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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been a fantastic week in our academy and there have been so many wonderful moments that we are very proud of. Some of these are captured in our weekly newsletter.

We hope that everyone has a great Mothers Day weekend.

Refurbishment Update

Our BSN contractors are still working hard with planned refurbishment. The progress is evident and the spaces which are completed look fabulous, giving Chellaston students an even better learning environment. So far the whole of Technology has been completed and we are just waiting for delivery of our Rolls-Royce jet engine to complete the job. Our reception area and new fencing has also been completed, including our rainbow crossing on the main drive. New cladding is evident around the site and this gives us a fresh modern look. The last elements to be completed are the refurbished toilet blocks and our brand new Art area. We look forward to opening up the whole of our site as soon as possible so parents can come and have a look.

Maternity leave

Over the past few weeks two members of staff have started their maternity leave. We wish Mrs Stevens and Mrs Crocker all the best.

Teaching & Learning Speed Dating Thursday

Our teaching staff took part in a "Teaching & Learning Speed Dating" evening last night! It was an event arranged to allow teaching staff to share their ideas for "Do Now" activities when students first arrive in their classrooms. They had three minutes to demonstrate their ideas to one another before moving on to the next "date". It was great to share techniques to give our students the very best learning opportunities.





International Women's Day Poem

One of our wonderful year 7 students produced a poem last week in their English lesson and was inspired to share it wider with staff and students due to their passion. We therefore celebrated it during our International Women's Day Assemblies this week, where we explored equality, inclusion and inspiration with our young people. Our PSHCE lesson this week also explored a variety of Equality and Diversity themes and we are so proud of our pupils' maturity and care when exploring these topics.

Being a girl

I am a girl, I am a girl.

Social media says "Big lips", "Small waist".

Boys say, "You can't do this", " You can't play that sport".

The government says, "Everyone is equal", "We care for your sanitary rights", yet they make us pay to extent for sanitary products.

Men's football is the highlight, but even when it's a woman commentating – the complaints come flowing in.

The beauty standard is a lie, we are all different and are told to be ourselves, but then we are criticised and compared.

The suffragettes may have won a battle, but being a girl is a constant war.

I am a girl, I am a girl.

Game Changers Ambassadors - Chellaston Academy

Eight of our young people have been successful in their application to become **Barclay's Game Changer Ambassadors** for girls' football. This is a fantastic achievement as they are the only students in the whole of Derby. In recognising our fantastic girls' football set up here at Chellaston Academy, we are delighted to have been awarded '**Game Changer**' status and this has allowed these young ladies to have the opportunity to become role models for the sport, contributing to how football should develop across the city and also run events for both primary and secondary students.

They completed their training with the Youth Sports Trust and Derby County last week and they planned a primary school festival that took place on Wednesday 6th March at the new Racecourse football facility. Our girls led different skills and drills to improve the player's technique and then helped run the games that followed. They showed excellent leadership skills and were highly effective in their delivery of their session. This is particularly impressive as for most of them, it was their first experience of leading others. They were a credit to the Academy, and they look forward to the next events that they will be involved in.

The **Barclay's Game Changers** are Lexie S, Ava M, Sarah O, Gracie F, Anya P, Polly H, Betsy P and Violet S. Mara L, Fliss H, Lucy T and Yumi K also came to the Racecourse to help lead the festival, as potential future Game Changers.



The Biggest Ever Football Session for Girls across England - 8th March

Continuing the theme of girls' football, Miss Davies and the Game Changer Ambassadors facilitated a brilliant event throughout today with every year group getting the opportunity to play football in the sports hall with music blaring and mini tournaments played during their allotted hour. For many

students it was their first time trying football in a comfortable girls only environment. Well done to all that took part!





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World Book Day

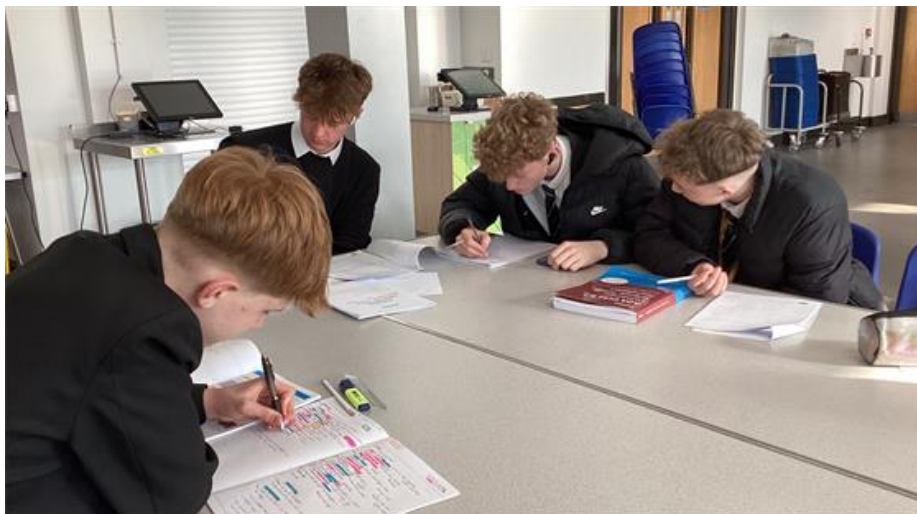
As we eagerly await the launch of our brand new library, our wonderful Librarian, Mrs Lloyla and the Library Ambassadors still celebrated "World Book Day" with enthusiasm! Ben in Year 9 (Library Ambassador) led a superb quiz over Thursday lunchtime for all year groups.





Year 11 news

The Year 11 students continue to increase their efforts in the build up to the GCSEs which begin in 34 school days time. This week there have been between 60-80 students staying every night after school either to access one of the revision sessions our staff are putting on or taking advantage of the quiet, supervised revision sessions we are providing. As well as this, the students continue to finish their careers interviews and combined with the recent 'mock' interviews with members of the local business community, they really are embracing the last part of their time with us at Chellaston Academy. We are really proud of their maturity and willingness to accept the challenge and it would be lovely to see more students attending, if possible, in the coming weeks.





Final - Mock Interviews

Many thanks to our volunteers for supporting the final round of mock interviews. The feedback from our volunteers has been overwhelmingly positive and they are impressed by how amazing our students are. We have been very privileged to have a wonderful array of volunteers from Balfour Beatty, Alstrom, Rolls-Royce, Experian, Timmins, and many more. The Year 11's are now ready for any interviews they may have in the future.

Comic Relief

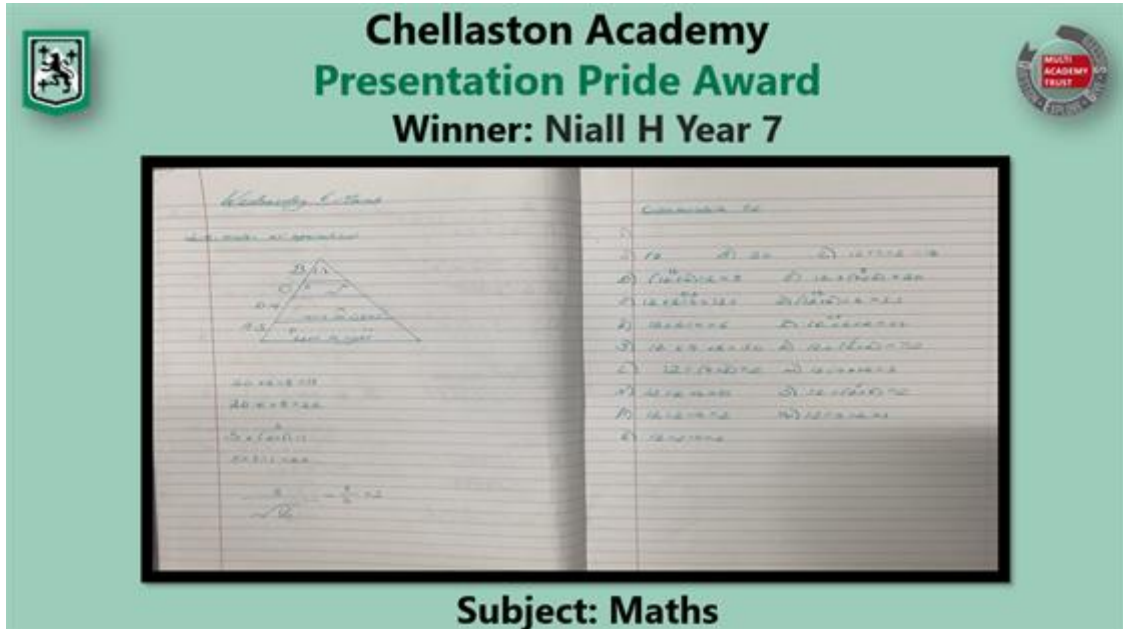
We will be raising money for Comic relief next week on Friday 15th March. Our prefect team and form groups have created a number of opportunities for our young people to join in supporting this wonderful cause. It would be wonderful if pupils who wished to take part in stalls, activities or buy cakes, brought in some cash to be able to donate. We will be in the GYM, front of D block and in the Main hall at break and lunch. We thanks our students in advance for the care they will be showing to other people.

Rewards Day

Final reminder for students to book their place on a trip for rewards day in March. This can be done by accessing them on parentpay.

Presentation Pride award

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Maths to Niall H in Year 7 - Congratulations Niall!



Sports Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Year 10 Boys Football Tournament	Leesbrook School	Finished top
Year 8 Boys Football Tournament	Leesbrook School	Finished top
Year 9 Boys Football	John Port School	Came <u>second</u>
Dodgeball Inspire mixed Tournament – Friendly	Derby Cathedral School	Friendly

Dates for your diary

13th March - Year 12 Work Experience meeting at 6pm in Main Hall

15th March - Comic Relief Day

28th March - Break up for Easter

15th April - Return to school

Kind regards

Phil Smith
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Chellaston Academy

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