

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

On Thursday evening we opened our doors for our Year 6 Open Evening. It was fantastic to welcome over 700 people into our academy and showcase what a great school we are. There was an amazing feel to the evening and we want to say a huge thank you to the students and staff who made the evening special for so many. There were a lot of students involved in activities across the school and they were all amazing ambassadors for our academy. Well done we are very proud of you.

Teaching & Learning

As a Teaching and Learning team we're proud of the positive manner in which pupils have returned to school in September and have engaged with their lessons. SLT have seen some excellent classroom practice during our walkarounds including purposeful do now retrieval activities, as well as learning activities and questioning of pupils which stretch and challenge their understanding of the knowledge they have been taught. Over the next few weeks, colleagues will be looking at the 'why' and developing the joy of learning across the curriculum and lessons. Our priorities at Chellaston Academy, within teaching and learning, remain focused around the Four Pillars which are Meet and Greet, Language for Learning, Rigour and Feedback.

Personal Development and Student Leaders

This week year 7-11 had an assembly about embracing their talents and hobbies and developing their own characters and personalities. We talked about how we can get involved in school life and how to make a difference to other people in our day. We launched our Harvest festival and 'Love in a shoebox' campaigns and took inspiration from Freddie Flintoff and his team of young cricket players recently featured on the BBC. We talked about the importance of having our voice heard and how to take part in our student council meetings. Finally we spent time introducing our amazing 6th form Head and Deputy Head Students and they all spoke passionately about who they were and their school journeys so far. Our Head students Christian and Amelie also spoke to our prospective parents at our year 6 meeting - once again, doing themselves and us very proud!





"I can, I will" workshop

On Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September, Safe and Sound visited the Academy to lead a workshop to all Year 10s. The workshop discussed with students what it meant to be an active bystander, and how they can ask questions of themselves and their friends in certain situations. It also discussed the impact of serious violence and who students should and could go to for help. Overall the workshops were informative and incredibly valuable for all students involved.

Polite reminder - Glass bottles

Could we remind students not to bring glass bottles of any sort into school in case of breakage. This includes perfume and water bottles etc.

Tempest Photographs

For those parents who are yet to order their students photographs online, you have until Monday 30th September 2024 to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

Please see the message from Tempest here -

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 30th September 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Barcelona 2024

Last Monday 42 Y 11 Spanish students and 4 members of staff set off for Barcelona. We arrived late at night so checked in to our hotel in one of Barcelona's picturesque squares and headed to our rooms. Tuesday was the first of several busy days and we headed down the Ramblas to the Boqueria Market where students put their language skills to the test for the first time - buying their lunch from the colourful stalls. Next was Park Guell where students were introduced to Gaudi's architectural style. After a quick ice cream stop we headed back to the hotel on the metro before heading out for dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe. Wednesday was the Nou Camp Experience, Sagrada Familia and football/relaxing on Barceloneta beach with a celebration of two 16th birthdays in the evening. On Thursday we took the coach down the coast to the Port Aventura theme park where a fun time was had by all despite the showers! Dinner was a traditional tapas spread in the old town. Friday was a visit to the former Olympic stadium and current home of Barcelona FC via the Montjuic cable cars. The students and staff were all amazing and many students impressed the locals with their Spanish.







Theatre Trips - Hairspray the Musical

On Tuesday evening Mrs Dow took a coach full of students to Leicester Curve to watch Hairspray the musical. It's so exciting to watch live theatre in a professional venue. Our students represented the Academy brilliantly. A respectful audience and good fun all evening. A wonderful experience for all. Thanks to Miss Marvill, Miss Starbuck, Mr Holme and Mrs Parker who gave up their evening to chaperone the students.



Theatre Trips - An Inspector Calls

On Wednesday this week GCSE Drama students went to the Stoke Regent Theatre to watch their set English Literature text, An Inspector Calls . The students were a real credit to the school and represented the academy brilliantly throughout the trip. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the play come to life and the experience has given them many ideas for their own concept as they approach their studies of actors, directors and designers. On the way back to school I was already being asked when the next trip was! - A big thank you to Ms Bailey who accompanied us on the trip.

Acres Engineering Visit

On Thursday 26th September, fifteen of our Year 11 Engineering students visited a local firm, Acres Engineering, as part of National Manufacturing Day. The students were given a safety briefing and then a tour of the factory, including watching a rotary laser cutter, welding and powder coating. Each student assembled a small night light from steel, which they were allowed to take home. The students also spoke to staff from Toyota and Rolls Royce, watched a 3D printer in action and competed in a few timed tasks, including assembling a mini-trestle as a team. They also attempted some VR welding to show them the basics of the process. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and some are keen to pursue work-experience with this company.





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Harvest

Pupils this week received an assembly about their Personal Development and how to grow their own interests, personalities, character and leadership skills. As part of this we launched our Harvest collection appeal and are asking those who can, to donate items that we can donate to those in need of support during these difficult times. Items we are looking for are in the image below and we will ask pupils to collect them in their form rooms until October 18th. If you can support with this, we'd be very grateful.



This year we are supporting

 **PADLEY**
@ YMCA Derbyshire

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are helping them provide food and essential items to people in Derby and Derbyshire who are at risk of homelessness, poverty and social isolation.

Overleaf is a list of items they are in need of or you can scan the QR code to make a donation so that they can purchase essential items.



YMCA DERBYSHIRE Charity No: 1049904

Macmillan Cancer support

Chellaston was full of cake today for the wonderful Macmillan Cancer care charity. So many of have very real experiences supporting loved ones through a cancer journey and we thought it so important to raise money and awareness. Our staff baked fabulous goodies and came down to the staff room for cake and a drink at break and lunchtime - donating their time, skills and money for this fantastic cause. The Care we have shown is just another example of what makes our Academy so very special.



Sixth Form Open Evening

We are delighted to invite students and parents/guardians to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 17th October. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the diverse courses we offer, meet our experienced staff, and learn more about life in Sixth Form. Whether you're considering academic pathways or vocational options, our programme is designed to support and guide you to success. To book tickets for the event please visit <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-open-evening-information/>. The booking system on the page will open on Monday 30th September at 9am. The event starts at 5pm — come along and see how we can help shape your future!

Art & Photography equipment

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed welcoming students to the Art and Photography department!

We have a few deadlines coming up regarding payments for equipment and studio fees - all of these are payable via the **parent pay shop**.

Link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7710>

If there are any problems with payments please email your child's Art/photography teacher.

Sunday 29th September

Year 7 - Year 13:

Carrycases - £1.80

Flipfiles: £4.50

Sunday 6th October

Studio fees for Year 10/11:

Year 10 Fine Art students: £12 (included payment for clay)

Year 11 Fine Art students: £5

Year 10 Photography students: £10

Sunday 13th October

A1 mountboard for Year 13

Year 13 Fine Art and 13BTEC students: £1.80 (per board)

Sports Fixtures

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
Year 11 Boys Football	Woodlands	Won 5-0
Year 8 Boys Football	Murray Park	Won 4-0
Year 9 Boys Football	Littleover	Lost 5-1
Year 7 Boys Football Tournament	John Port School	Won 1 Drew 2 Lost 1
City Cross Country Event	West Park	All participants did really well most notably - James B – Year 7 race – came 2nd Connie H – Year 8/9 race – came 2nd Hannah J – Year 7 race – came 2nd

Dates for your diary

8th October - Year 11 Parents: Aim For Success Evening

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"