

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

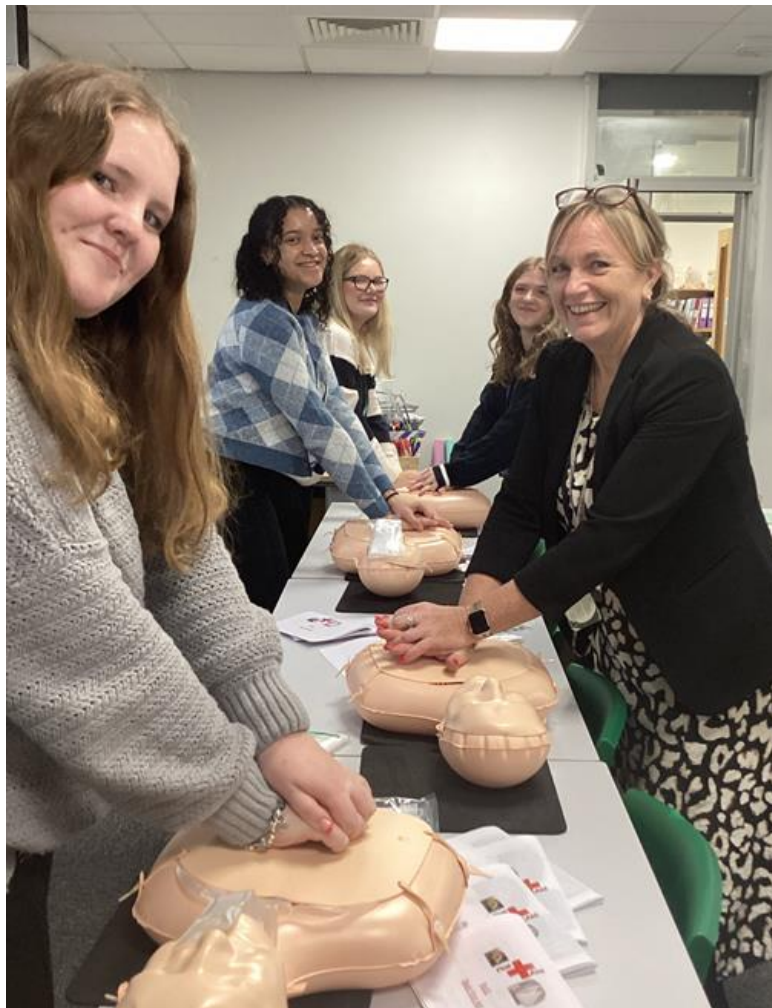
It has been an amazing week in our academy. Even though it is the penultimate week of the half term, our newsletter showcases what a great week it has been with just a few of the many memorable experiences that have taken place.

INSET Date Reminder

Our academy will be closed on Friday the 25th October 2024 for INSET. We will look forward to welcoming our young people back on Monday the 4th November 2024.

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday evening, we welcomed hundreds of young people and their families to our Sixth Form Open evening. The event showcased our exceptional Sixth Form and those who attended had the opportunity to find out why we are one of the top 20% of performing Sixth Forms in the country and speak to all of subject staff about their post 16 options. Thank you to all of those who attended and the staff and students who helped out on such a wonderful night.





Harvest

We are proud to have collected a variety of produce and household items for the Padley Centre this year. Many thanks to everyone who was able to contribute their time and items to this worthy cause. Shout outs to Miss Brown's and Mrs Booth's forms for their beautifully decorated boxes, and to Mr Bevan Brown and Mrs Randall's form for most items collected!



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, would like to hear your students' views on crime and community safety in Derbyshire.

Throughout the year the Commissioner runs a survey called Listening 2 You, asking for Derbyshire residents' views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victim services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the County. Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns.

To support this initiative we have published this survey to all of Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students.

Year 7 Meet the tutor evening

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening as previously we have found this evening to be really beneficial in putting a face to the name of your tutor and to build relationships as part of our commitment to parent communication and partnership.

We would like you to arrive at the Academy between 4 and 4.15pm and go to our main hall where we will then talk to you and then escort you to our classrooms in groups.

We imagine that the Academy staff input part of the evening will be over by around 5.15 pm but would like to offer you the opportunity to ask your tutor questions afterwards. Our site will close around 6pm.

In order to facilitate this evening effectively, if you are yet to complete the Microsoft form below - please do so by Monday 9am.

If you are unable to attend, please do not worry, we will share slides with you, and but would appreciate a nil return on the form at the link below. <https://forms.office.com/e/g7Yqg2gVP1>

Lost property

Any lost property will be on display in the Main Hall on Monday lunchtime, could students please come and have a look. If anything hasn't been collected by the end of next week it will be distributed to departments or donated to charity.



World Mental Health Day- 10th October

We are proud to announce that Chellaston Academy has raised in cash donations £156 for YoungMinds as part of HelloYellow Day. This was raised through student donations to purchase the yellow ribbons, and or wearing a splash of yellow on the day. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Coffee Morning - Parent Partnership

On Thursday 24th October, from 9-10.30am, we will be holding our first Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, the focus of which will be 'Supporting your child with emotional barriers to attendance'. We would love to invite you into school to meet with key staff from our wellbeing and family support team for an opportunity to chat through any concerns you might have about your child's wellbeing or health, and how this might be affecting their attitude towards school. If you are interested in attending please register on the link below. [Register here](#)



Supporting your child with their attendance

"We're here every day, unless we really can't be."

Over the past year we have done a huge amount of work on our attendance policy, vision and processes. Many of our young people have been involved in giving their views on what makes school brilliant, even on those days where it might be difficult to attend, and helping to shape a city-wide campaign on why 'school means more'.

Last week, some of our pupils met with a reporter to give their views on what makes school 'unmissable' and what they've loved about being involved in the project.

You can read the full article here - <https://www.uknewsgroup.co.uk/children-share-why-school-is-an-unmissable-part-of-their-lives/>

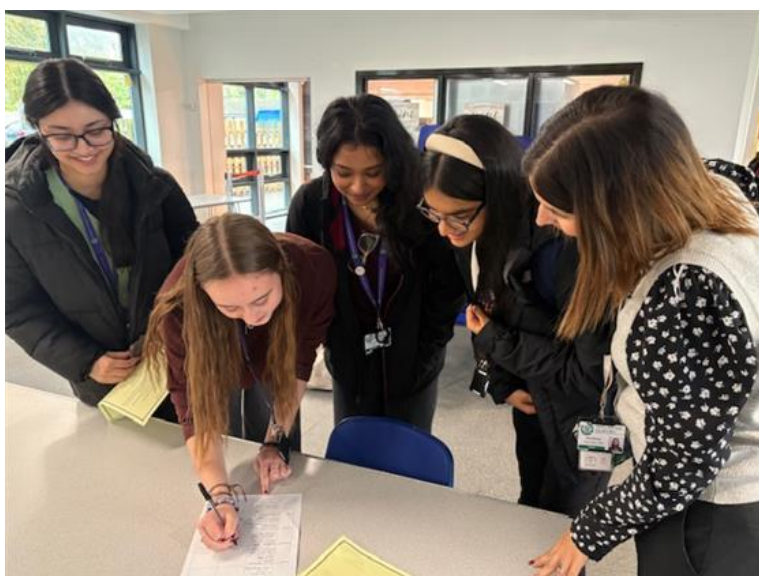
We will be releasing all the animations from the campaign via our social media platforms over the next few months. Make sure you are following us on **Instagram @chellastonacademy** or on **Facebook @chellastonacademy** - You might recognise some familiar voices!



Our students have access to so many amazing opportunities. One of the most important keys to opening up the best opportunities in life for all our students is securing their GCSE grades in Maths and English. Last year, 91% of Chellaston students who missed less than 9 days of school achieved a grade 4 or higher in Maths and English. This dropped to just 54.5% of students who missed more than 19 days. Attendance is not the only factor (!), but we do know the more our students are with us, the more support we can give them to achieve the best for them!

Prefects & Wellbeing Ambassadors

On Tuesday morning this week we had around 25 prefects and wellbeing ambassadors complete some training with Miss Jones and Mrs Skinner. They are developing these student leadership roles within the academy and the year 12 and 13's did some scenario training and exciting planning for Charity events in the future. We are so very proud of the care they are showing to others and can't wait to see what they achieve.



Flu Vaccination reminder

We have the immunisation team visiting Chellaston Academy on 4th & 5th December to deliver flu vaccines to Year groups 7-11.

You may have already filled in the form below to give consent to this, so thank you.

If you haven't completed this form, please do so whether you are opting in or opting out [Flu Vaccine consent form](#)

Sport Franchise

This half term, the PE department have launched sporting tournaments at lunchtime. Following on from Sports Day, two tutor groups per year group represent a team. The team names are the: Bulls, Sharks, Vipers, Tigers, Gators and Wolves.

So far the **Gators** won the Year 9 5-a-side football tournament AND the 10-a-side benchball tournament. The Year 7 football tournament and the Year 8 benchball tournaments are underway.

Points from all of the tournaments will contribute towards Sports Day at the end of the year with the winning team receiving a trophy and extra special recognition!

Polite reminder

Please can we remind you that the PE kit policy states that sports trainers should be worn for PE. These should be different to the footwear they are wearing to school, especially now the weather is inclement. The Nike Air Force One style trainers commonly worn for school are a fashion trainer made by a sports brand rather than a suitable sports trainer.

Dates for your diary

24th October - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning - 'Supporting your child with emotional barriers to attendance' from 9-10.30am

24th October - Meet the Tutor 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"