

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

This week has been another busy, productive but amazing week. The refurbishment work is nearing the end and we can see the brilliant learning spaces that are being completed. We have had a number of external visitors through our doors who have all made positive comments about the climate for learning and relationships that they have seen, the weather outside has started to change as we see the sun coming out for summer! Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

## Bank Holiday Reminder - Monday 6th May

Just a reminder that this is a bank holiday weekend and school will be closed on Monday 6th May.

## Year 10 Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see our Year 10 Parents and the students last week. There was a vibrant feel around the school and we look forward to the next one.

We are looking to seek the views of our Year 10 Parents via the completion of the survey that was sent out to year 10 parents.

## Change to school day

Weatherwise, the last few weeks have been disappointing with temperature readings regularly in single figures. More predictable have been the exam countdowns around the school, which are now in single figures. In fact, we are only three school days away from our first external examinations! The examinations start partway through next week, with the first core examinations starting on Friday morning with Biology Paper 1. (This involves all 298 Year 11 students) There are some option subjects (RS and Drama) on the Thursday.

As our exams start at 1pm in the afternoon, we do not want dinner to be occurring at the same time. To help reduce the risk of disruption to the exam venues, we are moving dinner earlier.

As a consequence, period 4 and dinner are switching around for the next few weeks.

Period 1 - 9-10

Period 2 - 10-11

Break - 11-11.20am

Period 3 - 11.20-12.20pm

**DINNER - 12.20-1pm**

Period 4 - 1-2pm

Period 5 - 2-3pm

Please note that the timings on Go4schools will not be altered for the next few weeks. A couple of years ago, it caused all sorts of issues for a minor change.

This change will be in place until the end of June, when the exams start to peter out. We have Year 12 and Year 10 mocks coming up, too.

On Thursday June 13th, we will revert back for **one** single day. This is because it is Year 7 Parents' Evening and we are having an early closure. Students will be taught period 4 at the usual time and leave the site at 1.20pm. This means that they only miss one lesson and not two. Luckily, there are no external examinations on that afternoon.

## Mental Health Awareness Week - 13th - 17th May

Mental Health Awareness Week is week commencing 13th May and we will be celebrating **Wear it Green day** on **Thursday 16th May**, please add an EXTRA splash of GREEN to your uniform, whether it be socks, hairbands or ribbons etc.

[Wear it Green Day | Mental Health Foundation](#)

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing Parent Information Evening**

In addition to the celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week we would like to invite any parents/carers of our students to an information evening on **Thursday 16th May** from **5-6pm** in the **Main Hall**. The purpose of this evening is to offer some information, support and guidance on the following;

1. What signs and symptoms to look out for regarding your child's wellbeing and mental health.
2. How children and young people can best manage their mental health and wellbeing outside of school.
3. The support and help currently on offer by the school and local community.
4. How you can support your child/young person in managing their own wellbeing and mental health.

If you would like to attend the information evening please could you register your attendance by completing the form on the link - [HERE](#).

Please contact [k.skinner@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:k.skinner@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) if you have any questions regarding the evening.

### **Student Voice Attendance - Pride Park**

On Thursday, selected students from Year 8 were invited to a Pupil Voice event held at Pride Park Stadium. They were there to give input into and help shape a city-wide campaign about making schools brilliant and creating an inclusive culture that supports all children to attend.

They were also treated to a stadium tour! The pupils gave fantastic ideas and showed great leadership and teamworking skills!



### **Knights Hospitallers presentation - Barrow on Trent**

The history team went to a local history presentation at Barrow on Trent about the role of the Knights Hospitallers in both local history and international history at St Wilfrid's Church in Barrow and a number of Chellaston Academy students were able to join to help supplement their learning at both KS3 and GCSE where events are studied which coincide with the role of the Knights Hospitallers.



### **Table Tennis - Butterfly School Team Championships**

Connie D in Year 12 and Millie N in Year 10 were almost perfect in winning the Claud Kichenside Cup in the Butterfly School Team Championships in Wolverhampton last weekend. They won all three matches 5-0 and only dropped two games all day - Well done Connie & Millie!



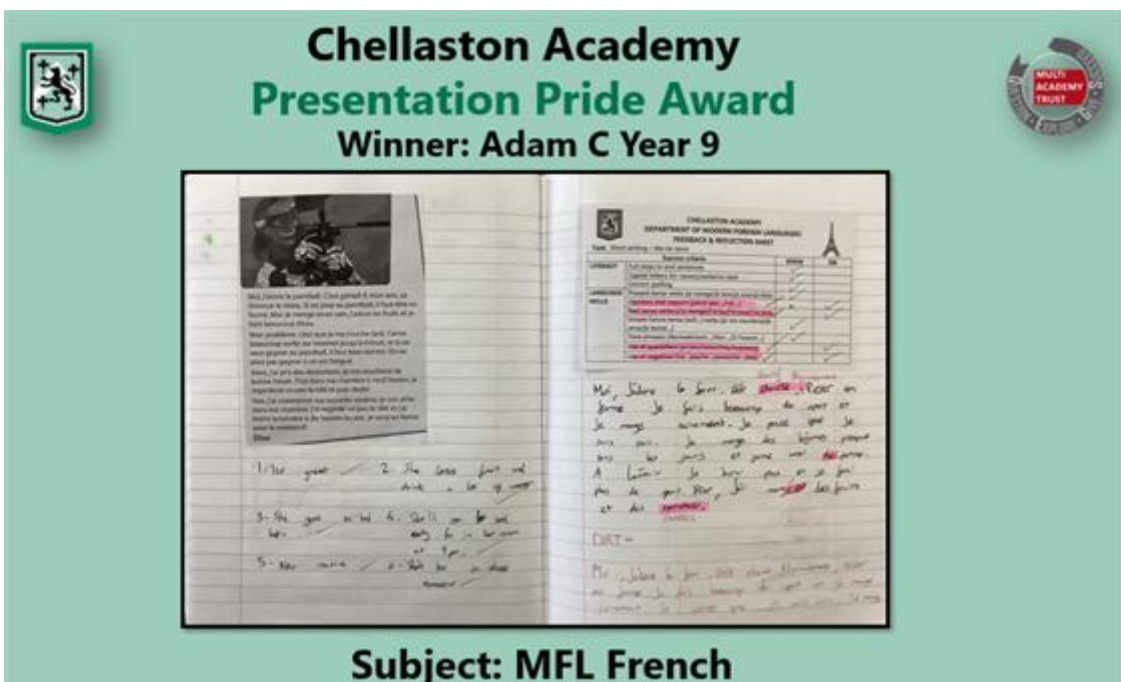
### Everest Base Camp

Another one of our brilliant sixth form students is Lewis D in Year 13. Lewis spent the Easter holidays climbing Everest! Lewis did exceptionally well in dealing with the altitude and got up to 5364M at Base Camp and just under 5600M ascending Kala Phattar. Well done Lewis!



### Presentation Pride award - Adam C - Year 9

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



## Sports Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Year 7&8 Boys Rugby	QEGS away	Lost 50-30
U12 Girls Football	John Port away	Lost 2-0

## Dates for your diary

13th May & all week - Mental Health Awareness week

16th May - Wear it Green Day for Mental Health Day - add a splash of green to your uniform

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 - **school to close early at 1.20pm**

19th June - Year 8 HPV immunisations - all day

24th June - Year 11/12 transition day

Kind regards



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Chellaston Academy

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