

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another fantastic week in our academy with students showing Integrity, Care & Excellence in abundance. We hope you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Last day of term - Early closure

Reminder of our early closure of Friday 20th December. School will be closing from 11.30am and buses have been arranged.

Rewards day 1 - Wednesday 18th December

We are so excited for our rewards day of this year. The rewards team are working hard behind the scenes planning our trip and the activities of the day. Please contact your child's form tutor if you wish to discuss their behaviour ratio. Students need 95% or better positive to negative ICE points to qualify.



Year 11 Parents Evening

This week has been a busy one for Year 11. On Tuesday, they received their Mock Examination results. Like everything else so far, this was an emulation of what will happen in August 2025 with sealed envelopes and invigilators handing out results from alphabetically ordered stations. Because all 300 arrived at the same time, the atmosphere was even better than the real thing with lots of whooping and some contemplation about what could be done to ensure the grades get better in nine months' time.

On Wednesday, the Year 11 reports were published which also contained predicted grades. These considered all aspects of a student's performance in that subject.

On Thursday, we had the Year 11 Parents Evening. It seemed that we had angered the gods, with biblical rain throughout as well as parents struck down with illnesses. Despite this, there were still 1500 appointments made over a three-hour period. (Although there were still discussions taking place at 7:45pm!) There were also representatives from Changing Lives (Talking about mental health, wellbeing and exam stress) and our independent careers advisor, offering guidance on the next steps after Year 11. Hopefully, students and parents benefited from the discussions in order to reach their full potential in the exams in May/June 2025.

Channel 4 - Attendance Coverage

On Monday night, you may have seen some familiar faces if you were tuned into Channel 4 news! We made national news for our inclusive and creative approach to reducing attendance barriers, and for Mrs Horvath's extensive work in supporting all schools across Derby city to do the same. It was wonderful to see Mrs Bola being recognised and celebrated for the amazing work she does with our community via Food4Thought, too!

We have bravely scrapped all percentage-based targets for attendance, and use 'days missed' as a much easier way for students and families to understand their attendance.

Our 'target' is simply this - **"We're here everyday, unless we really can't be."**

If your child has accrued around 10 days absence this term, you may receive a letter in the next few weeks outlining support and next steps. Please do get in touch with us if you feel there are barriers to attendance that put them at risk of becoming persistently absent - we are here to support.



Parent/ Carer coffee Morning - 12th December 2024

On Thursday 12th December, from 9-10.30am we will be hosting our second Parent/Carer coffee morning of the academic year, 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 it's 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>.



Wellbeing Ambassadors Presentation at Derby Mental Health Leads Network Meeting

On Wednesday 4th December, Mrs Skinner, alongside some of her Wellbeing Ambassadors were invited to present at the city's Mental Health network meeting about the ambassador programme and scheme which is ran in school. This was a wonderful opportunity to discuss what our wonderful ambassadors do, and how they support other children with their wellbeing. All of the students spoke confidently and passionately about their role as an ambassador and did the Academy proud.



Food 4 Thought - Coats/ Hats/ Scarves & Gloves appeal



The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes and a string of colorful bunting flags at the top. At the top center is the logo for 'THE DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE'. Below it, the title 'Winter Warmers Appeal 2024' is written in a mix of cursive and bold fonts. In the center, three winter coats (teal, red, and brown) are displayed. A red banner across the middle contains the text 'Donate your Adults & Children's coats, hats, scarves & gloves'. Below this, a paragraph explains the appeal, followed by contact information for donations. At the bottom, there are logos for Derby County Community Trust, everyone ACTIVE, Derby City Council, and DERBION, along with the charity's registration details.

THE DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE

Winter Warmers Appeal 2024



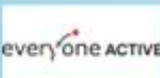
Donate your Adults & Children's coats, hats, scarves & gloves

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance are appealing for donations of adult and children's winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. So that we can work with partners to distribute them across our community to those in need.

If you have items to donate please drop at Chellaston Academy
if you are unable to make these donation points please contact us
via email info@df4ta.com

Once donations are coming in we will update on how to access

For more information see our website
www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.co.uk
Email: info@df4ta.com



Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is a registered charity number 1198665. Registered office: 30 Charnwood St, Derby, DE12GU

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**.



Presentation Pride Award

Our Presentation Pride Award goes to Ellarae P in Year 7 for this lovely Lego Figure drawing including the skin condition Vitiligo.

Mrs Shipley especially wanted to celebrate the maturity of completing this so thoughtfully, it shows inclusivity and consideration. "It is lovely when a student uses Art to highlight what Ellarae described as differences" - Well done Ellarae.



Sport

Rugby Star - Kira W

We are very proud of Kira W in Year 12 who has made the NLD RFU U18s squad (Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire Rugby Football Union) this season and made the team for the first fixture of the season last Sunday. It's her 4th year running playing representative rugby having played with Melbourne RFC 10 years - <https://www.melbournrfc.com/> - Well done Kira!



Dates for your diary

11th December - Christmas Dinner day
12th December - Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning - 'Supporting your child with keeping safe online'
16th December - Chellaston Academy Christmas Concert - 6pm in GPA2
18th December - Rewards Day!
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"