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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

We are so proud to share just a few snip-its of the amazing events that have happened this week. Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

STEM Event - Big Ideas Competition

Over the past few weeks, a dedicated group of Year 7 students have been hard at work developing their Big Idea, with invaluable support from Andy Mee and Ed North from Cadent Gas. The students have now successfully completed their business plan and presentation, outlining their innovative idea and proposed solution. These impressive submissions are now being entered into the Big Ideas competition, and we are hopeful that some of our groups will advance to the regional finals.



Cadent

Your Gas Network



Connect/EL Careers trip to Broomfield College and Roundhouse

On Wednesday, Mrs Grimwood, Mr Cudworth, Mr Simpson and Miss Smith took a group of 15 students to Broomfield College and the Roundhouse college in Derby. We were very lucky that Mr Cudworth still has contacts at both colleges, and we had our own personal tour around both campuses. At Broomfield we saw the Animal

care department, sports department, public services and horticulture departments. Some students were really impressed with the tree surgeon course they run and loved the idea of being able to learn to drive a tractor. In the afternoon we visited the Roundhouse which is a busier campus with a multitude of courses running both academic and vocational from GCSE resits to Travel and Tourism. We were lucky enough to visit most departments and even bumped into a few of our ex-students (including one who left in 2018 and now delivers on the Construction course).

Students were impressed to hear that if they get a grade 4 in Math and English they may only have to attend college 3 days a week and understood that if they don't achieve the grades they need they may still get onto the course but would need to sit a lower qualification or attend up to 5 days a week to resit Maths and English at the same time. They have all come back inspired to get the grades.

On the back of this visit, all students will be putting in applications for the course of their choice. The popular courses on the day seem to be animal care, construction, plastering, Hair and Beauty, Health and Social, Engineering and motor vehicle maintenance.



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Year 10 GCSE Photography Ashberry Homes Visit

On Thursday the 13th March the Year 10 GCSE Photography group were invited to visit the new Ashberry Homes, Chellaston Fold, Housing Development with the aim of working as 'professional photographers' for the day! What an amazing experience it was! Not only to be invited by a national and local company, building relationships with our local community but for the students to be out of the classroom and working in a professional and vocational way! They didn't let us down. The behaviour and efforts of all 16 students was fabulous, representing our ICE values whole-heartedly.

The students were asked to photograph the new showhomes and surrounding areas with the end goal of one of their photographs being selected to be professionally printed to go on display in the showhome Sales Office - an amazing prize indeed! We asked the students to consider how the high-quality homes, fit into the beautiful landscape and close-knit community of Chellaston whilst also thinking about the key developments Ashberry Homes had made installing a greener standard of living. What made the day even more exciting was the advice and guidance given to the students by the 2 professional photographers working for Ashberry Homes, our students got some great tips from using their phones technology to capture great shots, to thinking about light and viewpoints!

We are so excited to see the photographs that have been taken and are looking forward to finding out who has captured the brief with their creative and innovative photographs. The students will have lesson time to analyse and edit their work before it is sent off to Ashberry Homes for judging and awarding. Watch this space to find out more!



Year 9 Safe and Sound Bystander event

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March we invited Safe and Sound into the Academy to present a bystander workshop to Year 9. This was a programme called "I can and I will". Safe and Sound charity are currently working with schools, police and local authorities to address serious violence which has been on the increase in

communities in Derby and Derbyshire. The bystander workshop therefore aims to increase confidence, educate and support young people with practical ways to safely be part of the solution in their community and with their peers. The feedback and engagement from Year 9 this week was superb and we hope that they have learnt practical and helpful tips on how to react in certain scenarios.



Immunisation - Year 9

Many of our Year 9s are being doubly vaccinated on Tuesday 19th March, to ensure a smooth process could we please remind students to wear short sleeve shirts where possible, thank you in advance.



Red Nose Day

Please note that we are taking part in Red nose Day's 40th anniversary by celebrating the year 1985 on Friday 21st March! Pupils are allowed to wear non-uniform for the donation of £1 either by cash on the day or by donating via a link we will share around the site and can be accessed here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/chellaston-academy-5#sharePage>



We'd like to remind you that the usual rules apply and that clothes and footwear should be appropriate to do a day of school activity in. You may want to dress up in 80's fashion for extra fun! There will be extra stalls raising funds and having fun around the site at lunch and break and we'd love to see what our Academy can do to show care to others through this fantastic cause.

TCS Mini London Marathon

We are taking part in the TCS mini London marathon in school. Pupils will attempt to run a 2 mile course during their PE lesson on the first week back after Easter (Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th April). We will be hosting 'training sessions' on Wednesday nights after school.



SEND Update Meeting

We will be holding a SEND Update meeting for Parents/Carers as follows. This will be an opportunity to meet the new SENCO and some of the team for a group discussion and presentation on SEND changes and SEND provision.

Please note there will **NOT** be an opportunity for 1:1 meetings at this session. This is also just for Parents/Carers and is not aimed at students and will be held on **Wednesday 26th March 2025 - 4-5.30pm**

If you would like to attend this session, please email our SEND Admin - Mrs S Stratton

- s.stratton@chellaston.derby.sch.uk - **by Friday 14th March 2025 at the latest.**

Read for Good

As a school Chellaston is encouraging students to pick up a book and Read for Good in our school Readathon. Read for Good raises money to provide new books and storytellers for children's wards in local hospitals. As well as this the school will also receive book vouchers equivalent to 20% of the money raised to provide brand new books for our amazing library. To take part students simply need to collect a sponsorship card from the library or students services, collect sponsors and get reading. We are aiming to break our previous record and raise £5000. So why not collect a card and Read for Good.



Poetry By Heart

Chellaston is asking students to learn a poem off by heart to enter the national poetry Recital Competition Poetry By Heart. Students can learn a poem or even write their own, on their own or in a group and upload a video of themselves performing it to Firefly. All students who enter receive 100 ICE points and could win the chance to perform their poem at the Globe Theatre in London.



Psychology "Egg Baby" project is underway!

Our Year 12 Psychology students have been tasked with being proud parents to their own polystyrene egg! This was launched with their accompanying project booklets and they now must look after their egg babies for the entirety of the "Attachment" topic. They've been tasked with ensuring it goes everywhere with them (*unless a rEGGular babysitter can be sourced, apologies if you've been roped in!*)

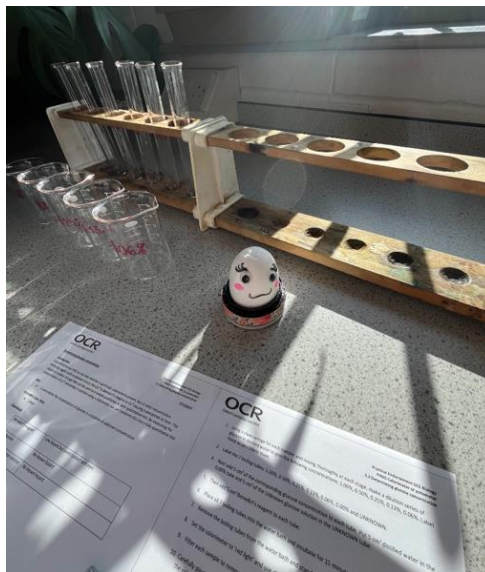
This is a task to try and get them to put the theories that we will be exploring into practical settings.

There will be prizes for the following categories:

1. Best Egg pun name
2. Most Psychology related name
3. Greatest personalisation
4. EGGcellent caregiver award / highest devotion
5. EGGcellent project booklet award

Mr. Kelly has been incredibly impressed with the rEGGular updates Year 12 have provided on email! He has been vigilantly checking that all the students have adequate babysitting arrangements! What he was most proud of, was that our Head of Biology (Miss Messom) commented that a lot of egg babies were in attendance to the Y12 (grand)Parents evening and cross-curricular links have been made!

Our Y12 psychology students are showing intEGGrity, care and EGGcellence during this project - please encourage them to discuss their parenting journey!



World Book Day Feedback

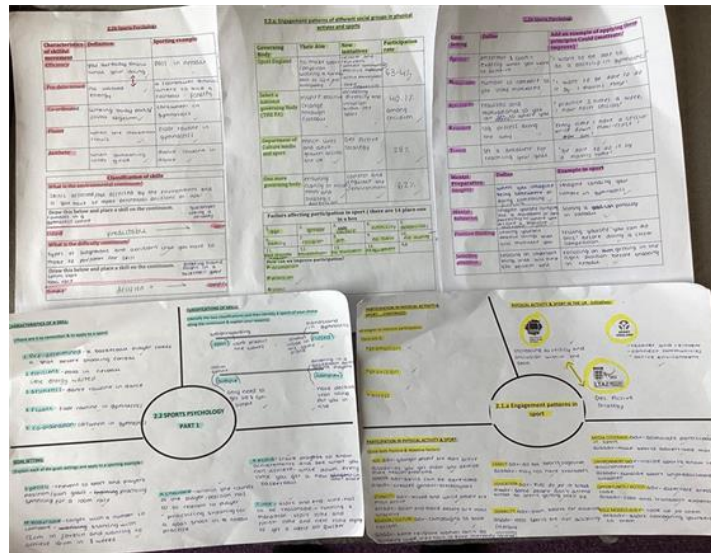
The bake sale was phenomenal! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the with the bakes. **Each baker will receive 500 ICE points.** A huge congratulations goes to **Sean H. (Year 7) as the overall student winner. He will receive 1000 ICE points** and a vending machine book. We are pleased to announce we raised **£313.07** for the charity **Book Aid International.**

The World Book Day bookmark competition continues into this week so drop off your completed bookmarks into the library by Friday 14th March 2025. The winner and runner up will receive a Waterstones book voucher.



Presentation Pride Award

Maisy B in Year 10 has been nominated for this weeks Presentation Pride Award by Mrs Parker in the PE department who is very proud of the work she has put in to this PE assignment - Well done Maisy!



Sport Fixtures

On Friday two Year 9/10 teams; **The Jammie Dodgers** and **The Chello Ballers** went to compete in the Dodgeball School Championships. Both teams played well, however the Jammie Dodgers did not lose a single game all day and ended up winning the competition!! - Well done to all who took part!





Dates for your diary

17th March - Year 13 mocks all week

21st March - Red Nose Day

26th March - 4-5.30pm - SEND update meeting for parents/ carers

3rd April - Rewards Day

4th April - Break up for Easter

22nd April - Return to school

24th April - Year 10 Parents Evening

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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