

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been a delight to welcome our young people back to our academy this week and we hope that you all had a great winter break.

Although the weather has been traditionally wintery this week, the start to term has been focused and productive. Our academy values of Integrity, Care and Excellence have been visible in abundance and the first week back has flown by.

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted that the following staff have joined us in January. We welcome Mr T Carrington-Roberts (Science), Mr A Wright (Data Manager), Mr A Greig (Science) and Mr T Digitemie (Mathematics).

Post 16 EPQ Success

This week our EPQ results have been released and we are delighted to say that they are very impressive. 80% of the 100 students achieved a grade A* - B. Well done to everyone involved in our EPQ program we are very proud.



Year 9 Parents' Evening and Early Closure

Last night, the bookings opened for Year 9 Parents' Evening. We have had about 70% of parents make appointments, but we want this to be as close to 100% as possible. The deadline for booking is Monday evening. The Year 9 parents evening is on **Wednesday 15th January from 4-7pm**. The school will be closing at 1.20pm on that day for all students. Work is being set across all Key Stages for period 5.



Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 6th February

Hot on the heels of the Year 9 parents' evening is Options Evening on **Thursday February 6th**. This will be from **4pm-7pm** and is a great opportunity to go into departments and see the twenty plus subjects that we offer at Key Stage 4. Core subjects will also be around to talk about the transition to GCSEs. There will be a talk in the main hall that will be repeated a couple of times and the three subject choices need to be made before February half term. More information to follow for Year 9 parents.

Year 13 Parent's Evening

This will take place on Thursday 23rd January from 4pm-7pm. Bookings will open the week before. This is in school between 4pm-7pm. As there are fewer students in Year 13 and because we only use a small section of the school, there is **no** need for an early closure.

Year 11 Mock Interviews - WE NEED YOU!

We are running more mock interviews for Year 11s on Thursday 30th January 2025 from 8.30 – 12.30pm. This event welcomes the local community from all walks of life into school and gives students a chance to experience a mock interview in a familiar setting. We will provide you with the questions to be asked as well as refreshments! If you can support please email careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk, we'd be very grateful.



Toilet Refurbishments

We are delighted to announce that our current student toilets in A Block and F Block are being upgraded over the next few months. Currently those toilets are single sex toilets with single sex handwashing facilities, but they are dated and worn. The upgraded toilets will remain single sex with single sex hand washing facilities but will be modernised with new floor to ceiling cubicles and new handwashing facilities. The refurbishments will also increase the number of cubicles within each toilet. We look forward to posting some photos when they are completed.

Communication Protocols

As we start 2025 we would like to remind our community of our communication protocols that can be found on our website - <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/Stakeholder-Communications-Protocol.pdf>



Save the date - Year 12 Work Experience evening

There is a Year 12 Work Experience evening planned for 30th January, more details will follow soon.



Dates for your diary

15th January 2025 - Year 9 Parents' evening - EARLY CLOSURE

23rd January 2025 - Year 13 Parents' evening - NO early closure

30th January 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience evening - details to be confirmed

6th February 2025 - Year 9 Options evening

14th February 2025 - Break up for half term

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

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