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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

As you will see by the breadth of our weekly newsletter, this week has been a brilliant but busy one. This week included the last Level 2 examination which also meant that we said our fond farewells to our wonderful Year 11 students. Their last day was special and provided memorable experiences for students and staff. In addition to the events in the newsletter, there is a wonderful climate across the academy and it has also been nice to see the sun come out and the temperatures start to rise.

Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form

After 18 years at Chellaston Academy, Mr Moore is changing his role within the Trust. Mr Moore has been successful in securing a secondment role of Director of Education for QEGSMAT. We would like to thank Mr Moore for being an integral part of Chellaston Academy for such a long period of time and for his dedication, professionalism and passion for inspiring staff and students to realise their potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs E Warren and Mrs M Tivey have been appointed as the Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form respectively. As the current Heads of Year in the sixth form they have a wealth of experience and will be amazing in their new roles.

Year 11 Leaver's Day & Prom

It was a fabulous and sunny day for our Year 11s who celebrated their last day at Chellaston Academy. We started early where they all gathered for their leaver's assembly. Mr Moran would like to thank all of the parents who gleefully sent in pictures of their children allowing him to celebrate (and embarrass) many of the students in attendance! The students then spent time signing shirts and enjoying ice cream and sweets at the front school before heading off to get ready for their 2024 Leaver's Prom.

They arrived at Heathland Grove from 5.30pm looking so grown up and glamorous and in the most incredible transport including tractors! They had a wonderful time and were a real credit to themselves, you as parents and to the Academy. All the teachers present were incredibly proud and impressed by their maturity and togetherness. We will miss them ALL!





Library Launch

We are delighted to announce that we officially opened our new library on Wednesday 19th June. Having been without one for the best part of 10 years, it felt truly special to be opening up a space whereby students can once return to the heart of the school to engage with reading, private study and bespoke interventions. We believe the space offers something for everyone: calm reading nooks; comfortable soft furnishings to curl up and enjoy a book; private study spaces and intervention pockets galore!

The day started with Mr Smith cutting the ribbon while there was a hive of activity taking place behind the doors: our Year 7 students were immersed in their phonics programme while our Year 12 Reader Leaders were actively paired up reading with more Year 7 and 8 students. We are particularly proud of this scheme as the privilege of seeing the relationships blossom with students across key stages has been lovely; some of our more reluctant readers have grown in confidence and are even starting to enjoy the benefits of reading!

In addition, we invited our wonderful library ambassadors to attend the opening as they have worked diligently alongside Mrs Lloyla to help set up the new space. They attend break and lunchtime sessions to support in running clubs and providing a wonderful space for all students and staff to access.

We also had our art competition winners; we have proudly showcased their work in the foyer of the library and are so pleased with what they created. The overall winner was awarded a £20 Waterstones voucher while 13 runners up were given a £10 Waterstones voucher. We look forward to taking this group of young people to Derby so that they can spend their winnings!

Mrs Lloyla has been paramount in creating our new library; we'd like to demonstrate our appreciation for her publicly as she has been tenacious in ensuring we get the best for our school community – we are very lucky to have her.







Carnegie Final

On Thursday 20th June, we used the new library as our hub for the Carnegie final. Students who had been part of this programme joined Mrs Lloyla for the final time to reflect on the reading they have done over the last few months and to partake in creative activities linked to the books. We had presentations of book reviews and film scripts and it was wonderful to see how much passion and joy the students had in attending this programme.



Visiting Author - Steve Skidmore

On Friday 21st June, we welcomed a visiting author to run creative workshops with our Year 7 students. Steve is an established author who is passionate about getting all students engaged with reading and stories. His enthusiasm was infectious: we had promoted the library as a quiet and calm space but today saw it filled with laughter and excitement as the Year 7s were swept up in the stories he told. The children were advised that when teachers tell them to 'reach for the stars', he reminded them that 'teachers are their spaceships' and spoke about the importance of connection between us. We are here to take our students on a journey, wherever their destination may be, we act as their vessel and will fuel them with whatever they need, whenever they need it. Each star reached will be different but when they get there, it's magical. An exceptional space with a beautiful message: what a lovely way to end the week. Steve then signed books for our young people to take and brought a smile to everyone's face. We will definitely be seeing him again!



Buses

We would like to remind all students that they must have a valid pass which includes a photo when travelling on the school buses. When travelling, students are representing our Academy and we expect them to show the school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence at all times.

We are aware that some of our bus operators have not been following the scheduled timetable. We share your frustration and would like to reassure parents that we have contacted Derbyshire Schools Transport to make them aware of this. Students are supervised on the school site until the buses arrive and the time of departure is noted.

Duke of Edinburgh - Gold

Eleanor L, Lucy-Anna B & Danylo P have recently achieved the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award!!! This involved a 50 mile expedition in the Lake District over 4 days in extremely wet and windy weather. They enjoyed this so much that they plan to do it again but just for fun. They also had to complete 12 months of volunteering work, 6 months of a skill, 18 months physical activity and a weeks residential. They were rewarded with an invitation to Buckingham Palace to meet Prince Edward in May - Well done, we are incredibly proud of this wonderful achievement.



Relationships & Sex Education Day

Next Thursday will be RSE day! RSE Day is a day to celebrate great Relationships and Sex Education in schools and other settings. RSE Day takes place on the last Thursday in June each year. In 2024 RSE Day will be held on Thursday 27 June.

The theme for RSE Day 2024 is 'Embracing Change'.

RSE Day began in Nottingham in June 2018 and continues to be run by Nottingham City Council.

We will be delivering assemblies, having student workshops and discussing scenarios around what it can feel like to embrace change.

If you'd like ideas of how to approach this at home – please see the link below:

<https://www.rseday.com/resources-2024/parents-list/>

Year 6 Wellbeing Transition Event

On Tuesday we welcomed 23 Year 6 students to the Academy to a Wellbeing Transition event. The purpose of the event was to help and support some of our Year 6 students with the move from Primary to Secondary. Students had lunch and a tour of the school before they worked with some Year 7 students and some Year 12 wellbeing ambassadors to identify solutions to worries and concerns about the school change. The event was a huge success and we are looking forward to the other transition days in the forthcoming weeks.

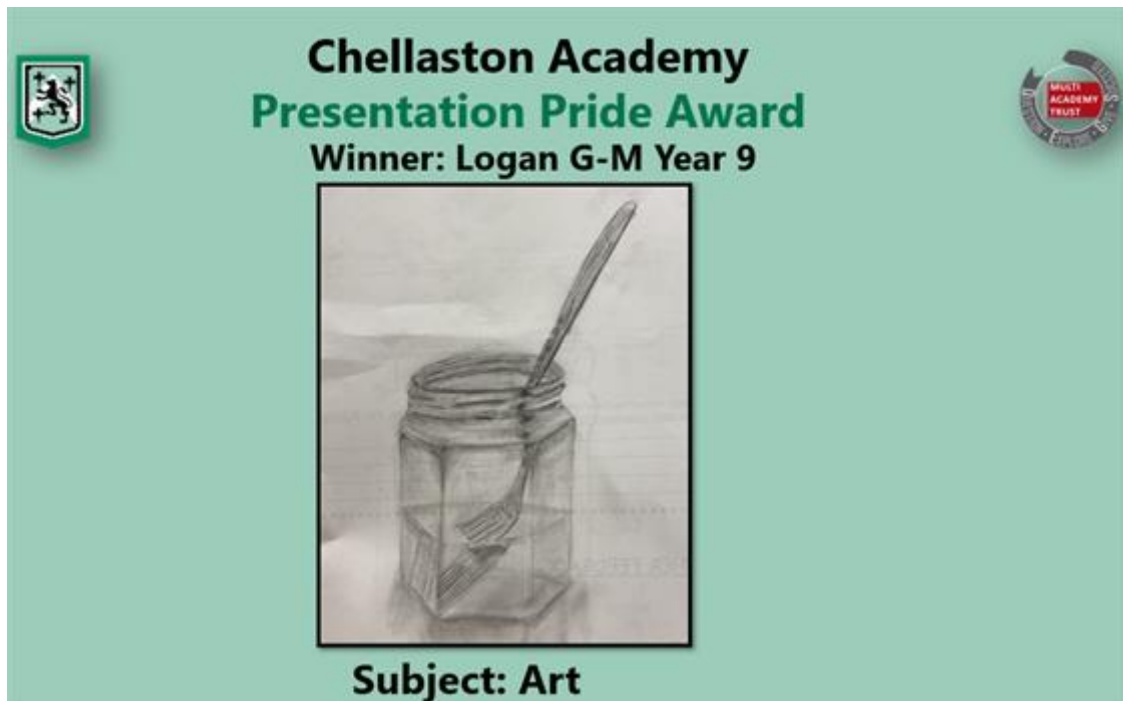


National Thank a Teacher Day

On Wednesday 19th June we celebrated National Thank a Teacher Day. All students across the Academy were given the opportunity to write a thank you postcard to anyone who works within the Academy. Students could nominate anyone they wished for a particular reason. The response from students was overwhelming. It demonstrated yet again the care and excellence our students show towards others. Many staff also commented on the postcards that they received, and the heartfelt words from students.

Presentation Pride Award

This weeks Presentation Pride Award goes to Logan G-M in Year 9 for his brilliant work in Art.



Sports Fixtures

Event	Against	Score
Year 8 Hardball Cricket	West Park School	Lost by 32 runs
Year 10 Hardball Cricket	West Park School	Lost by 32 runs
Year 8 Hardball Cricket	<u>Abbotsholme</u>	Lost in the last over
Girls City Tournament – Chance to Shine	Played at <u>Ockbrook & Borrowash</u> Cricket Club	One of the teams has reached the regional festival to take place at Trent Bridge on 1 st July!

Chance to Shine - Girls Cricket

Mrs Causer and Mrs Grimwood took three teams to participate in the **Derbyshire Chance to Shine** festival as part our partnership with Derbyshire Cricket Foundation.

It was a great day, with 28 students getting the opportunity to experience competitive cricket, some for the very first time. We are extremely proud of our students and the way they demonstrated our Academy values (ICE) throughout the day, having a positive approach to each game they played.

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful news that one of our teams reached the regional festival, which will take place at Trent Bridge on the 1st of July! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the parents who came to watch their child and/or sent emails of support, your commitment to the development of girls cricket at Chellaston Academy is fantastic to see.

Just a final reminder that softball cricket practice takes place on Wednesdays after school 3-4pm, if you are interested please come along.



Mason Cup - 15th June

Following on from the Derbyshire Schools Final last week, we are very proud to say that three of our brilliant students Remi, Cara and Jessica took part in the Mason Cup to represent the Derbyshire Team last Saturday. We would like to congratulate them on this fantastic achievement!

Dates for your diary

17th - 28th June - Year 10 Mock Exams

24th June - Year 11/12 transition day

27th June - RSE 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

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