

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

As we progress further into Spring we have enjoyed lighter mornings and night as well as the sun. This week has been full of Integrity, Care and Excellence and we are very proud of so many elements throughout the week.

Lockdown Practice

On Friday we conducted a successful Lockdown practice, and we would like to recognise the Integrity, Care and Excellence shown by all.

Chair of Governors - Jo Fitzpatrick

On behalf of the whole of the Chellaston Academy Community we would like to thank Jo Fitzpatrick for being our Chair of Governors since January 2023.

Jo has worked tirelessly since being in post and her support and challenge has had positive impacts for the Chellaston Community.

We are delighted that Jo is remaining on the Governing Body, and the photo is part of the LGB presentation to her last Monday.



Year 10 Parents' Evening & Early Closure Thursday April 24th

Although it may seem quite a long way away, Year 10 Parents' Evening is the first Thursday back after the Easter holidays.

Please note on this day, that we will be closing the school early at 1.20pm. Only one lesson (Period 5) will be affected. Bookings for this evening will open on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm. We've changed the timings in case

some of you are still picking up students from rewards day activities. Bookings will close at midnight of Wednesday 23rd April.

More details will follow to Year 10 parents at the start of next week.

A yellow rectangular card with handwritten text in black ink that reads "Don't forget parents' evening!".

Red Nose Day

We are super proud to announce that we raised £1357 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day last Friday! What a team effort and amazing example of the care we have for others! Well Done and thankyou everyone!



Derbyshire School Book Awards Final - Derby University

Mrs Lloyla and Mrs Kennedy took 14 of our students to the Derbyshire School Book Awards. After a tour of the university, the students got to meet the author Dan Smith whose book *The Wall Between Us* was shortlisted last year. The students also participated in a book quiz, took part in a presentation and waited in anticipation for this year's winner to be announced! This year's winning book was *A Faint of Heart* by Kerilynn Wilson which was a popular choice with our students. Well done to Saifi Z, Penny M, Elizabeth C, Evie A, Ben R, Jude H, Sophie L, Imaan H, Robin S, Johan R, Tristan M, Seren W, Valerie S and Claire C for reading all 6 shortlisted books and representing our school at the awards. You did a fantastic job!

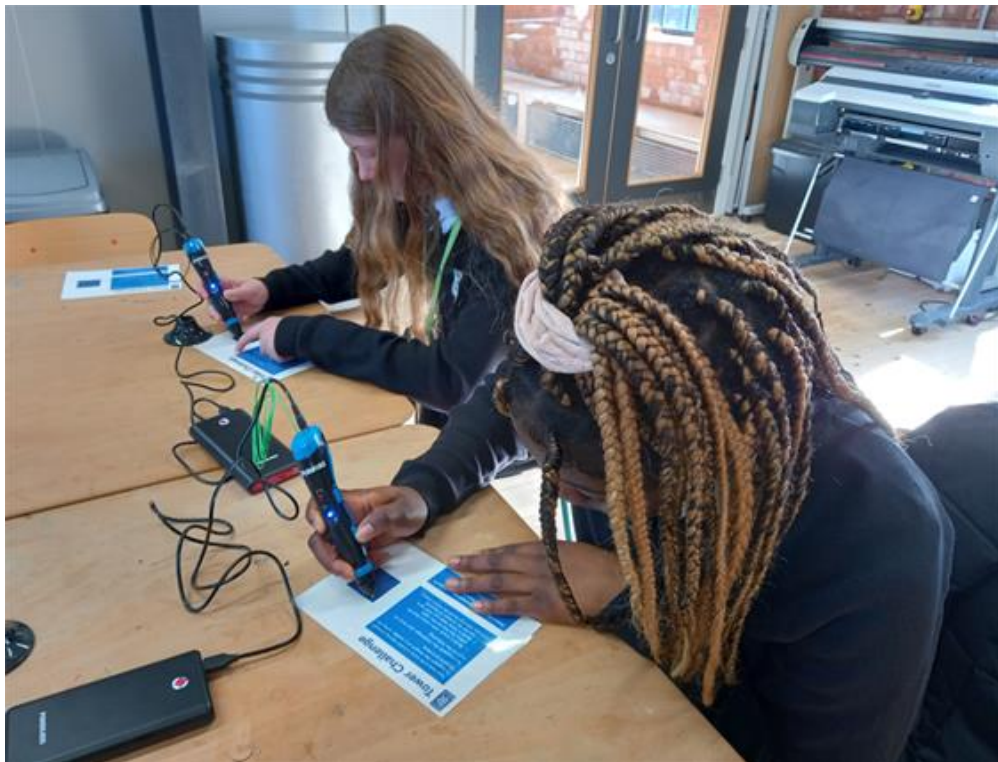




The Science of Innovation: Careers in Engineering, Design and Inspection

On Thursday 27th March, 28 Year 10 Engineering students visited **Derby Museum of Making**, to find out more about careers at Rolls-Royce. They were given an overview about who Rolls-Royce are and what they do, before they moved onto various activities which were organised by current apprentices. Our students had the opportunity to hear about nuclear-powered submarines, sampled some non-destructive testing equipment, looked at x-rays of welding, as well as ultrasonic testing of metallic components. They also found out about the generation of electricity and tested how certain shaped materials were more likely to be propelled by air. The 3D printing pens were a real treat, allowing the students to build a marble tower in 10 minutes or less. This event allowed our young engineers to ask questions about what the apprenticeships were really like and give them a better understanding of what roles they play within the company. They finished their day with a quick look around the museum, viewing many products on display which were designed and produced in Derby/Derbyshire. All students were a real credit to the Academy, displaying their ICE values throughout.





Year 12 Business & Economics Trip

On Thursday the A Level Business & A Level Economics students visited London for the day. Having arrived at St Pancras it was a quick tube journey to Piccadilly Circus to meet our walking tour guides from 'Insider London'. Students then spent two hours exploring some of London's most exciting retail interior designs as well as learning about their unique backstories. During the tour the students analysed store design and visual merchandising of leading retailers including Whole Food Market, Gymshark, Liberty Department Store and Fortnum & Mason, which showcased a vast range of aesthetics from the classic to the cool modern design. Students discovered how some brands add extra personality with a specific staff-profile or unique uniform all of which supported their understanding of Marketing and Branding in business. After making the most of the free food samples at Fortnum & Mason it was a lunch stop at Covent Garden before making their way to the Bank of England Museum. Students spent some time studying the exhibitions, which included testing their strength by lifting a bar of gold! After which they attended a talk on the 'Introduction to the Bank of England and Monetary Policy' which was very informative. Students gained knowledge that will be

invaluable to their studies. The talk also included the importance of gold and just how much is owned and stored in the vaults at The Bank of England! After which the students successfully negotiated London rush hour back to St Pancras to catch the train home.

Mrs Randall, Ms Farmer & Mrs Rowson would like to say it was an absolute pleasure to take the students who were all a real credit to the school.





Empowerment through Creativity

A small group of Year 7 students have been involved in an intervention called 'empowerment through creativity'. They have gained so much from the sessions which have focused on wellbeing, mood, relationships and resilience, as well as lots of different art forms.

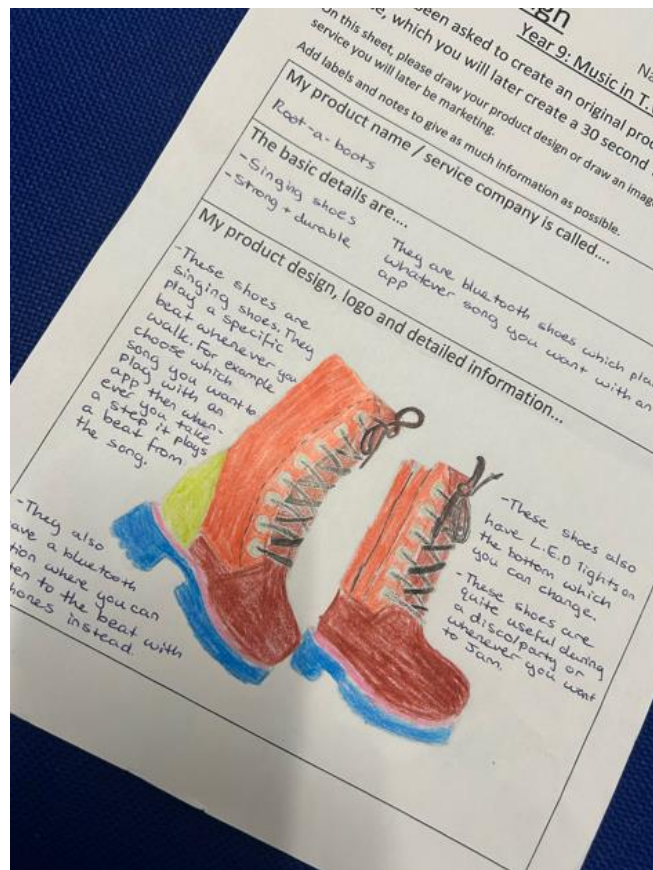
It was extra special to have Jordanne running these sessions for us as she is an ex-Chellaston student. It was lovely for our students and staff to hear what she had been since leaving.





Year 9 Music lessons

Year 9 students have been designing their own products and creating the audio and music to advertise these. We have seen some fantastic ideas for different products or services, including a 'Snackbot', Fire breathing Squirrel to toast your marshmallows, Personalised Pringle dispenser (where you can choose your own flavours, Sleep Cycle Smart Pillow and Root-a-Toot Bluetooth Boots - amongst many others! Students have been creating the music and voiceover for their adverts, both using live instruments and software on iPads.



WEMWBS

This week has seen the launch of the WEMWBS survey for this term. This is a wellbeing survey we ask all students across the Academy to complete so that we can help and support any students in need. We also use this information to implement specific interventions to improve wellbeing and mental health across different year groups. If your child has yet to complete the survey, please do encourage them to complete so that we can support appropriately.

Sport news

Dodgeball event

On Monday, 18 Year 8, 9 and 10's represented Chellaston Academy at the Primary Regional Dodgeball championships. Our students officiated all the games, with one school commenting it was the best umpiring they'd seen. Well done to all those involved!



Netball - St Benedict's

On Tuesday, the Year 8 Netball team went to Saint Benedict's to play the second round of the league competition. There was some great play and all students demonstrated integrity, care and excellence throughout.

Netball - Murray Park

On Thursday, the Year 7 Netball team went to Murray Park to play in their first competition. This was some of our students first time playing in a Netball game outside of school and all did an amazing job. They represented Chellaston wonderfully and continued to show integrity, care and excellence throughout the afternoon.



Dates for your diary

3rd April - Rewards Day

4th April - Break up for Easter

22nd April - Return to school

24th April - Year 10 Parents Evening & early closure

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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