

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been another positive and productive week, where Integrity, Care and Excellence have been displayed and recognised in abundance. Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Meet the Tutor - 24th October - 4pm-6.30pm

On October 24th we will be having our 'meet the tutor' evening. This is an opportunity to touch base with your child's form tutor and to check in on their start to the school year.

For years 7 and 12 this will be a face to face event within the academy where you will get the chance to listen to the successes so far from the Head of Year and pastoral team, then go to meet the tutor and other parents in a short session followed by the chance to ask any questions.

For years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 there will be the opportunity to have a 5 minute remote appointment with your child's tutor online, and to check in or ask any questions you may have. Our form tutors are the first port of call and this evening is part of our commitment to our important parent/ carer partnership.

Further details about times, venues and booking will be sent directly to you in a separate communication.

Macmillan coffee morning

We are proud to say that the Academy have raised just under **£500** for this important cause from our bake sales last Friday!



Harvest donations

We are collecting harvest donations of long life food in form groups of year 8 and above and we would love to have this in place ready to donate by October 18th.



This year we are supporting

 **PADLEY**
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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

Year 7 Love in a shoebox - Teams4u

Our Year 7 forms are working in partnership this term with the Derby Rotary Club to provide shoeboxes of presents and essentials for children across Europe who may not usually receive them. Last year our boxes were sent to Ukraine, Bosnia and Moldova and we hope to make a difference in more children's lives this year too. Your child's donations of items or time are much appreciated.

Year 11 Aim For Success Evening Tuesday 8th October - Main Hall

This will take place in the Main Hall on Tuesday October 8th from 6pm-7pm. This will be presented mainly by Mr Clarke and Ms Haywood and will cover all the important events taking place in the run up to GCSEs and other qualifications. Advice will be given about how to best support your child through this important year. Year 11 Mock Examinations are taking place between November 4th and November 15th. There will be some refreshments available to buy to raise money for rewards, so please bring some cash with you.

Hello Yellow - Thursday 10th October -World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October we are joining thousands of schools, companies and communities to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day by taking part in #HelloYellow, organised by YoungMinds. We are asking staff and students to wear something yellow (alongside their uniform) and to make a small voluntary donation via the Young minds website, or by bringing in a £1 on the 10th October.

Students can dig out their neon socks, ties, ribbons, scarves or hair accessories- let us show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Hellow Yellow - Polo Shirt

Ahead of 'Hello Yellow' day next week, the Academy are offering the opportunity for students to purchase a yellow Nike Dry Fit polo shirt, modelled by our wonderful receptionist Laura. We have the

following available: 5 x XS, 20 x S, 20 x M and 13 x L all in **women's fit**. These will be on sale from the **PE office next week** for a **minimum of a £5 donation** and **can** be worn as part of their uniform for Yellow Hello Day on Thursday. The tops will be sold on a first come first served basis. Thank you for supporting the Hello Yellow initiative and the Young Minds charity.



Mealtime Project - Year 13 Volunteers

We are incredibly proud of six of our Year 13 students who have been selected to participate in the Mealtime Project, organised by the Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust. Over the course of 26 weeks, these students will volunteer at a hospital once a week, gaining valuable experience for their future careers in the health sector. The students have attended two days of training for this experience and the organiser commented that 'The students from Chellaston were absolutely

amazing and a credit to the school. They were really engaged and participated fully in all activities and it was a pleasure to have them'. This is a fantastic opportunity for these students to develop skills and insight, while also generously giving their time to support others in need.



National Poetry Day - 3rd October 2024

7BTT got the chance to do something very special this National Poetry Day. They formed part of a Guinness World Record attempt for taking part in the world's largest poetry lesson. Led by the poet Laura Mucha, the students worked with 60-100 thousand other students to compose a poem about counting (this year's theme for National Poetry Day!), here is the result.

WHAT DO YOU THINK COUNTS?

I'm counting how many licks to finish a lollipop,
how many times a grown up says "no",
how many marshmallows I can fit in my mouth,
how many times I cry about homework,
how many sticky notes I can put on Mum's face,
how many monsters I have in my head.

I'm counting the days
until I'm a famous tennis player,
days since the war started,
days until I see Daddy,
until I have a friend.

I'm counting on my nain and taid
because they give me hugs
and say "sweets cost 1p
back in the day".
And the friends
I don't need to pretend to,
that respect me,
that play.
And my bunny, Binky,
my axolotl, Bob,
because although they eat my homework,
they always keep my secrets safe.

I'm counting on the people in power
to protect the planet,
on teachers
so I can get a good job,
money, a better life,
and my football coach
because
I WANT TO PLAY
IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE.

I'm counting cows on the way to school,
raindrops in my mouth,
memories of people I've lost.

I'm counting on someone
to love me no matter what,
to want the best for me,
keep their promises,
listen,
and keep me safe,
so I don't have to worry so much.

I'm counting on
the small things –
because they all add up.

What do you think counts?

Sports Fixtures

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
Year 8 Division 2 Netball League – Round 1	St Benedict's School	Draw – Landau Forte Lost – Lees Brook
Year 10 Football	<u>Ecclesbourne School</u>	Won 6-3

Dates for your diary

8th October - Year 11 Parents: Aim For Success Evening
10th October - Hello Yellow Day
17th October - Sixth Form Open Evening
18th October - Harvest
24th October - Meet the Tutor Evening/ Break up for half term
25th October - Inset day
4th November - Return to school

Kind regards



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