

## CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

We have had another successful and positive week where students have continued to show Integrity, Care and Excellence. Please enjoy this week's newsletter to see what has been going on.

### Thursday December 5th - Early closure

On Thursday December 5th we have our Year 11 Parents' Evening which will be face-to-face and will 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 Parents' Evening

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 should have received information about the booking process which will open on Thursday 28th November at 6pm.



### Anthony Nolan Charity

We are thrilled to share that the Anthony Nolan Charity has informed us of an incredible milestone: another Chellaston student has been successfully matched through the stem cell register! This brings the total number of our life-saving students to an outstanding eleven over the years—a truly remarkable achievement that fills us with immense pride.



### Year 13 Achievement

We are delighted to share that one of our talented Year 13 students, Satia Badwal, has had an article published in this month's CHOICES magazine—a respected monthly guide for parents and carers focusing on apprenticeships and technical education. In her article, Satia interviewed Sarah Westbury from AtkinsRéalis, offering valuable insights into the apprenticeship recruitment process and what employers truly seek in their future apprentices. It's an engaging and informative read—congratulations, Satia, on this fantastic achievement!

### Love in a Shoebox

We are so incredibly proud of our year 7 cohort and how they have shown the value of Care over the past few weeks. Forms have been collecting items to fill shoeboxes with ready to send to Ukraine,

Moldova, Romania, Georgia or Bosnia as part of our Christmas shoebox appeal. In collaboration with Teams4u and the Derby Rotary club, we collected an astounding **50 boxes** and the money to post them out to young children who might not otherwise receive anything. Huge thanks to our year 7 team for championing this appeal and collecting the biggest amount we have ever sent.



### **Children in Need**

We are very proud that through a lunch time concert, bake sale, stalls and games and a staff netball event - we have raised **£405.14** for Children in Need! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part - make sure you record those CARE activities in your Charter pages of the planner - be proud of yourselves!



### **Children in Need - The Netball Tournament**

On Monday, around 25 members of staff donned their netball kits and enjoyed letting their hair down and competing against each other in 3 fun and feisty games of netball 'come rugby'. Lots of fun was had by all and staff and students alike are already asking when the next game will be... watch this space!

We raised money for a great cause 'Children in Need'. Some staff were upset that there were no scouts present on the day as they were phenomenal. Special mention to Mr Walters for his superb shooting, Mr Warden for running around like a headless chicken and Miss Burns for her skills! This was all organised by Sophia in year 12 and the student leadership team - great idea and very well done!



### **FREE Parent/Carer Webinar - Criminal Exploitation**

Catch 22 (an organisation that delivers services that build resilience and aspiration in communities) is hosting a free webinar for parents and carers in which they will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. They will explore how to spot signs, cover trends in the local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 - 12pm-

1.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1070723124689?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 - 6pm –

7pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1070741800549?aff=oddtcreator>



### **Rolls-Royce – National Engineering Day**

On Monday 18th November, 28 Year 11 Engineering students visited Rolls-Royce, as part of the National Engineering Day event.

Students were able to talk to staff from all different departments in the company and find out what their job entails. There were many hands-on activities, such as looking through microscopes at various materials, using an endoscope camera to find defects inside a model engine, flying drones and learning to program them. Students also had the opportunity to program a robot to follow a path and see the output on a camera taking 30,000 frames/second. 3D printed parts made from various metals were on display as well as an engine made entirely from LEGO.

The visit ended with a walk around the Heritage Centre, where a wide range of engines were on display, as well as an electric plane.



### **Christmas Competition - Festive House**

The rewards team are super excited to launch our Christmas competition! We would like you to create a '**Festive House**'. This should be designed and physically made. Materials you may like to use could consist of, Gingerbread, Lego, Playdough, Wood, Cardboard etc.

You are required to take photos of the process (You making it!!) and then submit a picture of you holding your creation.

There will be a winner from each year group who will receive a £20 Amazon Gift card and 500 ICE points and then an overall school winner who will win a £50 Amazon Gift card and 1000 ICE points. We are super excited to see your entries - be as creative as possible!!

Please submit your entries to [rewards@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:rewards@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) by Monday 16th December.



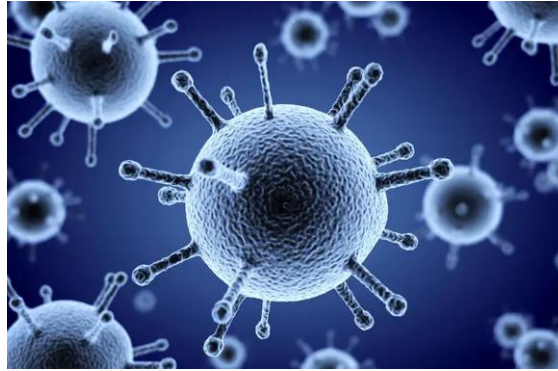
### **Celebrating a Chello Alumni Student - Katie Chamberlain**

Katie Chamberlain from last years Year 11 was phenomenal in her role within Phantom of the Opera as Christine at Derby Theatre. It was an absolute delight to watch her on stage - A true superstar! Congratulations on an incredible performance Katie!!



## Flu Vaccination

If you have not already filled in the flu vaccination (whether you consent or not) please do so here <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/34044b4b> - Many thanks to those who have. If you have any queries please direct them to the immunisation team - [immunisations.derbyshire@Intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.derbyshire@Intrahealth.co.uk)



## Parent Survey - Chellaston Academy

Our parent survey is open for one more week - please share your feedback with us!  
<https://forms.office.com/e/BArvjPMCbE>



### Student Survey - Catering

Our catering company are looking for some feedback from **students** regarding our catering services, please scan the QR code below.



### Mick Whelan Retirement

Announcement from Whelan's Hairdressing and Barbers that owner Mick is selling up to take a well earned, albeit early, retirement.

Mick and his family have supported Chellaston Academy through fundraising and sponsorship over the past 24 years and we would like to thank him and wish him all the very best of luck.

We hope to see Mick continue to stay in touch, as we know that he will still be a valued member of the community.

### Sport

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
Year 7 Rugby Boys County Tournament	Derby Rugby Club	Lost in semi finals after some tough games



### **Dates for your diary**

28th November - Booking for Year 11 parents' evening open at 6pm

3rd December - Year 11 Mock exam results

4th December - Year 11 reports sent out

4th & 5th (am) December - Flu Vaccinations - Years 7-11

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

11th December - Christmas Dinner day

20th December - Break up for Christmas break

6th January 2025 - Inset day

7th January 2025 - All students to return to school

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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