

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Chellaston Community,

This year has flown by and we cannot believe that this is our last communication of the academic year 2022-23. We want to celebrate and recognise what an absolutely fantastic year it has been in this weeks communication as well as providing some important information for the summer break and next academic year.

Message from Mr Smith

I want to start off by saying thank you to the whole of our Chellaston community. I have been in post for just over a year and you have all made me feel welcomed as well as committing to the school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence. I have been in education for over 20 years and in my first year at Chellaston I have been privileged to experience two of my best and most memorable days in education. The first was our whole school Remembrance Event and this week's Rewards Day will stay with me forever. Our Rewards Day showcased how our young people are part of a vibrant and inspiring school where all members of the community are demonstrating and celebrating our ICE values.

In addition, this year we have worked on what the culture at Chellaston academy is. From consultations we have committed to the vision statement of 'Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence'. Something that was definitely demonstrated this year. Finally, I hope that you all have a great summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new academic year.

Leavers and New Staff

We would like to say a huge thank you and pass on our best wishes to the following staff members who are leaving us at the end of the year. Thank you and good luck to: -

Mrs Symington
Mr Davis
Mrs Allen
Miss Ellis
Ms Morote
Miss Anderson
Mr Semmelroth
Miss Ovenden
Mr Martin
Mrs Cox
Miss Ford

We would also like to welcome the following members of staff to the Chellaston community: -

Mr Aulton (English) who has already started
Mr Beddows (History)
Ms Gamble (Art/Technology)
Mr Ibrahim (Maths) who has already started
Ms Jones (Art) who has already started

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Mr Luckhurst (History)
Mrs Rose (Maths)
Mr Westmoreland (Maths)
Mr Whitehead (History) who has already started

Key Dates to Remember

Year 13 Results Day - Thursday 17th August 2023 from 8.30am in the Sixth Form Hall

Year 11 Results Day - Thursday 24th August 2023 from 9.30am in the Sixth Form Hall

Year 7 & 12 School photos - Tuesday 5th September 2023

Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 School Photos- Thursday 14th September 2023

INSET Days 1st & 4th September 2023

Year 7 & Year 12 return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Reports

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 reports were all published to families, this week. You should have all received an individual email letting you know about this. To access the report, log onto Go4schools and then click on the reports tab on the left hand side of the screen. All students will be going through their reports in more detail on Thursday September 7th.

Duke of Edinburgh - Message from Miss Ford

As we draw to the end of another academic year, I would just like to send out a final 'congratulations' to all students who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh awards at all levels – I am so proud of each and every student who has shown the academy core values through the completion of their award. I would also like to thank all staff who have helped with all aspects of running the award, it would not be possible without these wonderful volunteers giving up their time to enable our students to complete such a valuable award. While I am moving away from the role, I look forward to hearing of more successes in the future and I wish Mrs Weaver all the luck in the world as she takes on the role moving forward.

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Rewards Day

Yesterday will go down in Chellaston Academy history as our biggest and best rewards day yet. We had the most wonderful day creating such amazing memories for our young people - who thoroughly deserved every part of it. From thrilling inflatables, exciting army assault courses, glamorous festival hairstylist to a petting zoo and a real author in our outdoor book cafe. The day was nothing short of brilliant!!!!

Our rewards team are so proud of how this day went and we cannot wait to plan the next one!



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Book Cafe

Mrs Lloyla and Mrs Burke successfully ran another Book Cafe on Monday 17th July, this time with a summer vibe. With the closure of the library for the readiness of the refurbishment, A33 was transformed by some of our wonderful Year 8 students into a cool and breezy space ready to welcome students and staff alike to read in peace and quiet. Each reader was greeted with a cold drink, an ice lolly and a summer garland before they settled down on the new sofas to delve into a book. We have really enjoyed putting these sessions on and look forward to running the next one in our new library space.



Lion King Trip

A coach full of students went to the Birmingham Hippodrome last night to watch Lion King the Musical. The show was amazing and all our students represented our Academy brilliantly. For a few, this was their first visit to a theatre or first chance to watch a musical with a live orchestra. Wonderful memories and a great way to end the term.



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Summer Safety

Assemblies this week have reminded our students of the support they can access, and the ways they can keep themselves safe and happy this summer holiday. We covered Water Safety, Derelict Buildings and finding help if you are worried when abroad.

All students can access confidential Mental Health, Wellbeing and Relationship advice from:

Kooth - www.kooth.com

Childline - www.childline.org.uk

Chathealth -

Young People - text 07507327104

Parent/Carers - text 07507327754

Any concerns about a child's safety should be reported to Children's Services:

Derby - 01332641172

Derbyshire - 01629533190

Self Care Plan for summer can be found at:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/18660/my-self-care-plan-secondaryfe.pdf>

Connect Review

What a whirlwind of a first year it has been for staff and students in Connect. We started with just three students and have steadily grown all year. As well as the usual curriculum, students have participated in the Duke of Edinburgh, learning to cook on Trangia stoves, read and plot routes on maps and volunteering by weeding the garden and decorating the building at the start of the year. All students have learnt emergency first aid skills as part of our life skills curriculum and we have even started to grow our own vegetables in the garden including tomatoes, chillis and beans. We have said goodbye to our two year 11 students as well as SS who successfully reintegrated back into main school and have welcomed new students along the way.

Huge congratulations to BT, LL, CM and SS who all gained their Level 1 NCFE qualification in Engineered Learning. Next year some of our year 10 students will get to experience a day out at another external provision each week with most choosing Construction or Music to attend. These students will be working towards a level 2 qualification in their chosen subject.

We look forward to seeing our new improved garden space when we return in September as well as a wider curriculum offer at Key stage 3 and welcoming more visiting teaching staff in Connect.

As more of our Connect students are on a blended timetable in main school it is important that all students wear the full uniform from September.

One of the main barriers to learning for some students this year has been mobile phones so these will not be permitted next year. Students will be required to hand their phones in at the start of the school day and can collect them at the end or leave them at home.

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Mrs Grimwood and Mrs K would like to wish all of the students and safe and restful summer and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September. I will be in touch with parents over the summer with personalised timetables.



Summer Concert

On Tuesday 18th July, over 70 students from year 7 - 13 performed in this year's Summer concert.

There were over two hours of some of the very best musical talent we have in the Academy, with five different choirs, the Chellaston big band and several solos and duets. All of the students were impeccably behaved and did the Academy and themselves proud.

A big thanks to all parents for their support and to all staff members who came to help - see you all at the Christmas concert!



Yr 12 Next Steps Evening

We were delighted to welcome our Year 12 parents into school last week at our Next Steps Information Evening. We focussed on providing parents information about how their children can apply to university or how to get an apprenticeship. It also

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covered the all-important personal statement as well as UCAS grades and the support available in school.

The evening was extremely well attended, and the feedback received was that it was both useful and informative. We will continue to run this evening in the future.

SEN - Vaping & other drugs

Please find attached at the (bottom of this email) a newsletter and vaping talk for Staff & Parents.

Dates for your Diary

21st July - End of Summer term at 11.30am
17th August - Year 13 Results Day
24th August - Year 11 Results Day
5th September - School open to Years 7 & 12 only
5th September - School photos for Years 7 & 12
6th September - School open to **ALL** students
14th September - School photos for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13

Kind regards
Phil Smith

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', is written below the typed name.

Proud Executive Headteacher
Chellaston Academy