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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,
It has been another busy and productive week in our academy. Please enjoy our latest newsletter.

Year 13 Parents Evening and Reports

This week, reports were published for Year 13 which included revised predicted grades in the light of their mock examinations. Students will get a second set of mock exams week beginning March 17th. Last night, was the Year 13 Parents' Evening, which for some parents would be the last parents' evening that they attend! We hope that you found the evening useful.

Year 12 Parents' Evening

This will take place on Thursday February 27th, which is the first week back after half term. Year 12 will also receive their first set of reports in that same week.

Year 9 Options Evening

This is taking place on Thursday 6th February between 5pm and 7pm. There is no booking needed for this event. Next week, students/parents will be emailed an options booklet and students will do a 'dummy run' of their choices to see if the new system will work for the actual event. Students have been doing options-related activities in form time. Eg Doing searches on their Unifrog account.



IET Faraday Challenge - WINNERS

A group of six Year 8 students went to The Institute of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge at Noel-Baker Academy yesterday.

Jude L-W, Grace B, Shaan K, Mia H, Sam A and Adwoa G competed against other schools from Derby to design and build a prototype educational toy that had to include electrical circuits, diodes, motors and servos.

Their prototype blew away the judges and after presenting to the whole group they secured an amazing win. We are so proud of how they showed integrity, care and excellence all day and await to hear if they make it to the NATIONAL FINALS.





Celebrating ICE success!

Year 7s **Evie Allan** has been awarded over **10,000 ICE points** since September 2024 which is the **HIGHEST ICE Point** achievement ever recorded at Chellaston Academy - Well done Evie, we're so proud!



Year 11 Extended Assembly

Year 11s had an extended assembly this week where they were asked to consider what they perceived success to be. They watched a short clip of multiple successful people and celebrities who had overcome adversity and failures in order to learn how to rectify their shortcomings. Ultimately, the message to our students was that they should be trying for themselves and they should be proud of their efforts when doing so. We discussed setting clear goals for the journey to success; being resilient and strong when faced with challenges and taking responsibility for our own actions. We also ran through the **reminders of support available to Year 11**: the interventions in form time, the peer-mentoring scheme in English and Maths, the additional learning packs in English and Maths, the revision pages on Firefly, the use of 'Technique Tuesdays' to optimise revision in form time and the launch of GCSE pod - a digital platform covering 27 subjects with over 6000 videos to view. All students in KS4 will be shown how to access this platform over the next fortnight so that they can start to integrate their learning and revision skills.

Year 11 received messages from every head of subject with key reminders of how to be successful. Our staff champion the students and sent positive messages of how proud they are of some students for their attitude to learning and how they wish this for all students, irrespective of ability and starting points. We will equip students with the tools and skills to access their GCSEs and ask that the students do what they can to make themselves proud.

Finally, we reminded students of the support they can receive for their mental health and wellbeing. Mrs Skinner has some additional appointments available on the 4th March for 1-1 sessions to cope with exam stress/anxiety. She is also running a coffee morning for parents of Year 11 students on Thursday 13th February on managing exam stress and anxiety.

Together, we can strive for success in contented, healthy, hard-working, happy, safe and well-rounded children. We are excited to see how far they go over the upcoming months.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you into the Academy on Thursday 13th February 9-10am for this half terms parent/carers coffee morning. The focus of which will be how to help and support your child with exam stress, pressure and anxiety. We will be joined by our Mental Health Support Team Changing Lives. If you are interested, please sign up by completing the teams link : [HERE](#).



Blue Monday

On Monday this week staff were invited at breaktime to a coffee morning to acknowledge and highlight the initiative "Brew Monday". Some may know it also as Blue Monday. The third Monday of the month for some can be 'the most difficult day of the year.' To acknowledge this, Brew Monday is an annual initiative in the UK, launched by the Samaritans, that tries to encourage people to connect with others over a cup of tea or coffee in the hope of combatting loneliness, to encourage connection and emotional wellbeing. This was a great opportunity for staff to connect and come together. For anyone wanting any further support or information please refer

to; <https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/campaign/brew-monday>



Free events - INVESTIN

These free events give students at our the school the chance to hear directly from industry professionals about what it's really like to work in some of the world's most competitive and desirable fields - Please see the link for further information here - [Free Events – InvestIN Education](#)

A dark blue banner for an event. On the left is a photo of a man in a white shirt talking to a student. To the right, the text reads: 'INVESTIN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE', 'Reality Check: What nobody tells you about working in top careers', and 'A free student & parent event series'. There is a white starburst icon and a downward arrow at the bottom.

Highly-paid, demanding and competitive fields like medicine, law, banking, engineering and entrepreneurship continue to be highly popular amongst school students today. But how much do you really know about what it's like to work in these fields? Join our network of professionals as we unpick the reality of working in top industries today, where we'll be demystifying salary expectations, job security, work culture and how to stand out from the competition.

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STUDENT WEBINARS 6-7PM (UK TIME) If you are unable to attend live please still register to receive the recording of the event and follow up resources.

- What it's really like to work in FINANCE - 10TH FEBRUARY
- What it's really like to work in MEDICINE - 10TH FEBRUARY
- What it's really like to work in ENGINEERING - 11TH FEBRUARY
- What it's really like to work in LAW - 11TH FEBRUARY
- What it's really like to start your own BUSINESS - 12TH FEBRUARY

PARENT WEBINARS 7-8PM (UK TIME)
SALARY, STATUS AND STABILITY
 Navigating your child's future career in today's job market
 5TH FEBRUARY

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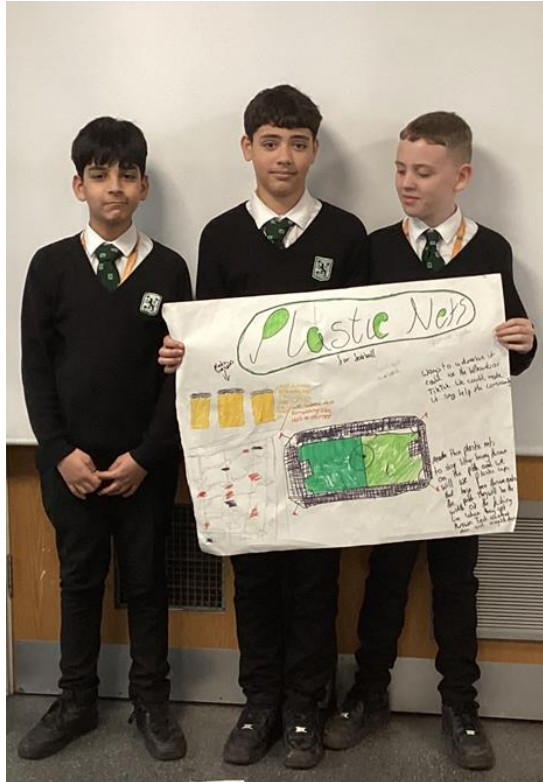
Big Ideas Programme

A group of Year 7 students took part in The Big Ideas Programme on Thursday.

This is a national STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and enterprise programme focused on finding creative solutions to sustainability issues. The programme is aimed at 11-14 year olds and is delivered in partnership with our network of Business Partners. Their employees mentor teams of young people in schools, local to them, to develop creative solutions (or 'Big Ideas') to sustainability issues the young people themselves deeply care about.

The Year 7 students learnt about problems facing our planet and started to develop ideas for ways we can help improve them. The students worked with their mentor to identify a sustainability issue that matters to them and generated a Big Idea to solve it.

We are so proud of the maturity and knowledge they showed when presenting their ideas.





Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If your child is not currently claiming a FSM and you wish to check your eligibility please use this link to our [Online Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](#). Alternatively, feel free to ring the Academy and we can help you with the checking process.

- If your child is currently claiming a FSM there is no need for you to check your eligibility.



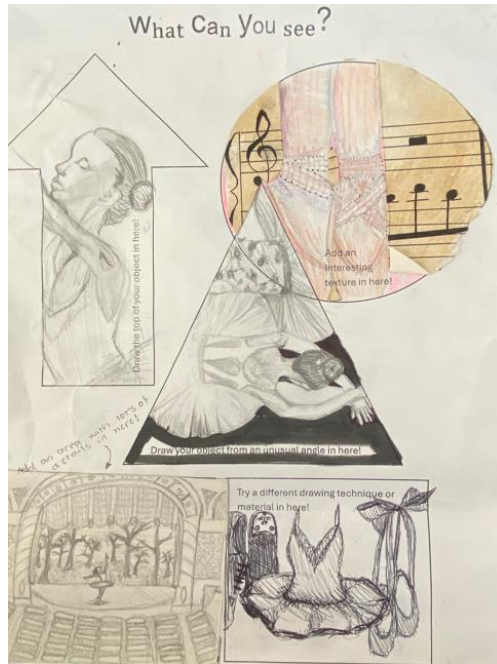
Presentation Pride Award

This week Mrs Shipley is so pleased with her Year 9 Art students that she has requested **TWO** Presentation Pride Awards this week!

Congratulations go to **Gracie F** in Year 9 who has done a great job of completing the Art "What Can You See?" homework. Students were given the chance to fill each shape with any objects or themes they wanted to work with. Gracie chose to use the theme from Term 1 which was Mexican Day of the Dead. Well done Gracie, the thought, detail and creative skills which you have applied to this are superb!



And also Congratulations to **Astrid M** who has chosen the theme of dance using some lovely mixed material work here - well done to both of you!



Sport News **Dodgeball Regionals**

Year 7 & 8 Dodgeball Regionals were held at Chellaston Academy with two of our teams entered and schools from around the county visiting us here on Monday 20th January.

The Dodgekillers started off strong, winning their first game followed by playing our other team, which was always going to be a tough game. Following this we lost a few sets in the next games. We finished on a high and won our last game, tying for third place. However due to set difference, finished fifth overall.

The Invinciballs had a clean slate and won all their games without dropping a set ending up top of the day, Niall was a fantastic captain and led his team to gaining a spot at Nationals in June.

Also a huge thank you to our referees from Year 10 and 11, you did an amazing job at representing Chellaston Academy!

All of our students showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the entire day and were a real credit to the school.



Derbyshire School Cross Country Championships

Chellaston Academy took part in the Derbyshire School Cross Country Championships last Saturday and all ran really well.

Connie H in Year 8 got automatic selection for English Schools Championships at Ardingly Showground in West Sussex in March and was our podium finisher! Connie is also the Derbyshire

Cross Country Champion in her age group, Jessica W and Remy C have also been invited to take part in the English Schools race. Emily W is a reserve - Well done to all who took part!





Athletics

On Tuesday 21st January ten Year 7's went to Noel Baker school to compete in indoor athletics. The boys team came 5th overall and the girls came 1st and have qualified for county's in April - Well done all of you, we're very proud!



Fixtures

Event	Against/ Venue	Result
U16 Girls Derby City League	<u>Leesbrook</u>	<u>St Benedicts</u> - Won 3-0 <u>Woodlands</u> - Drew 1-1 <u>Ecclesbourne</u> - Won 4-0

Dates for your diary

30th January - Year 12 Work Experience talk - 6pm

6th February - Year 9 Options evening 5-7pm

13th February - Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning - 9-10am

14th February - Break up for half term

27th February - Year 12 Parents' evening - NO early closure

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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