

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been wonderful to welcome back our students after the half term break. We are pleased that the climate for learning and atmosphere around our academy has quickly returned to the high standards that were in place before half term. We would like to thank our young people for continuing to show Integrity, Care and Excellence.

Attendance Award

We would like to thank our community for supporting a commitment to learning and attending school. Nationally, the attendance for last half term has been published and Chellaston Academy is significantly above national averages in all 6 attendance categories. This is an achievement that we are incredibly proud of. Well done!

TaeKwonDo Bronze Medalist

We are very proud of Sophie T in Year 8 who has won the Bronze medal in Sparring in the TaeKwonDo EUROPEAN Championships that took place in St Alban's, London during half term - Well done Sophie, we're very proud of you!



Personal Development events next week

We will be coming together on Monday as a community to observe a silence together at 11am after receiving assemblies this week on the theme of Remembrance. Previously this has been a really special event and we hope for sunshine and a moment to reflect together about conflict and sacrifice. We also have the Police delivering a message around knife crime to our year 7 students on this day after some wonderful session yesterday. Children in Need is on Friday and we have concerts, cake sales, games and competitions running at lunchtime so please remind pupils to bring in any cash they would like to donate.

Derby University Library Trip

Mrs Lloyla and Mrs Parker took 15 of our brilliant students to Derby University on Thursday, 7th November to take part in all things 'book related'. The students got to meet the author J.P Rose who wrote the book *The Haunting of Tyrese Walker* and managed to get a signed copy each! This was all very exciting for some of our reading club members as we had already read this psychological thriller in school. We also got to find out which books are shortlisted for the 2025 Derbyshire School Book Awards and were treated to a tour of the University. Many of us are now looking forward to reading the books to pick our 2025 winner. If any of our Chellaston students would like to take part in the awards they can come and visit the school library, and Mrs Lloyla will sign post them to the most suitable books.

Catering prices

Our catering suppliers have updated our website with price lists and menu options.



<https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/parents/catering/>

Homework

Homework at Chellaston Academy will be set in accordance with the homework timetable below.

The timetable has been constructed to ensure that pupils receive regular homework from all subjects. Please note, staff may set homework prior to the day the homework is scheduled, as they may not teach pupils on the day their homework is due to be set.

In lessons, when homework is set, pupils will be instructed to write their homework clearly in their planner including the subject, task and due date. Teachers will also place the homework on Firefly to provide clarity on the tasks set, to ensure successful completion of the homework.

 Chellaston Academy Home Learning Timetable 2024-2025 					
Year	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	Science History (A) Geography (B)	English Art (A) Technology (B)	Music (A) Drama (B)	MFL Computing (A) Philosophy (B)	Maths
8T	Maths Philosophy (A)	Music (A) Art (B) History (B)	Geography (A) Computing (B once a month)	Science French (A) Spanish (B)	English Drama (A) Technology (B)
8L	Technology (A) Spanish (B) French (A)	Maths History (B)	Science Computing (A) Art (B)	Geography (A) Philosophy (B)	English
9T	Maths Computing (B) French (A)	Geography (A) History (B) Art (A)	Spanish (B) Technology (A) Philosophy (B)	English	Science Drama (A) Music (B)
9L	English Geography (A) History (B)	Maths Science	Art (A) French (B) Philosophy (B)	Drama (A) Music (B) Spanish (A)	Technology (A) Computing (B)



E-scooters

Did you know?

- ▶ It is illegal to use an e-scooter in public areas.
- ▶ An e-scooter can only legally be used on private land with the owner's permission.
- ▶ Parents may also be liable for prosecution as well.

As of Friday 1 November, officers who engage anyone using an e-scooter in a public place will seize the e-scooter, before sending it to be disposed after 14 days.

Previously, those caught offending were warned for a first offence of riding an e-scooter on a public road, pavement or cycle path. Going forwards there is no longer any requirement in Derbyshire to warn the rider.



Message from the Padley@YMCA Derbyshire team

Dear Pupils, Staff and Parents at Chellaston Academy,

Thank you for your Harvest donations

On behalf of everyone at Padley and YMCA Derbyshire, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous Harvest Festival donation. Your contribution has a direct impact on our ability to continue offering essential support and services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness, poverty, and social exclusion.

Your donation during the Harvest Festival is vital to our work, as it helps us to sustain our services and provide a safety net for those most in need. Without your generosity, many of the people we support would not have access to the food, shelter, and services that allow them to take their first steps towards a brighter future.

We'd like to tell you about one of the people we've recently been able to support as a result of donations we receive. Jayne reached out to us when she moved to Derby to seek refuge from the trauma of domestic violence. We supported her to find safe and secure accommodation, and from

our own warehouse we provided Jayne with essential household items, along with food and toiletries to help her settle in her new home. Jayne recently got back in touch with us to express how grateful she was for our warm friendly approach, knowing that there were people who cared, made all the difference to her starting a new life.

It's been another busy year for our Padley@YMCA Derbyshire team. As a result of the support we have received we have supported many individuals and families to access:

- **Emergency Food, Clothing, and Toiletries:** Providing immediate relief to individuals facing hardship and ensuring their basic needs are met.
- **Community Hub Meals:** Offering nutritious breakfasts and lunches, to those in need. Last year, we provided over 24,000 meals to many who would have otherwise gone hungry.
- **Cooking and Budgeting Courses:** Hands-on sessions teach people how to prepare healthy meals on a budget and equipping them with valuable life skills that promote self-sufficiency.
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support:** We understand the importance of mental health, and we provide one-on-one support, group sessions, and activities that help people manage stress, anxiety, and other challenges.
- **Access to Critical Services:** Our community hub connects individuals with essential services, including substance misuse recovery programs, employability workshops, debt and welfare advice, and healthcare services.
- **Housing and Homelessness Support:** We offer safe, secure accommodation for people in crisis, providing a foundation from which they can rebuild their lives. Our residents also benefit from tailored support that helps them develop the skills needed to move towards independence.

We also work with other local organisations, such as "Food 4 Thought Alliance" and "Safe and Sound Group," to redistribute surplus food, ensuring that even more individuals and families across Derby receive the help they need.

Since merging with YMCA Derbyshire, Padley has become an even stronger force for positive change in the community. When our new Community Hub opens on Parcel Terrace, we are expanding our services to include a community kitchen and pantry, where families and individuals in emergency accommodation can prepare their own meals. This initiative ensures that those without access to kitchen facilities have the dignity and autonomy to cook for themselves and their families.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and commitment to supporting our work. If you would like to stay involved or learn more about how we're making a difference in the lives of those in need, please visit our website at www.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk.



[YMCA Derbyshire | Supporting Young People and Communities](http://www.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk)

YMCA Derbyshire are a non-profit organisation that, since 1847, have www.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk

Meet the tutor evening

As we broke up for the end of our half term - we had our 'Meet the Tutor' evening.

It was wonderful to meet so many of you within the academy or online. The form tutor has a key role in our success and we aim to promote these positive links wherever possible. In order to improve the experience for everyone at our academy we are seeking some feedback on the event.

We'd be ever so grateful if you could complete our survey whether you attended or not, in order for us to discover more about how we can build our home / school partnership.

It is a very short 5 question form and the link can be found here:

[Meet the tutor survey](#)

Parent survey

We'd love to hear some feedback about how we are doing!

We are really committed as an academy to listening to our pupils, parents and staff in order to make it the best place that it can be.

Below is a link to a short microsoft form which will allow us to get a flavour of how people feel about our academy. We'd be very grateful if you could take the time to complete it and let us know about your experiences.

There will be a further survey specifically about the 'meet the tutor evening' and as always, your child's tutor is the first port of call should there be anything that you need to know or is worrying you.

[Survey](#)

Thank you for taking the time to give us your opinions.

Cycling to and from school - Be Safe!

We would like to remind parents of all students who cycle to and from school that it is a legal requirement to have working lights attached to the bike when cycling before and after sunrise.

The most basic requirement of the law is to **fit a white front light and a red rear light, which must be clean and working properly, when cycling between sunset and sunrise**. Reflectors should also be fitted to pedals and the rear of the cycle. Lights are not needed when the cycle is stationary or being pushed along the roadside.

More detailed information can be found via: www.cyclinguk.org/lighting-regulations

Bridge the Gap Open day



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CHILD MENTAL HEALTH
OPEN DAY!



- Tombola
- Raffle
- Stalls
- Story time
- Crafts
- Cake & coffee
- Explore our space

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM

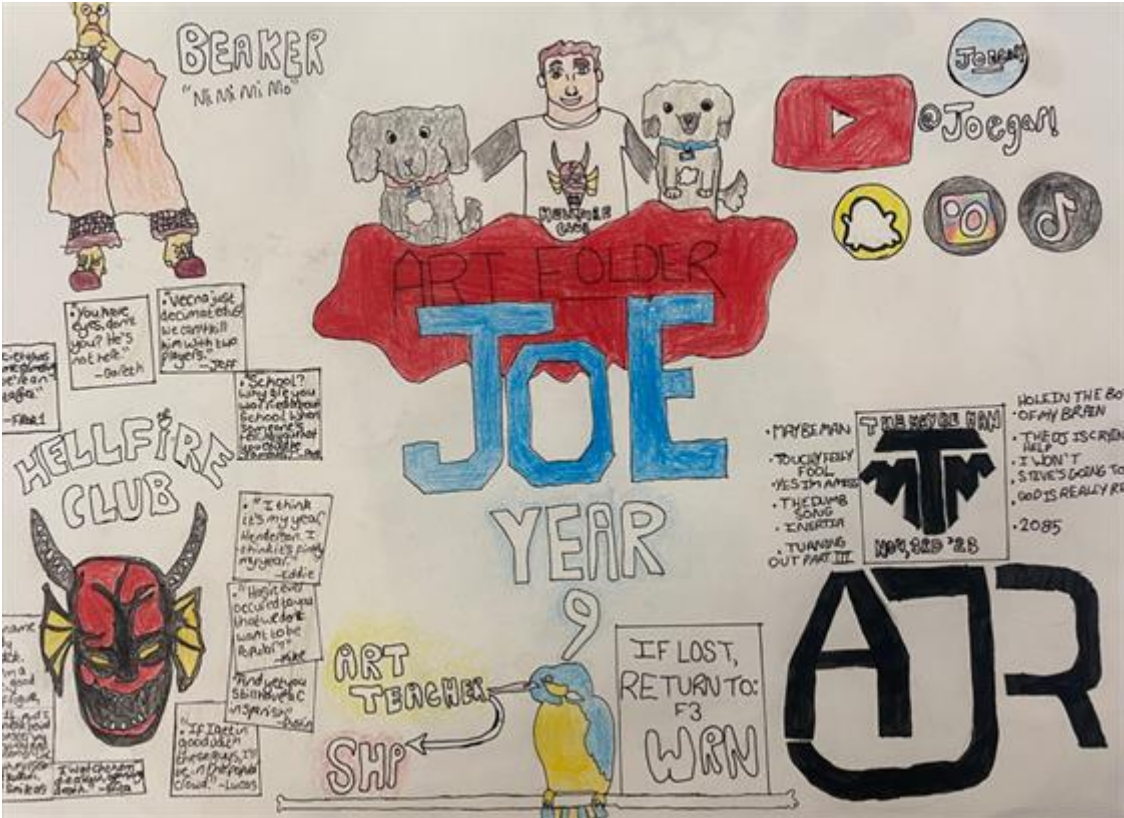
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Presentation Pride Award

Mrs Shipley would like to nominate Joe G from Year 9 for a Presentation Pride award this week - Well done Joe!



Sport

Under 13 Girls Football

Our Under 13 Girls took part in the Local Utilita cup at Derby Racecourse today where 20 schools from across Derbyshire competed to represent Derby County in the East Midlands round and **WON!!**

The girls beat Lees Brook 1-0 in the quarter finals, QEGS 2-0 in the semi final and Chapel Le Frith 1-0 in the final!

We'd like to congratulate the players – Neveah S, Jess H, Emily K, Ffion D, Verity H, Leah M, Holly A, Isla M - Well done girls!!



Other sports news

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
U16 Girls City Football tournament	John Port	A team – Lost 1-0 to John Port Won 3-0 to Murray Park Won 1-0 to Littleover
Teams A & B		B team – Lost 0-2 to John Port Won 1-0 to Murray Park Won 3-0 to Littleover

Dates for your diary

4th November - Return to school

4 & 5th December - Flu Vaccinations - Years 7-11

20th December - Break up for Christmas break

6th January - Inset day

7th January - 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"