

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

As well as wishing you all a Happy Valentines Day, we would also like to wish a safe and happy half term break. Although this half term has flown by it has been another amazing one and we want to thank all of our young people for living our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence.

## Permanent Secretary for the DfE visit

Today we had the privilege of being visited by Susan Acland Hood who is the permanent secretary for the DfE. Mrs Acland Hood was visiting Derby to look at inclusion and inclusive practice in schools. The Local Authority recommended that Mrs Acland Hood visit Chellaston due to our first-class inclusive practice. Mrs Acland Hood had the opportunity to see a number of our additional interventions in action and had the opportunity to speak to some of young people. Susan was very impressed with our Inclusion Graduated Response and inclusive practice. Well done all, we are very proud of you.





### **Site changes (ID Cards needed)**

Over half term all of our external doors will be changed to have magnetic locks. Students will need their ID card to open these doors, so can you please support us in ensuring students bring their lanyards and ID cards after half term. Please see email sent separately earlier this morning.

### **Rewards Day Announcement**

Rewards day letters will be sent out to parents/ carers soon with details of the exciting trips we have planned for Rewards Day on **Thursday 3rd April!**



Tickets will go live on parentpay next week and a separate email will be sent to you with details.

## **Year 12 Parents' Evening Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7pm**

Yesterday, the bookings opened for the Year 12 Parents' Evening. This will take place on the first Thursday after half term between 4pm-7pm. As only a small section of the school is used and Sixth Form year groups are smaller, the school day is a normal one.



## **Year 9 Options Evening**

After the options evening last week, all students managed to fill their forms in before the Wednesday deadline. At a busy time of the year, it was great to have no chasing up to do. After half term, we will start to interview students about their choices.

## **Paris Trip 2025**

Students and staff set off safely aboard the 8am ferry to Dunkirk on Wednesday morning and have been in full tourist mode since they arrived in Paris. Bateaux Mouches river cruise allowed them to take in the sights along the Seine, they visited up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower, shopped till they dropped at Galleries Lafayette, had a 3 course meal in a typical Parisien bistro and then finished the evening with a visit to the newly renovated Notre Dame Cathedral - tres occupe!!











### **Safer Internet Day**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated Safer Internet Day across the Academy. The theme this year was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' Students from KS3 to KS5 were encouraged to complete various activities that looked at them knowing how to spot an online scam, and understanding sexual extortion and how to report this if you think you are a victim. For anyone wishing to increase their knowledge and understanding of online safety, please visit our website at; <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/our-academy/safeguarding/online-safety/>

### **Year 11 DREF Success**

We are so thrilled with how our young people in Year 11 have approached their additional studies in the DREF. We have seen a steady increase in numbers over the last fortnight; news is getting out that it's the place to be! Our students have demonstrated true ICE: Integrity in their attitude to their studies; Care in how they have shown respect to others through silent study, and Excellence in their general approach to being independent in this final stretch towards their GCSEs. We are proud of the young adults they are becoming and cannot wait to see how they continue to blossom.

Please remind your young people in Year 11 that they have a plethora of support available to them - all of which can be found through Firefly. Please also look out for our very own Year 11 Newsletter that will be released just after half term.



### **Parent/Carer Coffee Morning**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed parents and carers into the Academy for our half termly coffee morning. The theme of this was 'Supporting your child with exam stress and anxiety.' It was lovely to speak to those that came and discuss the symptoms and signs of exam stress and anxiety and how to help. We were supported by Schools Health, our exams officer, Derby Adult Learning Service and two of our lovely wellbeing ambassadors Ella and Lilly who both gave a confident account of their own experience of exam stress.





## Year 12 Psychology project

Year 12 Psychology students will be taking part in a project after half term on their next topic of attachment that allows them to showcase their IntEGGrity, care and EGGcellence. Updates to follow!



## Derby Youth Mayor - Winners

A few weeks ago you may remember that we took part in the election process for the Derby Youth Mayor. Please see this message from the city regarding the results!

"Thank you for your participation in Derby's 2025 Youth Mayor election. We're delighted to share that this year's election achieved a record-breaking turnout, with 12,024 young people casting their votes across the city. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and support of schools like yours.

We are pleased to announce that India Johal from Littleover Community School has been elected as Derby's Youth Mayor for 2025, with Maryam Riaz from Derby Moor Academy serving as Deputy Youth Mayor. They will formally begin their roles at Derby City Council's Annual General Meeting in May 2025.

Your school's involvement in this democratic process has helped demonstrate that young people in Derby are passionate about having their voices heard and making a difference in their community. The unprecedented level of participation reflects the outstanding work of schools in encouraging democratic and civic engagement among students."





## World Book Day – Bake sale - Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are very excited to launch our book themed cake and biscuit sale. We would like students to make either a cake or biscuits inspired by any book you have read!

Here are some ideas to get you started.

<https://www.asda.com/good-living/article/world-book-day-inspired-recipes>

We can't wait to see your tasty treats – be as creative as you can be!

You will need to bring your bakes in on World Book Day – Thursday, 6th March to the library. Winning entries will receive plenty of ICE points plus a vending machine book. All proceeds from the bake sale will go to Book Aid international.

**Book Aid International is a charity that gives people around the world who lack access to books the opportunity to read for pleasure, study and lifelong learning.**

Please see the attached poster for further information on the brilliant work the charity does.



### Dates for your diary

14th February - Break up for half term

24th February - Return to school

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

6th March - World Book Day - Bake Sale

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'P. Smith'.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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