

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

As we approach the end of half term 3 at Chellaston academy, we are very pleased with how the half term has progressed.

Our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence are evident in abundance and learning is of a high quality. This week the DfE published the final Value Added scores for sixth form study. Our Value Added is very impressive and this is something we are very proud of. As a school our overall Value Added was +0.21 with the academic element being +0.22 and our Applied Value Added element +0.25.

We would like to thank all of the staff and young people who were part of this great achievement.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of this initiative has been '**Know Yourself to Grow Yourself.**' KS3 and KS4 students have had assemblies and activities during form time which have allowed them to understand the importance of **self-awareness** and **emotional intelligence**. They've also been made aware of the significance of managing their emotions. School Health were also in school on Tuesday to offer support and guidance and the wellbeing ambassadors have opened up the wellbeing room for KS3 students. Several departments have also put on unique opportunities for students to take part in extracurricular activities to support their mental health and wellbeing.



UK Maths Trust Challenge

Congratulations to **Shutaro F** who achieved a fantastic score of 117/135 on the Intermediate Maths Challenge and has qualified for the Hamilton Olympiad. Well done to Samjot K and Jai H who have qualified for the Grey Kangaroo. We're very proud of you all!



Attendance

We're in school every day, unless we really can't be.

At the half way point of the academic year (!), we want to send a reminder of our new 'mantra' for attendance this year, and to ask, 'do you know your child's missed days?'

You can find this information on GO - by clicking on 'Attendance' you will then be able to see the breakdown of sessions present, authorised and unauthorised. A 'session' is AM or PM, so divide this by 2 to calculate the days missed.

Summary session attendance

		Sessions	%
Present	▼	155	88.57%
Approved educational activity	▼	2	1.14%
Authorised absence	▼	18	10.29%
Unauthorised absence		0	0%
Unknown		0	0%
Late		5	2.86%

Our support flow for attendance is attached which outlines the actions taken at each stage of missed days to ensure we are working together to achieve the best for your child.

We consider students who are at 10 days of absence to be 'Risk of Persistent Absence' which requires direct intervention from the Attendance team.

As a school we believe that penalty fines for absence are a last resort, but are obligated to remind you that they can now be issued by the LA from 5 days of absence.

As always, if you are worried your child is experiencing a barrier to attending which may escalate, please don't hesitate to get in contact with their Deputy Head of Year in the first instance.

An audience with....

Chellaston Academy library offered students the opportunity to loan a book on the holocaust and participate in **An audience with Mr Luckhurst, our Head of History** who kindly gave up his free period to talk about a subject he is passionate about - The Holocaust and coincides with Holocaust Remembrance.

This proved to be a very popular incentive for our History loving students with 30 students from Year 7 to Year 10 taking part. The students were eager to learn about all about The Holocaust from Mr Luckhurst whose talk was sensitively delivered and contained a wealth of knowledge. This was lapped up by the students who eagerly asked thought-provoking questions throughout. It was a pleasure to witness!

Watch this space as we are now beginning to think which of our other wonderful subject specialist teachers we could invite into the library for our students to benefit from.



Table Tennis - Lunch & Breaktimes

We are delighted to share with you that we have had delivery of the **first of 6 table tennis tables** that will be dotted around the school site for students to play on during break and lunchtimes. They will be monitored by sixth form prefects so that everyone has a fair go. We couldn't miss the opportunity to celebrate our Year 11 student Millie N who plays table tennis at a NATIONAL level and is currently 5th in the COUNTRY in her age group - well done Millie!!





Disney's High School Musical Jr

We have had a huge amount of students turn out to audition for this years school show **Disney's High School Musical Jr** - which has been phenomenal!

We will be conducting whole cast rehearsals on the following dates before making the final decisions on casting:

Monday 11th February (GPA1) 3.10-4.10pm

Wednesday 13th February (G7) 3.10-4.10pm

Wednesday 26th February (G7) 3.10-4.10pm

Consent forms for participation will be coming out shortly for all students involved.

School show dates are **7, 8 & 9th July** so please save the date!



Uniformity Promotion

Uniformity have asked us to pass on this promotion to you.



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Presentation Pride Award

This weeks Presentation Pride Award has been awarded by Mrs Eyre and goes to **Daisy G** in **Year 8** for the fabulous poster she made as part of Children's Mental Health Week, the posters will be placed around the school site to highlight this important topic - Well done Daisy, you're a great ambassador for the school!

Children's Mental Health Week!

Who can you ask for help? (outside of school)

- * Young Minds - 0800 802 5544 - www.youngminds.org.uk
- * Childline - 0800 1111 - www.childline.org.uk
- * The Mix - 0800 808 4994 - www.themix.org.uk
- * Rethink - 0300 5000 927 - www.rethink.org
- * Family Lives - 0800 800 2222
- * CALM - 0800 58 58 58 - www.mind.org.uk
- * No panic - 0844 967 4848 - www.nopanic.org.uk
- * SANE - 0300 304 7000 - www.papyrus-uk.org
- * PAPYRUS - 0870 170 4000 - www.papyrus.org.uk
- * NHS Direct (physical and Mental Health) - 0845 4647

Where to go for support in school...

Who?

- * Form tutor
- * DHOY
- * HOY
- * Member of the Hub
- * SLT
- * Anyone

How?

- * Email the teacher or Group wellbeingteam@che-llaston.derby.sch.uk
- * Put a request in Student Services
- * Talk to someone directly

Emotions: Anger, Stress, Anxiety, Sadness, Joy, Fear, Calm, Bored

Other terms: Overwhelmed, Jealous, Confused, Tired, Proud, Excited, Insecure, Frustrated, Peaceful

Dates for your diary

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

14th February - Break up for half term

24th February - Return to school

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"