

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half term break. There has been a vibrant and productive climate across our academy and Integrity, Care and Excellence is of the highest order.

Since the half term break we have been benefiting from new maglock doors and our new Bodet (speaker) system. It has been a pleasure to watch our young people promptly but happily moving from lesson to lesson with our new musical additions. As a reminder, students will need their lanyards and cards to gain access through the maglock doors.



## Reminder - Rewards Day

We have sent an email reminder to those parents/ students, who haven't already booked a place, about their chance to book on to our Rewards Day on Thursday 3rd April.

Please see parentpay to book their place!



### Reminder - Drop off & Pick up

We'd like to give a polite reminder that parents/ carers can NOT drive on to the school site at the beginning or end of the school day unless they have formal authorisation, this is due to the arrival and departure of school buses and the health and safety of students - Thank you in advance.



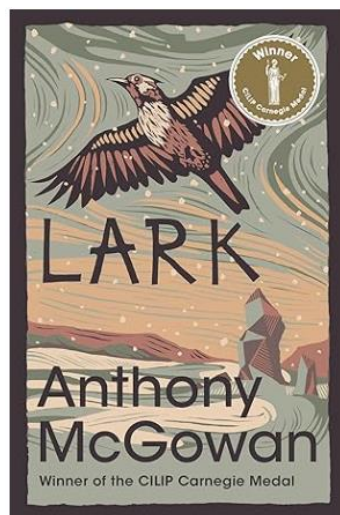
### Mrs Skinner - Teacher Appreciation Week

To celebrate the Trust Teacher Appreciation Week students can nominate a member of staff within the Academy for a particular reason. This can be anyone from a teacher, to a member of extended learning, cover staff, the site team, reception team- anyone! Postcards can be found by student services and 'posted' into our Teacher Appreciation box at the same place. Please make your nomination before lunchtime on Thursday.



### Author online talk - Anthony McGowan

On Wednesday, some of our students participated in an online chat with the brilliant author, Anthony McGowan. We had student representation from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 who all chose to read the author's Carnegie Medal winning book: Lark. This paid dividends as our students got to ask many questions - all of which were answered by Anthony McGowan live. We were also given a detailed insight into the author's intentions for the book and shown photos of the places described. For some of us, these were very different to what we imagined when we read the book!



## Assemblies this week

Our assemblies this week have been about the importance of developing your personality through making the most of opportunities. We explored care and kindness and talked about how positivity can lift everyone up and also the power and benefits of joining in with clubs, cocurricular activities and youth organisations. Two of our amazing year 10 students talked about their experiences, growth and passion for being in the Army Cadets and Mr Walker joined us to launch his Poetry by heart competition! Miss Jones reminded pupils of the amazing sports, arts, drama, music, dance, politics and social awareness groups that run in the school and encouraged them to be 'radiators' in the world.



## Year 12 Parents Evening

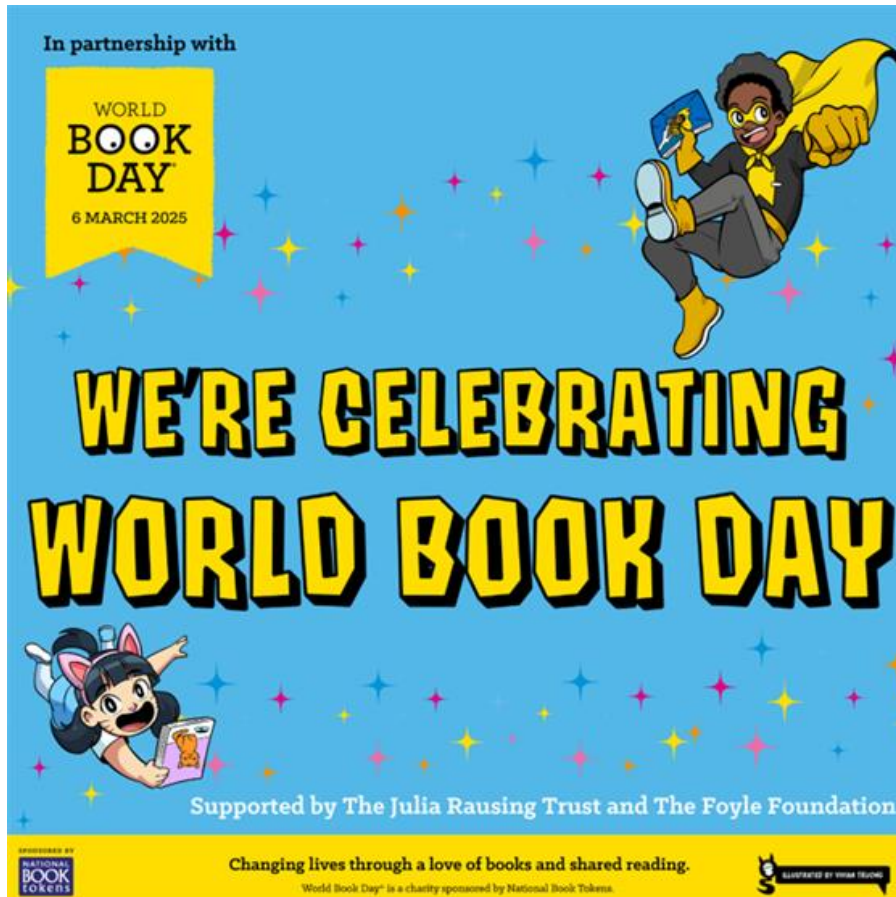
The Year 12 parents evening was a huge success last night with over 76% of parents taking up the opportunity to catch up with their students subject teachers.



## World Book Day - 6th March

We are celebrating World Book day on 6th March by asking students to bring book themed cakes or biscuits for a **Big Bake Sale!** Students should attend school in normal school uniform but can expect members of staff to join in with World Book Day in the traditional manner!

Book tokens are available from the School Library please see Mrs Lloyla.



## Chellaston students WOW in local panto

Chellaston Academy's own: Heidi, Emme, Ingrid, Eloise, Amelie, Betsy, Lily, Holly, Verity, Ava, Kate and Mia are all part of the local amateur dramatics group Aston Players. They performed fantastically in Camelot, the recent panto, between the 21st and 23rd of February.

Ms Henchley, who attended the opening night, described the play as "brilliantly funny and fantastic! Everyone was utterly amazing! We are lucky to have such talented and dedicated students in our school who are giving their time to such valuable community projects".



### Royal Air Force Air Cadets

Grace & Harry Knight were offered a flight place at RAF Wittering on 25th February to to gain values of STEM skills and opportunities that they would not get elsewhere. They took this opportunity and passed with flying colours!

The Royal Air Force Cadets provide opportunities for young people to engage in safe and appropriate broadening experiences that directly their educational, social and emotional development. See their website for more details <https://raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>



### Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance have opened a new community hub in Chellaston based at **Filbert Community buildings**. They have asked us to share the following information with you.

#### Each week the warm welcome includes

Free surplus food supplied by Lidl Chellaston for the community includes, pastries, bread, cakes fruit, vegetables, dairy items, and some meat items.

#### Tuesday's including school holidays

10am to 11.30am free breakfast for the community

12pm to 2pm free lunch ([info@df4ta.com](mailto:info@df4ta.com) a booking is essential for numbers and allergy information)

#### Thursday's including school holidays



10am to 11.30am free breakfast

Please email Mrs Bola at [extrasupport@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:extrasupport@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) for further guidance, thank you.



Everyone Welcome

A warm welcome space to enjoy the company of others

Our Community Hub is open to support our local community. If you're struggling with food insecurity, come along to see how we can help.



*Why not pop in and join us for a cuppa and a chat?*

**OPENING HOURS**

Chellaston & Shelton Lock Community Hub

Tuesday 10:00am - 2pm

Thursday 10:00am - 12pm

**FIND US AT**

Derby Homes Community Room  
Filbert walk, Chellaston  
Derby DE736UG



Feeling Isolated & Lonely?



For anyone in need of support please contact us via [info@df4ta.com](mailto:info@df4ta.com) or 01332 227718

If you'd like to help with donations please see below.

**We need your support!**

If you would like to support with a donation,  
please see items needed below.



## CORE FOOD ITEMS

### Items Needed

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE GLASS JARS



- CEREAL
- UHT MILK
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED BEANS
- NOODLES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINNED HOT & COLD MEAT
- TINNED TUNA
- RICE 500G OR 1KG
- PASTA 500G OR 1KG
- CHAPATI FLOUR
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- COOKING OIL
- KIDNEY BEANS
- LENTILS
- TINNED HALAL PRODUCTS
- POT NOODLES
- COOKING SAUCES (PACKETS ONLY)
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- JAMS
- SPREADS
- BISCUITS
- TEA & COFFEE
- JUICE & SQUASH



**If you are interested in volunteering or in need of support  
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### Sports news

#### Derby City U14 Girls Football League CHAMPIONS

The league finals took place on Wednesday 26th February at the Racecourse.

Chellaston U14 A team were victorious in winning the Challenge Cup and crowned overall league champions! We beat West Park 2-0, drew 1-1 with Ecclesbourne A and beat John Port A 2-0 to take the title on goal difference.



The squad consisted of Nevaeh S, Betsy P, Gracie F, Ffion D, Fliss H, Anya P, Chiara P and Evie H.

Chellaston U14 B team won the Plate competition so also brought home some silverware. They beat Littleover 3-0, drew with Lees Brook 1-1 and beat Ecclesbourne B 2-0 to also take the title on goal difference. The squad consisted of Mara L, Violet S, Emily K, Lucy T, Polly H, Leah M, Yumi K and Beth I.

Well done to all involved, the standard of the competition was excellent and both teams played so well to win their respective titles!







### Dates for your diary

- 6th March - World Book Day - Bake Sale
- 17th March - Year 13 mocks all week
- 3rd April - Rewards Day
- 4th April - Break up for Easter
- 22nd April - Return to school
- 24th April - Year 10 Parents Evening

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"