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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

We all hope that you all had a pleasant and relaxing break over the Easter period. We were delighted to welcome back our students on Monday and it has been amazing to see how quickly we have all got back to business. The feel and climate for learning around the academy has been outstanding. This was witnessed, and commented on, by another Headteacher who visited our academy on Wednesday. Well done everyone.

Uniform

Before Easter we published an update on the changes to our uniform from September 2024. This letter can be found by following the link.

Our uniform suppliers have been able to provide the new Chellaston branded jumper, so we are happy for students to start replacing their Chellaston branded blazer for a Chellaston branded jumper if they would like to. There is further guidance on our uniform changes on our website <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Year 10 parents' evening - Early finish of school day

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 are now available to book. 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.

Easter School Summary

During the Easter holiday, apart from the two Bank Holidays, the school was open every single day for Year 11 and Year 13 students. There were over 50 sessions that took place over the fortnight, with over 100 students turning up on some of the days. A massive 'thank you' to the students who attended and worked so hard and to the staff who gave up some of their holidays to plan and deliver the lessons or provide help with impending coursework deadlines.

Year 11 Countdown

The official GCSE exam timetable starts on Thursday May 9th, with students in drama and Religious Studies having their first written papers. There are only TWELVE school days until this point. Before this, there are plenty of other GCSE assessments taking place. This week, Food Technology students spent five hours perfecting their meals for their coursework. Art students spent a whopping ten hours working on their GCSE exam. It was good to hear that the previous practice runs had proved useful in building confidence and reducing anxiety about the real thing.

Attendance to the after-school revision space in the DREF is good on every day of the week, as well as attendance to the revision classes. Year 11's last day of teaching is Friday June 7th. After that point, students will just attend school for exams and additional booster sessions put on before an exam.

All important Exam information (including the summer 2024 timetable) can be found on our website - [HERE](#)

Internal changes to the school day - Tuesday May 7th

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 12:20 to 13:00 (An hour earlier than at the moment)

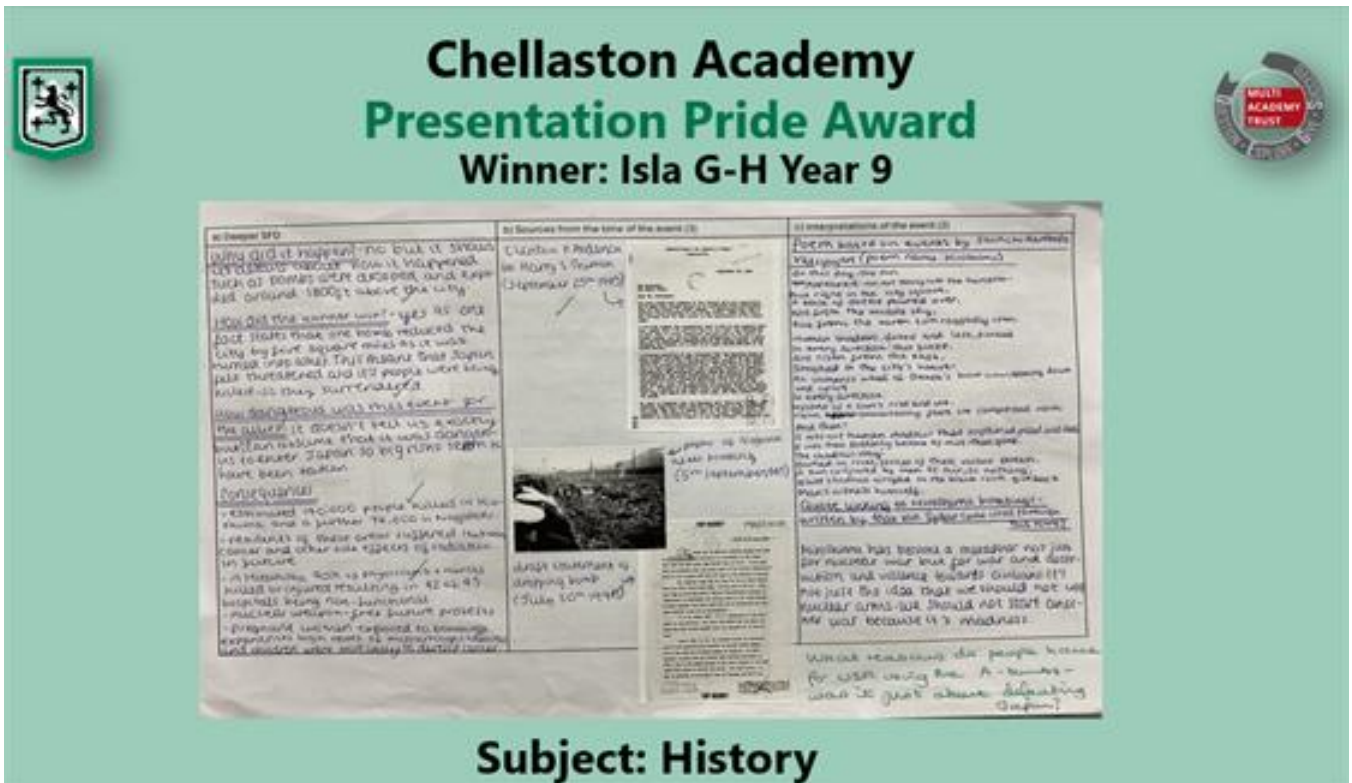
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This will continue to the end of June until the main examinations and Year 10/ Year 12 mocks have completed.

Presentation Pride award - Isla G-H - Year 7

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by History to Isla G-H in Year 9 - Congratulations Isla!



Sports Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Year 7 & 8 Dodgeball	At Derby College	Of two teams we came 1 st and 3 rd . The team who came first are now through to the regional competition
Under 12 Girls Football	<u>Laundau Forte</u> at <u>Leesbrook</u>	WON on Penalties
Under 14 Girls Football	<u>Swannick Hall</u>	Lost 4-1

Dates for your diary

25th April - Early finish of 1.20pm for Year 10 parent evening

23rd May - Year 8 - Remote parents evening

24th May - Break up for half term

13th June - Year 7 - Face to Face parents evening

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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