

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

Although our first half term has flown by, it has been one of the best half term's we have ever had. There is a wonderful climate across the academy and the quality of academic progress as well as memorable experiences has been special. We hope that you all manage to have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **INSET Date Reminder**

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

## **Police Careers Visit**

The Police visited Year 13 students this week to discuss career opportunities within the force, highlighting the various pathways to becoming a Police Constable or Detective. The session left many students feeling inspired and eager to explore what a career in law enforcement could offer. DC Leyon Stewart received numerous insightful questions from the students, reflecting their strong interest in this exciting field.

## **Meet the tutor**

We hope that this evening's meet the tutor event is a useful opportunity to touch base with us after the first half term. The form tutor is your first port of call to help assist with any questions or concerns around your child's school experience. We'll be taking feedback after the event and look to shape next year's event using this as a basis. We look forward to 'seeing' you remotely or in person later on!

## **Year 11 Mock Exams**

Year 11 Mock exams will take place from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Students have been issued with their individual timetable which includes the venue and their seat number for each exam. It is essential that they refer to this before each exam. Our Year 11 students have been advised to check that they have all the necessary equipment for the exams, including their lanyard and ID card.



### **Cultural Dress Day**

On Wednesday, the Sixth Form participated in our annual Cultural Dress Day which is held in recognition of the rich diversity within our Sixth Form community. This event offered an opportunity for students to wear attire that reflects their cultural heritage in place of the usual school uniform. Cultural Dress Day is a wonderful way to showcase and celebrate the diversity of our school community. It fosters understanding, encourages conversations, and promotes appreciation of the many cultures represented within our student body.



### **Parent Coffee Morning**

On Thursday morning we welcomed parents into the academy for our first coffee morning of the academic year. The theme of the morning was supporting your child with any barriers to attending school. The morning was a great success and it was so lovely to see some of our parents in person. Our next parent coffee morning is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the focus will be Online Safety - supporting your child to be safe online.

### **Derby Adult Learning Service (Derby City Council)**

Derby Adult Learning Service (Derby City Council) is working in partnership with Chellaston Academy to support parents and carers, as part of Family Learning and joined in our coffee morning this morning.

This work aims to support parents/carers with challenges they may be facing with their child surrounding attendance, behaviour, barriers to learning and neurodiversity, plus practical family budgeting to support the family, to name a few.

There is a range of support available through fun, interactive workshops and short sessions which aim to be launched after the Christmas break.

If you are interested in this support/ have any ideas of support you would like to see, please contact: Ms Bola at the school - [s.bola@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:s.bola@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

We also provide a range of courses, including qualifications both in our centres and online to support anyone 19+ to upskill for home, work and life.

New courses are being added to the website all the time - [www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk](http://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk)

Alternatively, contact us to find out how we can support you:

**Phone – 01332 956565**

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Facebook – [www.facebook.com/dalsderby](https://www.facebook.com/dalsderby)

### **Primary Heads visit**

This week, Year 6 Primary Teachers visited the academy to see Year 7 in lessons. They were incredibly impressed by how well the students have adjusted and the impressive amount of work they've accomplished in just the first half-term. It was heartwarming to see the students' reactions upon reconnecting with their former teachers.

### **Waterstones Trip**

Mrs Lloyla took a group of students to Waterstones to use their book tokens received from the library art competition last academic year. We asked our students to help design some artwork that would reflect our new library space and to represent what reading what meant to them. We framed the work and displayed the winning pieces in the foyer of the new library. Waterstones had staff on hand to guide our students to the most appropriate book choices for them and to get them even more excited about the wonders and joy of reading!



### **Geography Field Trips**

The last two weeks of half term have been a busy time for A level and GCSE Geography students who have completed their final fieldwork days in preparation for the examinations next summer.

On Monday and Tuesday 100 year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Birmingham to complete their fieldwork investigating how the quality of the environment differs between inner city areas and the city centre. The students worked fantastically well and displayed our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence throughout the day. Students worked hard to collect primary data in and around Highgate, China Town and the Bullring shopping area, for use in their fieldwork examination in the summer.

Last week year 13 Geography students visited Nottingham to investigate the ongoing regeneration of the city. Students first investigated the improved public transport infrastructure around the train station, tram station and new bus station along with new cycle infrastructure and e-bike rental scheme. Next students visited the site of the former Broadmarsh shopping centre that is being transformed into the Green Heart City Park containing trees, rain garden areas, wilding and the new library. Students also investigated how Nottingham was marking Black History Month by assessing the impact of historic migration of workers from the Caribbean recruited to work in the lace industry. Finally, students went on to visit Sneinton to look at the rapid transformation of the area as a result of studentification, a form of gentrification.

Many thanks from the Geography Department

### **Alternative Provision (AP) overview**

We have a number of students who access external alternative provision placements and are working towards vocational qualifications on their afternoon or day out each week. Every half term staff visit to check in and see how they are getting on and see them in action outside of the usual school setting. All provisions we use have said how delightful our students are and said what a credit they are to us and we wanted to celebrate and showcase the positive effects Alternative Provisions are having on some of our students -

**KD** (Construction) was so happy and settled - it was lovely to see. He is currently making a wooden planter and painting it grey (it looks amazing) and so professional. They are currently doing a bricklaying assessment, and again, what they have learnt is beyond belief at their age and the skills they are gaining from this provision is second to none.

**OS** (Baby People) First time ever I have visited and when I walked in the atmosphere was electric from the staff and the students. Both of our students there were beaming when they saw us and invited us into the studio to listen to what they had been recording, all I can say is WOW!

**FH** is doing really well, digging out steps to the river and then making the steps out of wood. The Teacher said he was a great example leading the others and showing them what to do, the Teacher also said that he is the ideal candidate for the apprenticeship scheme they have in Nottingham at the moment!

**GR** is doing great and they are really happy with him. He gets his head down and doesn't let others distract him. He loved showing me all the work he has completed which included, two coffee tables, a work bench, a planter and a bird table. The staff there think very highly of him and he is doing great in his assessments.

**IM** was really engaged and working hard on her theory work when I visited. Eager to show me her portfolio of work. All her most recent carpentry work had been taken home earlier in the week including a bench and planter.

**JS** was very happy to see us and was smiling away. He is enjoying the provision and invited us into the studio and said he has been writing music and rapping, nothing recorded yet so will listen next time. He said he feels safe, happy and is really enjoying his time there making music and working towards the Music Practitioner's Award qualification. The staff said he is very talented.

### **We need you! - Careers Mock Interviews**

It is that time of year again when we invite members of the Chellaston Academy Community into school to give MOCK interviews to your Year 11 students to give them experience of a formal interview in a familiar setting. The interviews will take place on **Thursday 14th November** between **8.30am-12.30pm**. We will provide you with breakfast/ hot drinks and a pre arranged format of the interview questions that will be sent to you in advance. We'd love to hear from you if you can support - Please contact [careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)

### **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**

#### **Cross Country**

Derbyshire Schools Cross Country Championships took place at Moorway's stadium as part of the selection race to represent Derby City in the regional Championships final in January. All students

did really well and most of them qualified! There were exceptional runs from James, Connie, Greta, India, Hannah, Emily, Remy, Jess and Harry - Well done to ALL who took part!



**Dates for your diary**

24th October - Break up for half term

**25th October - Inset day**

4th November - Return to school

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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