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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another fantastic week in our academy. This week, our assembly topic has been respect and integrity. These two values are demonstrated in abundance and when Channel 4 news came into our academy, to film a short documentary focusing on attendance, they were full of praise for the Integrity, Care and Excellence they witnessed. Please 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.

The booking went live last night and within one hour 73% of parents had made 1043 appointments! We will be chasing the rest over the next few days to make sure we get as a high a turnout as possible.

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 evening itself now that the vast majority of the bookings have successfully gone through.



Wednesday January 15th 2025 - Year 9 Parents' Evening

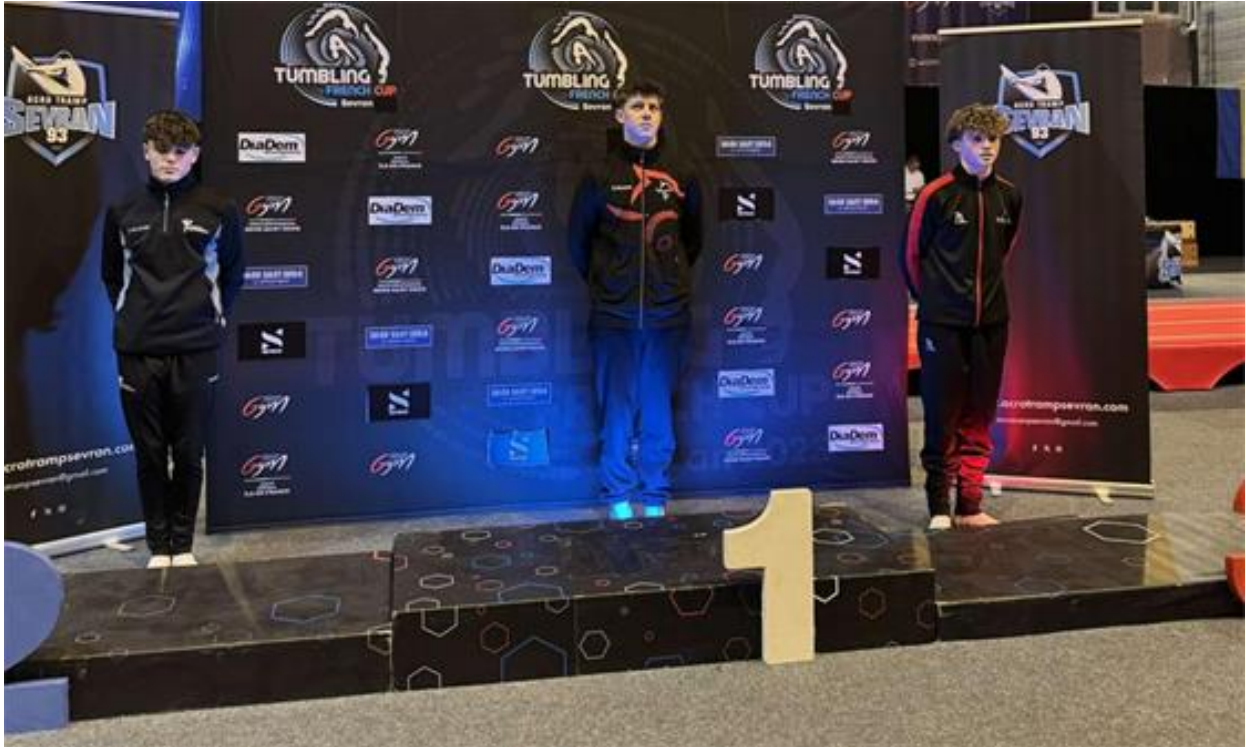
This is an important event for Year 9 as there is the options evening in the same half term. (6th February)

Possibly a bit early to point this out, but it is the second week back in the new year. On this day, there will be another early closure. Please note that this is on a Wednesday and not the usual Thursday. We are using Wednesday to avoid the same lessons being affected on a period 5 over the course of the year.



International Tumbling Competition Winner!

We are exceptionally proud of our Year 11 student Remi C who came a brilliant **3rd** in the **International Tumbling Competition** in the Sevrans cup in France - Well done Remi!



Year 7 Knife Crime Workshop Competition winners

As part of the knife crime awareness week, our local Police Youth Engagement Team asked our Year 7s to showcase what they'd learnt in the workshops. It was a hard competition to judge with so many entries but after much deliberation Toni and Hayley arrived at school with lots of prizes! The first prize winner was an incredible piece by Alex W (pictured below) closely followed by Layla L - Well done Year 7, we are incredibly proud of you ALL!





KNIFE CRIME

If you are caught with a knife, you will face a prison sentence of up to 4 years! That's just for being in possession of a knife in a public place.

CALL 999
CALL 101 FOR NON URGENT SITUATIONS
Or Crime Stoppers at 0800 555 111
For more information visit www.derbyshire.police.uk

HAND IN IT

NO KNIVES BETTER LIVES IN AN EMERGENCY

If convicted in a court of law for possessing a knife you are less likely to get a job. This crime will stay on your criminal record for the rest of your life.

The poster features several illustrations: a person in a grey hoodie, a person behind prison bars, a hand holding a knife, and a red container with a knife inside. There are also red splatter graphics.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning- How to keep your child safe online

On Thursday 12th December, from 9-10:30am we will be hosting our second Parent/Carer coffee morning, the focus of which will be '**Supporting your child with keeping safe online**'. We would love to invite you into school to meet with some key staff and its an opportunity to chat through any concerns you might have about your child's activity online, or how to help your child in keeping safe online. If you are interested in attending please register on the link- <https://forms.office.com/e/CAU0NCpAdK>.



Meet the tutor feedback

Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on our 'Meet the Tutor' evening. We will be taking many of these suggestions forwards. If you missed our year 7 or 12 presentation - these have now been sent to you. If you would like to contact your child's tutor, do let us know and we can provide an email address for them - please see the feedback in the attachment below.

Channel 4 visit

We welcomed a Channel 4 film crew into school this week to film a piece about Attendance in Schools in UK. They offered us some great feedback about how calm and well mannered the students were at Chellaston Academy, we were incredibly proud, as always, to hear this.

Christmas Competition - Festive House

The rewards team would like to remind staff and students about 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. - We've already heard about lots of ideas!

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 by **Monday 16th December.**



Christmas Dinner

Our catering team will be providing Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 11th December in the Main Hall and the Sixth Form dining area. This will be charged as a normal meal deal at £3 (Parentpay).

Students will need to register their interest in having a Christmas Dinner on this day with their form tutor during form time and this needs to be submitted by 2nd December (3pm) so preparations can be made.



Year 13 Prom fundraiser

On Tuesday the 3rd Decemeber, we will be going round forms for all years, selling raffle tickets for Christmas baskets, as a fundraiser. It will be highly appreciated if students and staff would take part. It will be 50p for a single raffle ticket and a £1 for a strip of raffle tickets. Please remember to bring your money!



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Big Discount Black Friday Deal offer ends 30th November

All week

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Dates for your diary

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

12th December - Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning - 'Supporting your child with keeping safe online'

20th December - Break up for Christmas break - students to leave site at 11.30am

6th January 2025 - Inset day

7th January 2025 - All students to return to school

15th January 2025 - Year 9 Parents' evening

6th February 2025 - Year 9 Options evening

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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