024 10AM - 3PM'. Below this are two green checkmarks with text: 'If you are worried about your child's mental health in any way.' and 'If you want your child to come and see someone on the day without an appointment.' At the bottom right is the 'COMMUNITY FUND' logo, which includes a hand icon. The website 'JWBRIDGETHEGAP.COM' is printed in a yellow bar at the very bottom.

Student Mental Health Nurse - Steph

We are delighted to welcome our student mental health nurse Steph to the Academy who is on placement with us for a period of time. Steph has fully immersed herself into the pastoral team and has already supported a number of our children and young people with some of their concerns and worries. She has also been on hand to support our wellbeing ambassadors in answering some of their questions and queries in preparation for their ambassador role.



Derbyshire School Book Awards

Twelve of our KS3 students have spent the past four months busily reading the shortlisted titles for the Derbyshire School Book Awards and voting for their favourite. The awards culminated with a visit to Derby University where the students were given a tour of the site, met the author, Ben Davis who shared some highly comical stories about being a writer and awaited the announcement of the winning author and book. The winning book this year was "Always Clementine" by Carlie Sorosiak - a worthy winner and definitely worth a read! Some of our students bravely shared their presentation on one of the books to a number of other local secondary schools in the lecture theatre! A huge well done to Ben R, Rowenna L, Chloe M and Tiffany M.

We now look forward to reading the books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Writing. There are already 11 students working their way through these as part of Chellaston's reading club. New members are always welcome on a Thursday after school, 3-4pm.

Reader Leader

We are now in our 6th week of the reading mentoring programme where our Year 12 leaders read with our Year 7/8 students. It has been fantastic to witness the relationship each reader leader pairing has forged. Many of the students have already managed to read one book. They also got their first glimpse of the new library space. We are all so excited to see it fully furnished.

Comic Relief

Thank so much to our amazing student leaders and prefects for their efforts on Comic Relief. Through their games, cakes and competitions we raised £256 for the cause! Well done and thank you to all who came and took part.

Easter Music Recital

On Monday evening we had the most wonderful Easter Music Recital which showcased the talents of our young musicians to their friends and family. We were treated to a range of instrumentalists, singers, our show choir, staff choir and concert band. The young people taking part were fantastic and showed their absolute bravery and confidence when taking to the stage, as well their brilliant talents which kept the audience enraptured throughout. Thank you to our amazing staff who have spent so much time nurturing these talents and for organising the event. We are so lucky to have seen such excellence. Thanks goes to everyone who joined us for the event, your support is so important.



Wicked the Musical trip

48 students travelled to Birmingham on Wednesday to watch Wicked the musical. All the students were brilliant, and for many, it was their first time visiting a theatre to watch a professional production. It was a fantastic show!



Prison, me? No way! Workshop

On Wednesday we invited the Prison, me no way! (PMNW) charity into school to work with a large number of students in years 7-11 including Connect and GCSE Sociology students. The aim of the charity is to raise awareness on the causes, consequences and impact of crime. The workshops were a huge success and staff and students alike thoroughly enjoyed the experience especially seeing and all trying to squeeze into the cell van they brought in. We were shocked at the size of the cell that they showed us in their adapted van.

The staff who visited including a prison guard, probation officer and reformed ex-convict, we were really impressed with the impeccable behaviour of our students and the quality of questions asked. All students throughout the day displayed our school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence amazingly well.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver award practice expedition took place last weekend over two nights. The resilience and stamina of our students was phenomenal. They trudged through mud and survived -4 degrees Celsius and frosty tents on Friday night but mostly beautiful sunshine on Saturday and Sunday. Highlights included a bin bag fashion show and beetle drive that we managed to hold indoors! A big thank you for the support from all of the expedition staff and well done to all students involved.



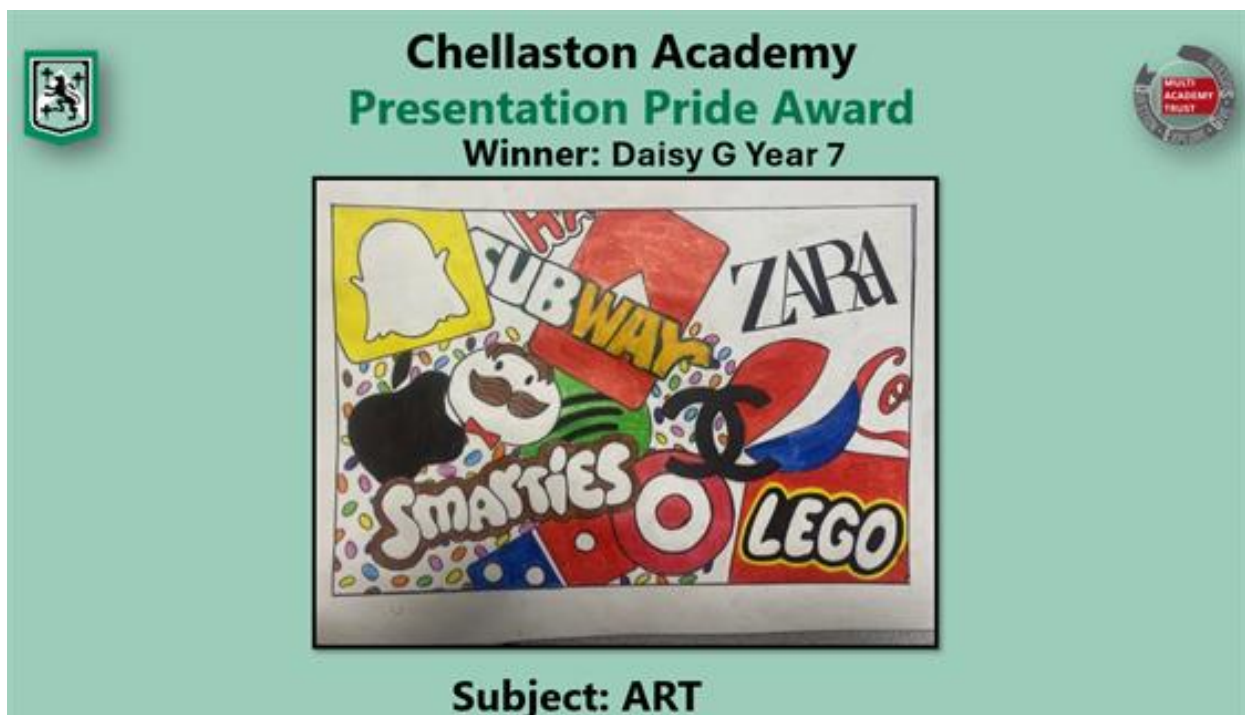
Under 14 City Girls Football Championships

Chellaston Academy girls under 14 team won the Derby City League on Wednesday at Murray Park. We beat Ecclesbourne 1-0 in the semi final and Woodlands 3-0 in the final. Well done to Grace F, Scarlett S, Sarah O, Aoife K, Belle H, Erin P, Anya P and Amelia T. Special mention also to Chloe M and Anya W who played in all the other rounds but unfortunately were unable to play in these finals.



Presentation Pride award - Daisy G - Year 7

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Art to Daisy G in Year 7 - Congratulations Daisy!



Dates for your diary

28th March - Break up for Easter

15th April - Return to school

25th April - Early finish for Year 10 parent evening

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

"Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence"