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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

The whole academic year seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye and we cannot believe that this is our last communication of the academic year 2023-24. We want to celebrate and recognise what an absolutely fantastic year it has been in this week's communication as well as providing some important information for the summer break.

Although it seems like a lifetime ago, at the start of this year we were visited by Ofsted who graded our academy as 'good' in all areas. This was a great achievement and well deserved. But we have not stopped there, and the our academy has continued to grow and develop since the inspection. Some of these areas are evident in our last newsletter of the year.

We want to thank all of our community for your dedication and commitment to support all of our young people develop and fulfil the academy vision. We hope that you have a great break over the summer.

Chellaston Teaching Staff (Leavers and Joiners)

Every year, we sadly have to say goodbye to staff and welcome in new ones. On Friday, we say a fond farewell to staff with 133 years of experience at Chellaston Academy.

LEAVERS (In decreasing order of teaching experience)

Mrs Anne Roberts (Mathematics) [25 years!]

Mrs Roberts has clocked up a quarter of a century in the Maths department, teaching through the Portakabin years when everything was taught in a three-storey shed and every room could hear Mr Daryl Smith teaching from the top floor. Mrs Roberts leaves a long-lasting legacy as her daughter (Also called Ms Roberts) also teaches at the school. As soon as her daughter joined the school, Mrs Roberts became known as 'Old Miss Roberts' which really backfired on her. Mrs Roberts is hanging up her protractor and going into retirement. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren (Another one on the way) and we look forward to recruiting the next member of the Roberts family as a maths teacher in about 20 years' time.

Mrs Vikki Walker (Psychology/Sociology) [25 years!]

In the embryonic days of the Sixth Form, we hired staff from a nearby college to teach the more specialist subjects. We recruited Mrs Walker (At the time Miss Ball) to get in-house provision of Psychology/Sociology. This appointment was a huge success, and the department expanded rapidly with Psychology becoming one of the most popular subjects in the rapidly expanding Sixth Form. Over the years, Mrs Walker's innovations became the template for many of the successes in the Sixth Form and adopted by many other departments. At A-Level, secure subject knowledge is a key factor to good teaching and students have always respected her mastery of her subject. She has also ran many trips to places as varied as Auschwitz and the Freud Museum in London. Mrs Walker is leaving Chellaston to develop Psychology resources with a national provider, as well as tutoring students. We are grateful for all she has done over the last 25 years and wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Mr Dave Jordison (MFL) [20 years]

Mr Jordison is a keen cricketer and the first of two big hitters to leave the MFL department. Dave started at the school as a German teacher, when it was taught from 11-18. Dave is an incredibly calm and committed teacher who very quickly rose to Head of Department. Dave had a real passion for the importance of a second-language and regularly turned up to parents' evenings in Lederhosen or a matador outfit. Sadly, his preferred teaching language of German was phased out at the school

and replaced by Spanish. Dave also had a stint on the leadership team, launching the house and rewards system as well as organising the exchange trip to China. He also was entrusted with the ceremonial cushion at rewards evenings. Dave is leaving Chellaston to another school in Derby where he is able to rekindle his love of German and he will be able to spread that joy into the students that he teaches.

Mrs Sandy Soderberg (MFL) [16 years]

When the Year 11s who have just left school were being born, a young American MFL teacher called Sandy Seithel joined Chellaston Academy. Sandy is a great teacher of French who is such a positive force for good in the school. She occasionally treated us at school concerts with her great singing voice and always has great relationships with any form group she looked after. She was also a successful Head of Year before going on her first maternity leave. Sandy leaves to teach at a school much closer to her home, with school holidays that coincide more with the rest of her family.

Mrs Jessica Fox (Technology) [11 years]

Jess Fox joined Chellaston Academy 11 years ago to teach mainly Textiles at A-Level and GCSE. Her seamstress skills are legendary and whenever a student turns up at Student Services with a rip in their trousers the standard response is 'Go and see Miss Fox'. There have been countless bags made and stitches put together in her classroom. Jess is leaving Chellaston to do a course on restoring items for museums. (I think). We wish her all the best.

Kate Vaughan (English) [7 years]

There is a rather bizarre news article on television recently about two students becoming teachers at the school that they went to. At Chellaston, we have many students who come back to teach. This year, we have three who are leaving and we have recruited two past pupils as teachers for next year, so we don't know what the fuss is all about. Kate was a past student from Year 8 right through to the Sixth Form and returned to the school as an English teacher after teaching at another school in Derby. Kate has been a lead teacher in English, then became Deputy Head of English during her time here. She has also been a great form tutor who genuinely cares about her students. She leaves us for a promotion at a school in Burton as Deputy Faculty Lead of Communications. (I've not got a clue, but it sounds good)

Matthew Walker (Assistant Head Teaching and Learning) [7 years]

Matt has had many roles since he joined at Chellaston. For a while he flipped between Teaching and Learning on SLT to Head of PE and then back again. He has been responsible for Teaching and Learning for a few years now and has also successfully trained up countless ECTs and student teachers. He has an extremely positive outlook on life both in teaching Maths and PE, but also in running fitness clubs after school. His talents were very obvious to us and they were also noticed by the trust, who have appointed him as Deputy Head at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Ashbourne. We will miss his positivity in training sessions after a five-period day.

Thea Hallatt (Drama and SEND) [5 years]

Thea joined us a fresh-faced drama teacher, five years ago. She quickly started to want to make more of a difference outside of the classroom and trained as a SENCO as well. This couldn't have come at a better time, because when the need for strengthening Extended Learning became very apparent, we had some staff that were primed and ready to go. Over the past two years, the extended learning department has been transformed and a lot of this is due to Thea's commitment to making education accessible to all. Thea is leaving us to live with her extended family on a plot of farmland near Aberdeen. I'm sure she will be pining for Pentagon Island within a few weeks.

Kirsty Lawrence (Computing) [5 years]

Kirsty joined us five years ago, shortly before Covid kicked in. Over this time, the computing curriculum has changed from IT based to more Computer Science and we've benefited from Kirsty's subject knowledge. Computing is a difficult area to recruit at the moment and Kirsty has spent the last couple of years as a temporary Head of Computing, going above and beyond to keep the department going. We are extremely sad to see her go and we will miss her subject knowledge. Kirsty is moving to a school in Ilkeston.

Lucy Newman (Science) [5 years]

Technically more than five years, as Lucy trained at Chellaston as a student before going to teach at another school for a couple of years. She couldn't resist coming back! Lucy has been a fantastic Science teacher and has helped develop the Applied Science course in the Sixth Form whilst co-sharing the Head of Biology role. She managed to see through her form from Year 7-11 and will be sadly missed. It also sad to note that Lucy is leaving the teaching profession completely,

Andrew Rose (Maths) [2 years]

Andrew is also a past pupil of the school. (Although he is no spring chicken). After leaving a role as a Deputy Head, we have been fortunate to have had Andrew's expertise for the past two years for GCSE and A-Level Maths. Several members of staff will miss his expertise on an excel spreadsheet as he can do almost anything with them. Andrew is going to Dubai to spread his joy of life onto another continent.

Rory Hadfield (Data Assistant) [1.5 years]

Rory has been responsible for getting out the reports on Go4schools (Got them out in record time this year, despite ending up on the Battlefields Trip) as well as the parents' evenings. He has also been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh trips. Just as we were starting to really refine some of these processes Rory has secured a modern apprenticeship in Organisational Development. We wish him all the best in his new career.

Jo Whitehead (Extended Learning) [1.5 years]

Jo has been involved in extended learning both in lessons and manning the reset rooms. She has also helped deliver the Aspire programme to Key Stage 4 students. We wish her all the best for the future.

Chloe Gamble (Art/tech) [1 Year]

This is technically much more than one year! Chloe was also a past pupil who returned for a few years as a TA, before training to be an Art teacher. Chloe joined us as a teacher of Art/Technology last year and really helped us fill a difficult timetable gap. Chloe has adapted to take on a number of subjects whilst also looking after a Year 7 form. Chloe is leaving us to teach Art in a school in Ilkeston and is very excited about making her new classroom her own.

IssySmith (Extended Learning/Connect) [1 Year]

Issy came to us straight after doing her A-Levels, but has really made her mark over in Connect. This year was only our second year of Connect students 'graduating' and Issy has been instrumental in helping these students reach that end point. Issy starts university in September and we are sure she will tackle her studies as well as she took on challenges at Chellaston.

NEW RECRUITS

In April-May, not a day went by without some form of interview taking place for the next school year. In an era, where recruitment and retention are a real issue, we're pleased to have almost got a full complement of specialist teachers for next year. Two of the new recruits are past students!

On the first INSET day on the 31st August we will be saying 'hello' to.

Mr Clissold - English

Ms Marshall-Sims - Music

Ms Powers - Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning) Geography

Ms Smith - Assistant Head (SEND/CO)

Mr Fillingham - Science

Ms Baylis - Technology

Ms Fletcher-Eaton - Philosophy/RS

Mr Crossley-Gilbank - Maths

Mr Sandhu - English

Ms Perfitt - MFL

Ms Hulme - MFL

Ms Batty - Psychology/Sociology
Mr Judt - Science

Student Leadership Announcement

This week we appointed our student leaders for next year from year 12. It was a privilege to see how passionately our young people spoke about wanting to make a difference to the student experience in such mature and brilliant ways. The students went through a letter of application, were shortlisted and then had a formal interview process with members of the senior and 6th form team. We are extremely pleased to announce the following results.

Head Students for the whole school are:
Amelie Mantle and Christian Mountain

Deputy head students are:

- Megan Byrne – Inclusion Champion
- Anaiya Dhillon – Reading Champion
- Harry Sixsmith - SEND Champion

Head Students for 6th form are:
Harriet Bousfield and Sukhraj Dhamrait

Deputy Head Student for 6th form is:
Darla Manuwa – Prefect champion

A huge thanks to all involved and congratulations to our new appointments. We can't wait to see how they embrace their roles over the next 12 months!

Parents' Evening Surveys

We would like to thank all of our parents who have complete the surveys following this year's Parents' Evenings.

Your feedback has been very useful and has been influential in our decision making for next year.

For our face-to-face Parents' Evenings - 90% were satisfied with the evening. 88% were happy with the timings and amount of appointments. 80% would like to remain with the face-to-face format.

For our remote Parents' Evenings - 64% were satisfied with the evening and 73% would like to move to face-to-face evenings.

Following on from these surveys, we are delighted to say that all Parents' Evenings next year will be face-to-face and we will continue with the booking process we use through FireFly and our academy will close at 1.20pm to facilitate the evening. The dates of our Parents' Evenings are as follows: -

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 5th December 2024
Year 9 Parents' Evening - 15th January 2025
Year 13 Parents' Evening - 23rd January 2025
Year 12 Parents' Evening - 27th February 2025
Year 10 Parents' Evening - 24th April 2025
Year 8 Parents' Evening - 21st May 2025
Year 7 Parents' Evening - 11th June 2025

abm - New Restaurant Service

abm will be delivering a new restaurant service to Chellaston Academy from 6th September 2024.



From 6th September 2024 [abm](#) Catering will be delivering a new Restaurant Service at Chellaston Academy.

A new vibrant look Restaurant and a range of freshly prepared, innovative, seasonally influenced menus will be offered at breakfast, morning break and lunch services. At [abm](#), we firmly believe in delivering a fresh, nutritious meal service that provides students with excellent choice, quality [and value](#) that meets their needs and exceeds expectations.

AN UNCOMPLICATED, [FRESH APPROACH TO FOOD](#).

Fantastic Food

Our aim is to serve great, fresh food using the very best of seasonal ingredients to create amazing, innovative and exciting dishes.

Awesome People

It's not just the food that is important, it is the whole [meal experience](#). Our team are proud of the food they serve. That's why you will experience a friendly, smiling, [polite service](#). It is a recipe for success.

Great Offers

Look out for promotions, deals and special offers.

Value for Money

'Meal Deals' will provide a range of value for money offers including a main, dessert and unlimited hydration station for £3.00.

In addition, our tariffs across our menus offer excellent [value for money](#).



Battlefields Trip

Last week we took 71 year 10 students to Belgium and France for our GCSE history Battlefields trip. This was a brilliant opportunity for the students in which they were able to have enriching cultural experiences as well as develop their GCSE history subject knowledge. During our time away we visited many historical sites relating to WW1 such as taking part in the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony, Newfoundland memorial park and having the chance to handle WW1 equipment and weaponry. The students made us all immensely proud and showed integrity, care and excellence throughout the trip representing Chellaston Academy brilliantly.





The Eurekas Competition - 1st place for Chellaston Academy Student- David M in Year 7

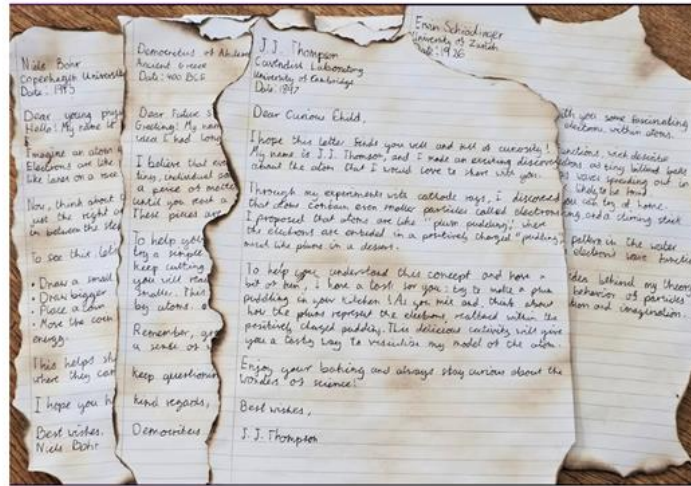
We are exceptionally proud of David in Year 7 who has won first place in the Eureka Competition with his submission "The Mystery of the Atom".

The Eurekas is an annual physics competition for students aged 11-16 in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It is part of the Limit Less campaign, which has been conceived by the Institute of Physics to broaden and diversify the range of people doing physics after age 16.

This year, They challenged entrants to answer the question: Can physics help us solve mysteries?

Here is David's winning entry - <https://theeurekas.co.uk/submissions-2024/>

[Winning entry: The Mystery of the Atom - The Eurekas – A Limit Less Challenge](#)

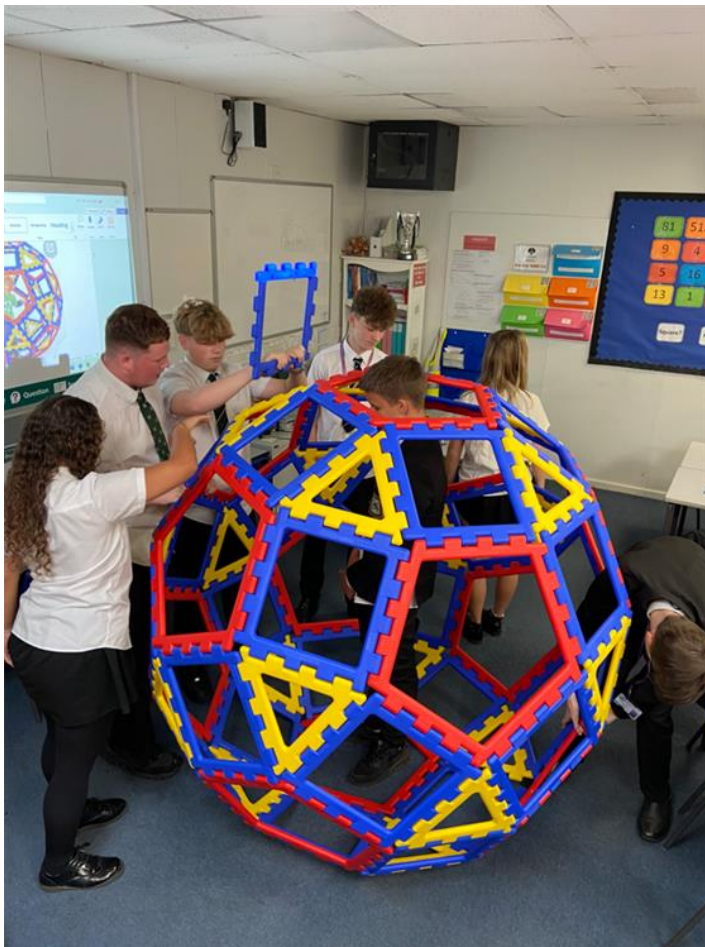


Winning entry: The Mystery of the Atom

Congratulations to our 2024 winner, David from Chellaston Academy. David created a time capsule containing letters from eight of the most important physicists who helped us understand the atom. Take a look at his entry and cover letter.

Maths

This week, some of our Year 10 students had fun with our new Polydron sets. The teamwork and collaboration required to construct the giant geodome was fantastic to watch.



Connect Rewards day

On Tuesday Mrs Grimwood and her team took a group of the Connect students to **Midland Go Karting** to celebrate all their hard work this term. We had so much fun racing around the track and trying to be the podium winner. Finlay won with Dylan and Ben (two of our year 11 leavers who came back in for the trip, taking the day off work to do so) and also gained a podium spot.

All students behaved impeccably throughout the day and did themselves and the academy proud. We are already looking forward to planning our next trip during next academic year.

The Connect team would like to wish all the students a happy and safe summer holiday!



Rewards Day - 18th July 2024

There will be a separate email regarding this weeks Rewards Day - It has been fantastic!

Sports Day

The PE department were again over the moon to see hundreds of pupils taking part in Sports Day last week. This year, the pupils were assigned a franchise to represent alongside their tutor group. We have the Sharks, Bulls, Gators, Tigers, Wolves and Vipers battling it out for Sports Day and sporting tournaments or events in the future. The support for each franchise was fantastic to see and the values of integrity, care and excellence were upheld by performers and spectators alike. With the vast amounts of participation, we unfortunately ran out of time for the Year 10 relay. We will be holding this in PE lessons on Wednesday and the results will be published in the achievement assembly.





Football Ambassadors

Over 100 girls took part in an event that was co designed and delivered by our brilliant Game Changers from Chellaston Academy - Well done girls!!



SEND Sports Hall Final - 16th July 2024

Eight of our Year 9 students took part in the SEND Sports Hall final held at Chellaston Academy. They should have been competing against three other schools but unfortunately only one school arrived so the competition was between Chellaston Academy and Kingsmead. Chellaston WON the final. Well done to EVERYONE who took part, we are very proud of you!!

Work Experience - Year 12

We are delighted to share that our Year 12 work experience week was a tremendous success, with over 100 students participating. The feedback from both students and employers has been overwhelmingly positive. This experience has been invaluable, helping students confirm their university choices, reconsider their plans, or explore new directions. The outstanding individual

feedback from employers has made us incredibly proud of our Chellaston Academy community. Here is a message added to social media from FNG Ltd regarding our Year 12 student - Olivia.



SUMMER SESSIONS



Free snacks

For 0-11s and their families

No need to book- just turn up!

Wed 31 Jul

10am-12noon
10am-12noon
1pm-3pm

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
Rosehill Family Hub
Derwent Family Hub

Tue 6 Aug

10am-12noon

Mackworth Morley Family Hub
(BSL Interpreter)

Wed 7 Aug

10am-12noon

Sinfin Family Hub

Tue 13 Aug

10am-12noon

Becket Family Hub

Wed 14 Aug

10am-12noon
1pm-3pm

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
Derwent Family Hub

Tue 20 Aug

10am-12noon

Mackworth Morley Family Hub
(BSL Interpreter)

Wed 21 Aug

10am-12noon

Sinfin Family Hub

10am-12noon

Rosehill Family Hub

Tue 27 Aug

10am-12noon

Becket Family Hub

Wed 28 Aug

10am-12noon
1pm-3pm

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
Derwent Family Hub

Range of activities including:
Music | Art and Craft | Outdoor activities |
Sports | Animal handling | Willow Craft



Scan for more information & a full schedule of activities



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SUMMER SESSIONS

Free snacks

For 11-19s

No need to book- just turn up!

Mon 29 Jul
3pm-5pm Rosehill Family Hub

Tue 30 Jul
1pm-3pm Mackworth Morley Family Hub

Wed 31 Jul
1pm-3pm Osmaston Allenton Family Hub

Mon 5 Aug
1pm-3pm Derwent Family Hub
3pm-5pm Rosehill Family Hub

Wed 7 Aug
1pm-3pm Sinfin Family Hub

Tue 13 Aug
1pm-3pm Mackworth Morley Family Hub

Wed 14 Aug
1pm-3pm Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
3pm-5pm Becket Family Hub

Mon 19 Aug
1pm-3pm Derwent Family Hub
3pm-5pm Rosehill Family Hub

Wed 21 Aug
1pm-3pm Sinfin Family Hub

Wed 28 Aug
1pm-3pm Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
3pm-5pm Becket Family Hub

Fri 30 Aug
1pm-3pm Derwent Family Hub

Range of activities including:
Art and Craft | Gaming bus | Boxing | Graffiti |
Breakdancing | Climbing wall | Willow Craft

Scan for more information & a full schedule of activities

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Summer activities in Derby

Please see the link below for activities taking place in Derby and across Derbyshire this summer.

<https://www.visitderby.co.uk/ideas-and-inspiration/articles/school-summer-holidays>

Summer events and group meetings for parents and children and young people: <https://www.derbyyouthalliance.org.uk/>

Sports Fixtures

Dodgeball - BRITISH DODGEBALL CHAMPIONS 2024 - The JAMMIE DODGERS

On Friday we took two teams to the National Dodgeball Finals at the "David Ross Sports Village" in Nottingham, both of which had earned their place through qualifying at the regional competition. Both teams played exceptionally in their group stages, gaining top spot and going through the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, this is where the road ended for "The Chello Ballers", however still within the top 8 in the country is an amazing achievement. The "Jammie Dodgers" went on to win their quarter finals and semi-finals in the last set and therefore were in the play offs for 1st and 2nd. We were 4-2 down at the first half, coming back to a 5 all draw with just one set to go. In the last 10 seconds we were neck and neck with 3 players a side, when we made a hit with 5 seconds to go, giving us the overall win. The Jammie Dodgers are National Dodgeball Champions of 2024.

We are so proud of both teams, and they did such an amazing job at not only representing the school but also themselves. They were a true credit to us all.

"The Chello Ballers"



"The Jammie Dodgers"



Dates for your diary

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

4th & 5th September 2024 - Inset days - NO students in

6th September - Year 7 & Year 12 to return to school ONLY

9th September - All Year groups to return to school

Kind regards

Handwritten signature of Phil Smith in blue ink.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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