

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another fantastic week in our academy. We have had the privilege of receiving a number of visitors into the school this week and they have all said what a wonderful school we have. They also commented on our young people who demonstrate Integrity, Care and Excellence in abundance. We hope that you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Thursday December 5th - Early closure and Year 11 Parents' Evening

On Thursday December 5th we have our Year 11 Parents' Evening which will be face-to-face and have appointments across the whole school site. **In preparation for this, we will be closing the school early for all students at 1.20pm.** Buses will arrive early on that day.

Year 11 students have now completed their mock examinations and will be receiving their results on Tuesday December 3rd. Like everything else, this will be as close to the real event in August 2025 as possible. Reports will come out on December 4th in readiness for parents' evening. Year 11 parents will be sent more information nearer the time about the booking process which will open on Thursday 28th November.



Remembrance

We were extremely proud of the Integrity, Care and Excellence shown on Monday by our school community. We came together to pause and reflect and take part in an act of Remembrance. Our pupils contributed to the planning and execution of this very special event and the entire community fell silent, even hearing the Last Post also being played in Chellaston itself. Beth, our wonderful saxophonist held the entire Academy in awe as she played the Last Post and Reveille for us, after a lengthy mock exam, and our local Army Cadets fell in and paraded, and our student leaders and RAF cadet laid wreaths in the centre of the courts. A further wreath was also laid by three of our year 11's who had been on our recent History Battlefields trip. Pupils were encouraged to reflect on what Remembrance means to them, and about the impact of conflict.

A proud and emotional example of how amazing our Academy community are.



Year 13 Mock Interviews

The Year 13 Mock Interviews held yesterday provided students with a valuable opportunity to practice their interview skills in a realistic setting. Organised with the support of volunteers from the business community, the event aimed to prepare students for future job, university, or apprenticeship interviews.

Each student participated in a one-on-one interview, receiving personalised feedback on their interview. The volunteers, representing a range of industries and professions, shared their expertise and insights, enhancing the relevance of the experience.

The event was highly beneficial in building students' confidence, sharpening their interpersonal skills, and offering a glimpse into real-world expectations, contributing to their readiness for their next steps.

Many thanks to the volunteers for giving up their time to support our students.



Othello Trip

Our Year 13 English Literature students visited Stratford-upon-Avon this week to see a production of Shakespeare's *Othello*. *Othello* is one of the key A Level set texts so this was a great opportunity to see the play performed. The production was fantastic and really benefited the students. The Year 13 students were a credit to the academy.



Children in Need

Sixth form prefects led Children in Need this year with events in the Gym, Mr Smith's form (7SMH) sold cakes in A18W and some of our very talented music students performed to a packed out "stadium" in G block (including the band Rocktricity) We couldn't be prouder of the values of Integrity, Care & Excellence shown on this important day - Well done to all who supported!







Children in Need - Staff Netball Event

In support of Children in Need our brilliant PE department have organised a staff Netball match on Monday lunchtime - students can support below.

Sharks/Bulls /vipers
MSS, PKR, GLE, DVS, BVB, MKZ, WRN
Wolves/Tigers/Vipers
HWD, RCK, OWU, HDY, STV, WDN, WLT, MRN
Sixth form team
LKH, PFT, GWD, BURNS, SHIELDS, TVY

- Monday 18th November at lunchtime.
- 50p entry.
- Sports Hall.
- 3 x 7min matches.

Children in need staff netball

Knife Crime

Year 7 students have all taken part in a workshop from the Police on the impact and dangers of Knife crime in local communities. Pupils were extremely focused, engaged and asked brilliant questions around the topic, which included the legality, impact and dangers of carrying weapons. They were given places to go to for further support and each form spent time over the two days getting to know our local officers, who came for lunch and enjoyed seeing our school in action.

Celebrating Year 12 Student Ingrid G's Cyclocross Achievements!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of one of our Year 12 students, Ingrid G, who showcased her exceptional talent last weekend by competing in two Cyclocross races in Lokeren and Rijkevorsel, Belgium. For those unfamiliar, Cyclocross is a challenging bike racing discipline that blends the techniques of road cycling, mountain biking, and steeplechase. Ingrid has been a dedicated member of this vibrant community since the age of four, exemplifying her remarkable commitment and passion.

Ingrid rides for Team Empella and, during these events, proudly represents a cause close to her heart: *Ride for Charlie*. We extend our warmest congratulations to Ingrid on her impressive performances and wish her continued success in her cycling journey!



Uniformity - Big Discount

Uniformity are offering the following discount



Sport

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
U14 Girls Football tournament	John Port	A team – Won 4-0 to Murray Park Drew 1-1 to John Port
Teams A & B		B team – Won 1-0 to John Port Won 2-0 to Littleover Won 4-1 to Murray Park

Dates for your diary

4 & 5th December - Flu Vaccinations - Years 7-11
5th December - Early closure and Year 11 Parents' Evening
20th December - Break up for Christmas break
6th January - Inset day
7th January - All students to return to school

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "P. Smith".

Phil Smith
Proud Headteacher
Chellaston Academy

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