

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

This week has been another busy and productive week. We were delighted to welcome our Year 10 cohort and their parents back into school for our Year 10 Parents' Evening. The evening was a huge success and it provided a great opportunity to provide feedback and continue preparing for Level 2 qualifications next year. We will be sending Year 10 parents a survey next week, please look out for it.

## Communications Protocols

We would like to thank the vast majority of our school community for communicating with us in an appropriate and timely manner. Can we please remind the community that not adhering to our communication protocols with behaviours such as swearing or threatening staff is not appropriate, and we will not tolerate this.

## Mrs Martin CEO

Mrs Martin the CEO of QEGSMAT has written to staff this week saying that she will be retiring in December 2024. We wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for her support and leadership since Chellaston Academy joined QEGSMAT.

## Year 10 Parents' Evening

Last night, there were over 1500 individual appointments taking place across the school over a three-hour period. Many parents and staff voiced their preference for doing the appointments in teaching spaces and not all packed into the Main Hall. Year 10 will have their mock examinations in June, after the Year 11s have completed the main bulk of their GCSEs, using the examination venues in full exam conditions. The next parents' evening is Year 8, which is a remote event, so does not have an early closure for the school. This will take place on Thursday 23rd May. Year 7 Parents' Evening is on the 13th June and will be face-to-face.

## Refurbishment Update

The refurbishment is approaching the final stages. The parts of our academy that have already been completed (Technology, receptions and the library) look amazing and students are already benefitting from them. When the refurbishments are finished we will run an open house style event so parents can come and have a look themselves. Please look out for details and take a sneak preview in the photos below.

Art rooms in A block



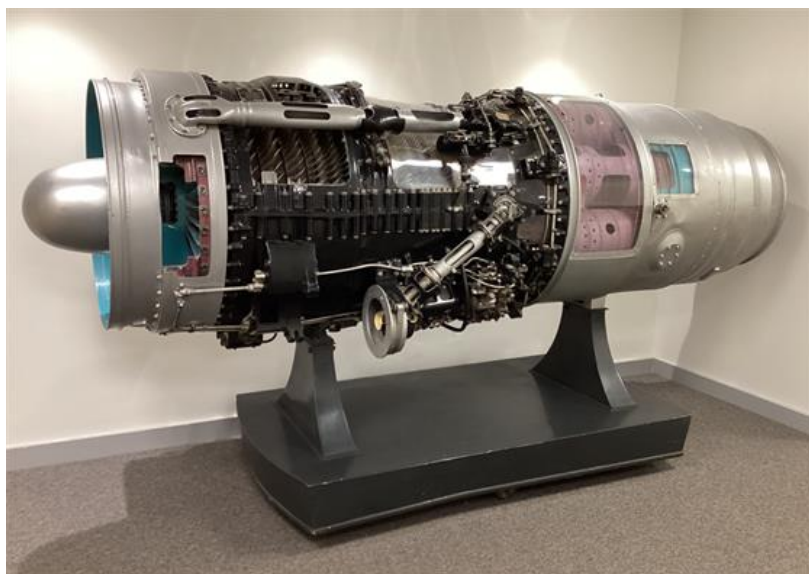
Art rooms in A block (cont.)



Extension with toilets in B block



Our Rolls-Royce Engine has been relocated to new home in Technology



### Uniform Update

We are delighted to see more of the new Chellaston jumpers in our academy. Just as a reminder students should be wearing a Chellaston Jumper **or** a Chellaston Blazer.



### Year 11/12 transition day

The Year 11/12 transition day has been rearranged for Monday 24th June 2024. Students have been sent another email asking them to confirm their attendance on this new date which they need to do as soon as possible please.

Further details of the day will be sent out soon.

### Derby County Community Trust

On Thursday, six Year 9 students Katie, Harry, Meg, Summer, Sophie and Meg went on a trip to Wembley Stadium yesterday with the Derby County Community Trust. They were there to represent the city after **winning** the Derby competition last month in which they presented their project on mental health and wellbeing. During the day they went on a tour of the stadium and took part in workshops along with winners from the other 89 clubs.

The votes are being counted to see if they have won the country-wide competition but whatever the outcome, they did a great job presenting their work and represented our school community so well. Well done!





### **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition**

We took sixty one Year 10 students to the White Peak to complete their expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The aim was to complete three days of walking (up to 7 hours each day) and two nights camping whilst being completely self-sufficient.

The weather was all the seasons in one weekend. We had sleet on the journey up there, rain coming in sideways as they walked in the afternoon and by the evening we managed to play a game of cricket in the sun followed by ice on the tents Saturday morning! Saturday and Sunday were a little warmer with the sun shining as they completed their walks.

All of the teams were amazing, they took the challenge in their stride and we are so proud of them. They made the geography teachers (that supported us) very happy with their discussions of geography "buzz" words on their walks too.

Thank you to all the staff that volunteered over both weekends to support our students, it couldn't happen without their dedication and commitment not to mention giving up their free time.

It's the turn of the Bronze students next but hopefully there will be no frost in June!

Duke of Edinburgh - Silver

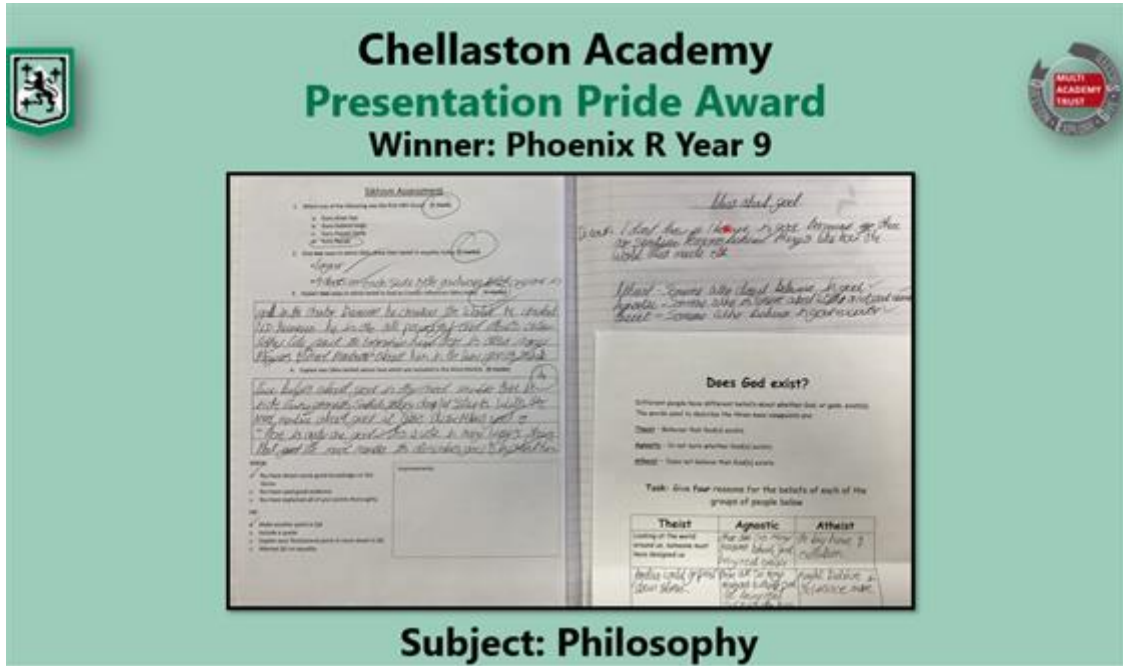


**Year 11 success!**

We are very proud of our Year 11 Prom committee who have raised a massive **£741.10** during the Prom Fundraiser events. The lucky winner of the free Prom ticket for 20th June was Leia E - Congratulations Leia!

**Presentation Pride award - Phoenix R - Year 9**

This weeks Presentation Pride award has been awarded by Philosophy to Phoenix R in Year 9 - Congratulations Phoenix!



**Dates for your diary**

- 23rd May - Year 8 - Remote parents evening
- 24th May - Break up for half term
- 3rd June - Return to school
- 7th June - Last full day for Year 11 students
- 13th June - Year 7 - Face to Face parents evening
- 24th June - Year 11/12 transition day

Kind regards

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