

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been a thriving and busy week across our academy. The week started with more students returning from another successful Duke of Edinburgh expedition, moved onto a fantastic Year 7 Parents' Evening and finished with our Year 6 SEND transition day. All of these events have showcased our wonderful students and our ICE values. In addition, the learning climate across our academy remains of a high quality. Please enjoy this week's newsletter.

Year 6 SEND Transition Day

We welcomed just over 40 students to an organised event with Extended Learning to offer them a chance to see Chellaston Academy slightly ahead of the whole cohort who will visit on 2nd, 3rd & 4th July. Students got to meet the SEND team, have a tour of the Academy with a sensory circuit, bake cakes and use the Art rooms. We're so excited to see them again soon!



Connect - Year 11's last day

Connect staff are very proud of our year 11s who sadly leave us after their exams. Their road has not been easy and they have had plenty of set backs along their educational journey but we couldn't have been prouder of how they have knuckled down this year and attended all of their exams and given their absolute best. You will all be missed so much by Mrs Grimwood, Mrs K, Miss Smith, Mrs Kent. Miss Spray and all your teaching staff!



Art in Connect

This half term, Mr Burton and the Connect students have worked extremely hard in their Art lessons to create a fantastic masterpiece on one of the interior walls. The theme was to look at their journey in school and being part of the Connect onsite alternative provision and how they may be taking a 'different' flightpath through the curriculum to others but that each quotation (chosen by the students), represents something important to them including; their journey through life, trying to show more resilience when things get tough, displaying an open mindset and being ready to learn emotionally and academically! Their next project is in the garden and will involve spray painting the container and the theme is Cody Bryant ..watch this space!



Connect - Outdoor Learning

We have been busy learning about the nutritional benefits of fruit and vegetables and growing our own vegetables. We are really pleased with how quickly the strawberries and radishes in particular have grown but are also growing potatoes, onions, pumpkins, cucumbers, chillis and tomatoes.



Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday June 13th - 4pm-7pm

Despite the torrential rain and traffic issues due to accidents and Download festival, 1500 appointments between staff and parents took place last night. This was Year 7s first face-to-face evening and it was great to hear so many positive conversations around the school.

Last night saw the premiere of the Rewards Day industrial candy floss machine as the refreshment area was stepped up a gear. (The new popcorn machine is currently in RICE after nearly setting the fire alarm off earlier in the week!)

It was good to see so many parents who were past pupils of the school having a look around previous stomping grounds. Mr Clarke wasn't too impressed with an ex-student asking him 'How long have you got left?' as he felt he wasn't looking that bad for his age.

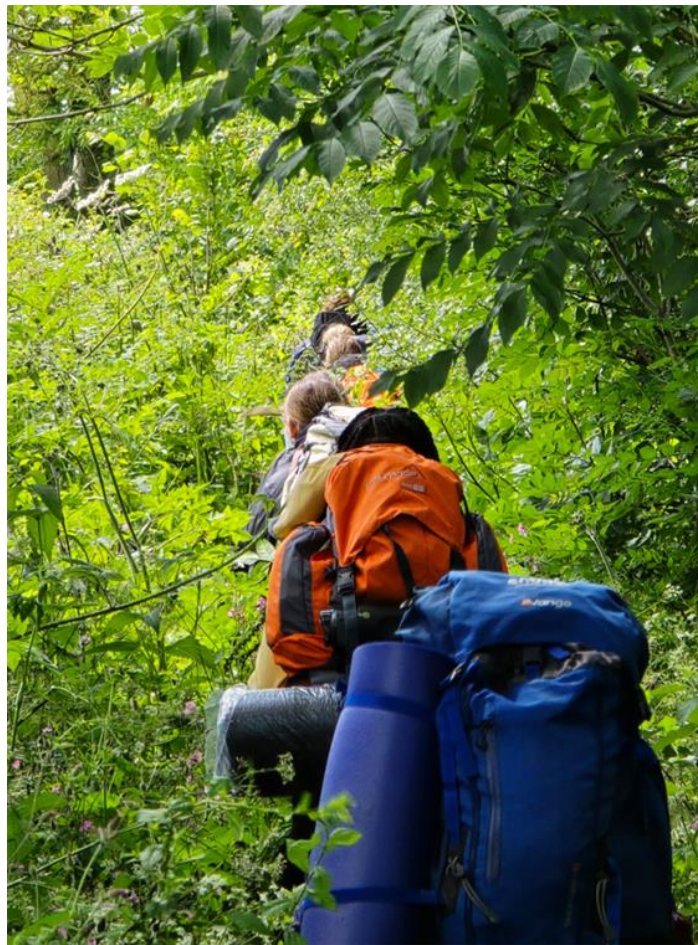
We had some lovely emails from parents about the evening and the care shown by our teaching staff for our students. It's great when parents take the time to point out the good things that take place at the school. This was the last parents' evening of the year and we look forward to using this format for all year groups, next year.

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award

Over 100 students took part in the practice expedition of Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award last weekend over two sessions. On the first day students learnt to pitch their tents, cook on a Trangia, do first aid and map read to enabling them to plot their route for the qualifying expedition in the coming weekends. On the second day they walked for 6 hours with their back packs and got a real taste for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We'd especially like to thank staff, both teaching and support who gave up their free time to assist students through this fantastic opportunity. We'd like to give a special mention that the students who managed without their phones for over 24 hours enabling them to fully embrace the countryside and all it has to offer. They also enjoyed inventive games with an old bit of rope doing limbo and mass skipping in their free time. They also found time to play netball and rounders - it was great fun - Well done to everyone who took part.







Rewards Day Launch - ICE Festival

We are delighted to share with you that the Summer ICE Rewards Festival will take place on Thursday 18th July. Students will need 95% positive to negative behaviour ratio to qualify and can build up these points by doing community ICE point booster sessions at break/ lunch times. Sessions include litter picking and helping in the hall at lunch. The ICE Festival will be on the field again with lots more activities on offer such as more photo booths and even a Ferris Wheel!!

Here are some photos of the newly acquired popcorn machine and candy floss maker being "quality checked" by staff members & sixth form!





Form (Midlands) Ltd.

Form (Midlands) Ltd have significantly contributed to the design and build of a number of products that have been part of the Academy's recent refurbishment. Form (Midlands) Ltd were contracted by BSN to assist in the furniture aspect of the work. At Chellaston, having built strong links with the BSN team we were pleased to receive an invite to visit the Form (Midlands) Ltd factory, tour the facilities and see first hand how the joinery industry works. Fourteen Year 10 pupils were invited to attend along with Miss Brown and Dave, our D&T Technician. Everyone had a great day!

After an initial health and safety briefing, pupils were given a factory tour being able to see various applications and techniques that contribute to many current client projects from the changing rooms at Arsenal FC, reception areas within Marriott hotels and more locally restaurants and bars. Part of our day saw pupils given a live brief to respond to and pupil groups responded creatively to this generating some great ideas that were presented to executives from the company. The day was made special when the winning group were informed that their design would go into production and we would be able to display the final product at school. What an achievement!

The whole group were excellent ambassadors for Chellaston Academy and thoroughly enjoyed the day and the experiences that came with it. These experiences will be hugely beneficial to their learning moving forwards and we thank Form (Midlands) Ltd for accommodating us and BSN for the invitation.





School Health Workshop

On Tuesday lunchtime we were fortunate enough to have the school health team in school. They held an education stand focusing on drugs and alcohol and the dangers of these for, and on our young people. The stand was well attended by different year groups.

WEMWBS

This week, all students across the Academy have been invited to complete The Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS). Students have to look at 14 different statements and state how far they agree with the statement. This is the third and final time our students have completed this survey this academic year. It is incredibly helpful in helping us to map wellbeing across the academy and streamline our interventions moving forward.

Derby & District Astronomical Society Open Day



DERBY AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
OPEN DAY!

AUGUST 10TH 2024
Doors open 9:30am - 4:00pm
Friends Meeting House
56 St Helen's St, Derby DE1 3GY

JOIN US
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DDAS

Everyone is Welcome

- ★ Astronomical displays
- ★ Telescopes on show
- ★ Meteorites on display
- ★ Guest speakers:

FREE EVENT

10:00am Professor Jonathan Powers: 'Evidence of Local Astronomy Before The Stone Circles'
2:00pm Dr Martin Griffiths: 'Our Current Search For Life Elsewhere'

@AstroDerby

For further information contact: secretary@derbyastronomy.org
www.derbyastronomy.org

Open Day List of events and approximate timings.

10:00am Doors open to the public

Room 1

10:30 am Evidence of Local Astronomy before the Stone Circles by Professor Jonathan Powers

11:30 am Introduction to the solar system by Tony Razzell, DDAS member.

1:00 pm The universe we see at night by Mike Lancaster, DDAS member.

2:30 pm Our Current Search for Life Elsewhere by Dr Martin Griffiths

Room 2

Various Displays and exhibits including: -

DDAS Moon Globe, (Signed by some of the astronauts that have walked on the moon).

DDAS and Members Meteorite collections

Astrophotography display by members

History of the Flamsteed observatory display

Models of spacecraft, The Solar System, Telescopes, Books for sale, Advice and a lot more.

Room 3

Tea/Coffee and snacks available throughout the day

In the back garden – The society's solar scope along with other members telescopes set up for observing the sun safely. (Weather permitting).

Kids' corner

Fun activities for kids and adults with a kid's heart.

Plus: A one-off invitation to join the society at half price. Usual price £28.00

On the day only - £14

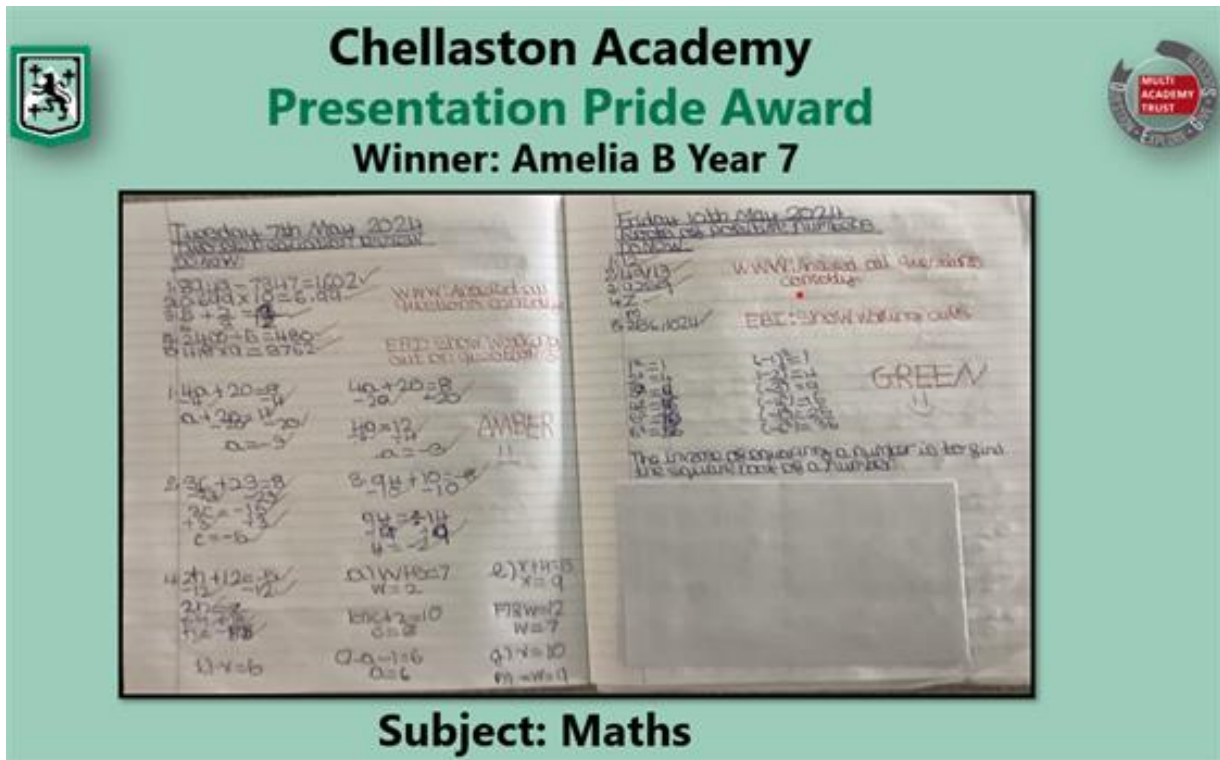
(This price applies to anyone new to the society joining between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 10th August)

Please note that some timings may vary from those advertised.

The QR code will take you to the 2022 meeting programme page: Please click on the Home icon at the top of the page to navigate the website.

Presentation Pride Award

This weeks Presentation Pride Award goes to Amelia B in Year 7 for her brilliant work in Maths.



Sports Fixtures

Derbyshire Schools Track & Field Championships 2024

Several of our students from Year 7-11 took part in the Derbyshire Schools Track & Field Championships at Moorways on Saturday 8th June.

We had a few podium finishes -

- Amandine O - 3rd in 300 metres
- Jessica W - 2nd in 800 metres
- Remy C - 1st in 1500 metres
- Cara D - 3rd in 200 metres
- Emily W - 3rd in 800 metres
- Cara D - 1st in Shot Put

A huge well done to all that took part and a special mention to Jessica W who got selected to represent Derbyshire in the Mason Cup Trophy at Stoke on Trent on 15th June!

Dates for your diary

17th - 28th June - Year 10 Mock Exams

19th June - Year 8 HPV immunisations - all day

24th June - Year 11/12 transition day

2nd, 3rd & 4th July - Year 6 Transition Day

18th July - ICE Festival

19th July - End of Summer Term - **school to close at 11.30am**

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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