

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of Chellaston Community,

It has been amazing to welcome all of our wonderful young people back into our academy this week. From the first day, there has been a lovely, productive and vibrant atmosphere across the whole school and we would like to thank our community for showing Integrity, Care and Excellence and for supporting our academy vision.

Please enjoy our first newsletter of the new academic year which celebrates some of the wonderful events that have happened this week and provides a few reminders/updates.

## Academy Photos

All students will have their photographs taken by Tempest on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> (Year 7 & 12) and on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> (Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 13). Parents and carers will also be given the opportunity to purchase these photos from Tempest.

## Catering at Chellaston Academy

We have recently had new caterers at Chellaston Academy. The company are called ABM and they have refreshed and updated the meals available to our young people.

There are a range of choices and a number of 'meal deals' which cost £3 and include: -

**Sandwich meal deal** - This includes a sandwich, a side [side salad, potato product, rice or pasta], a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

**Baguette meal deal** - This includes a baguette, a side [side salad, potato product, rice or pasta], a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

**Street food meal deal** - This includes the grab and go pot (which is a complete meal) of the day, a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

**Pasta meal deal** - This includes the pasta and sauce and a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

**Pizza meal deal** - This includes a slice of pizza, a side [side salad, potato product, rice or pasta], a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

## Extended Learning News - Ms Smith

Nicola Smith would like to introduce herself as the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDSCO) here at the Academy.

"It is an honour to join such a dedicated and vibrant school community, and I am very much looking forward to working closely with parents and students alike. Over the coming weeks, I plan to familiarise myself with our student's unique strengths and areas of need, and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can best support your child's learning journey. Please feel free to contact me directly at [n.smith@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:n.smith@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) if you have any immediate concerns or if you would like to arrange a meeting. I look forward to meeting with you soon".

## School Planner/Home Learning

On the first day of school, every student, including the Sixth Form, received a Chellaston Academy Planner. Hopefully, you will have seen one of these already, but since it needs to be signed every weekend you should become very familiar with them.

The expectation is that the planner is on the desk in every lesson. Not only is it used to jot down home learning tasks, but it also has a whiteboard and Red/Amber/Green pages to gauge understanding in lessons. There are also pages dedicated to different subjects such as a map of the UK or a periodic table.

Attached is the home learning timetable for each year group. This is already printed in the planner. Homework is set on specific days to spread out the amount of work evenly. At the end of each week, we would like you to sign that you have seen what has been set during that week. It is also an opportunity for you to communicate with the form tutor through the planner.

### **Groupings in each year group**

With the new year, students get a new timetable with new groups. There are lots of different ways that students are organised, and we appreciate that it's quite a maze to work out what is going in from year to year and subject to subject. Early next week, we will be sending out an email that will aim to demystify most of these for you.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

On Tuesday we supported Samaritans on World Suicide Prevention Day. We shared the importance of discussing suicidal thoughts and feelings and offered support and help in doing this. School Health were also available during lunchtime for support for individual drop ins as well as to highlight the importance of emotional health and wellbeing, please see our school nurses below.

For anyone wishing to access further support please click on the link below, or contact [Group-WellbeingTeam@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Group-WellbeingTeam@chellaston.derby.sch.uk).

<https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/campaign/world-suicide-prevention-day/>



### **Derbyshire Army Cadet Force**

On Tuesday lunchtime we welcomed Captain Thomas from Derbyshire Army Cadet Force (Mercian Regiment) in Ticknall. He had a really popular stall and was giving out information about how to join if any of our young people were interested. Helped by current cadets, it was lovely to see pupils engage with the kit, videos and leaflets. Please see details below.

Derbyshire Army Cadet Force

- A national youth organisation for Cadets aged 12 – 18yrs. We offer fun, friendship, action & adventure that builds confidence, resilience, teamwork and leadership skills
- We are sponsored by the Army but there is no expectation to join the Regular or Reserves and cadets cannot be called up for duty.
- We have 8 Detachments in Derby including Ticknall (Thursdays) and Sinfin (Mondays).

- It's also an exciting hobby for our adult volunteers, who come from all walks of life and love serving their community.
- Visit [www.armycajets.com](http://www.armycajets.com) for information on becoming a Cadet or an Adult Volunteer.



**Important contact information**

Whilst you should contact your child's form tutor with any questions or concerns that you may have, please find attached Year team contact details for each year group. All other email addresses are accessible from our website:

**Year 7 team:**

Head of Year 7 – Mrs Dow [d.dow@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:d.dow@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)  
 Deputy Head of Year 7 – Mrs Coulson [j.coulson@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:j.coulson@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Year 8 team:**

Head of Year 8 – Miss Clowes [a.clowes@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:a.clowes@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)  
 Deputy Head of Year 8 – Miss Dennett [s.dennett@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:s.dennett@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Year 9 team:**

Head of Year 9 – Mr Burton [b.burton@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:b.burton@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)  
 Deputy Head of Year 9 – Miss Marvill [a.marvill@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:a.marvill@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Year 10 team:**

Head of Year 10 – Mr Moran [e.moran@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:e.moran@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

Deputy Head of Year 10 – Mr Roome [b.roome@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:b.roome@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Year 11 team:**

Head of Year 11 – Mrs Haywood [s.haywood@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:s.haywood@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

Deputy Head of Year 11 – Mrs Battrick [h.battrick@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:h.battrick@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Sixth form team:**

Head of Sixth form – Mrs Warren [e.warren@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:e.warren@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

Deputy Head of Sixth form – Mrs Tivey [m.tivey@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:m.tivey@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

**Penalty Notice Parent Information**

Please see the latest Penalty Notice Update from Derby City Council attached below, this can also be found on our website under <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/parents/attendance/>

**School Transport**

We are working closely with Derbyshire School Transport to resolve some initial challenges with our school bus services. We would like to thank parents/carers and our students for their patience and display of our core values this week, particularly in relation to the disrupted 206 and 208 services and the very late arrival of the 243 service. The Transport department is aware of our concerns and is working with the contractors.

**Dates for your diary**

16th & 18th September - Individual photographs - Tempest Photography (see above)

24th October - Break up for half term

25th October - Inset day

4th November - Return to school

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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