

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

I hope that you've all had a really good Easter break. We've hit the ground running with a parents' evening as well as the GCSE Art and Photography final exams taking place. It was great to see so many parents at last night's Year 10 parents' evening and a Duke of Edinburgh trip set off this morning. So much going on in this short but important half term, please enjoy our newsletter for this week.

## Parents Evenings and Early Closures

Year 10 Parents' Evening was last night. Year 8 Parents' Evening is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Due to a Year 11 exam in the afternoon, this may **not** be an early closure. We will get this confirmed in a few days. In the meantime, please assume that it is one.

Year 7 Parents' Evening is Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>. This is also earmarked as an early closure.

## Bank holiday reminder - 5th May

We'd like to remind you that Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and school will be **closed**.



## Changes to the timings of the school day

During the GCSE/A Level and Year 12/ Year 10 mock examinations, we change the school day to ensure that when exams start at 1pm, students have already been out for dinner.

Dinner starts at 12.20pm and goes on to 1pm. Periods 4 and 5 are from 1pm to 3pm.

We will be starting the new school day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (The Monday is a bank holiday).

This will last for seven school weeks, with the last day being Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Easter School

During the Easter break, there were sessions for Years 10/11 and Year 13 students taking place every day. We had a really good turnout for the subjects and levels of engagement was also high.



### Hamilton Olympiad - Best in the Region!

In the next round of the intermediate maths challenge, Shutaro F in Year 10 achieved the HIGHEST score in the East Midlands! An amazing achievement! He has been working closely with Mr Crossley-Gilbank in Maths to prepare him for this brilliant challenge, we are so proud of you Shutaro!



### Stem Cell Register match

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Harry A in Year 12 has been matched through the **Anthony Nolan Charity** and the **Stem Cell Register** as a potential lifesaver. We are incredibly proud of Harry's compassion and his inspiring commitment to helping others.

With Harry's match, the number of Chellaston Academy students who have stepped up to potentially save lives has now reached an extraordinary *twelve* - a truly remarkable milestone that fills our school community with immense pride.



### Parent RSE information session

There are still some spaces on our parent coffee morning on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30-11am here at the academy. This is an opportunity to ask questions around relationships and sex education here at the Academy which is taking place this term.

If you would like to attend please contact Miss Jones: [l.jones@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:l.jones@chellaston.derby.sch.uk)



### Year 11 Prom fundraising week

Next week is fundraising week for Year 11 Prom. There will be activities each **lunch time from Tuesday to Friday**. This kicks off with fair games and fun in the gym on Tuesday. Candy floss and popcorn will be available. Games will include spin the wheel, tin can alley, sweetie pong, and many more! Thursday is a bake sale. If anyone would like to contribute something for this, please send it into reception on Thursday morning. Wednesday is a daunting day for some staff with the students having the opportunity to 'soak the staff in the stocks'. **Please support our year 11's by reminding your children to bring in their 50p's and £1's to join in the fun.**

## Social media

Did you know that you can follow us on social media via Facebook and Instagram?



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## Sporting events

The TCS London Marathon takes place this weekend and 662 of our students have marked it by taking part in the TCS **mini** marathon held in schools this week. They all took part by completing the 2 mile course around the field - well done to all who took part!



## Dates for your diary

29th April - RSE Coffee morning 9.30-11am

5th May - Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

14th May - Year 13 final teaching day

16th May - Year 13 Leavers Day

21st May - Year 8 Parents Evening - potential early closure

23rd May - Break up for May Half Term

11th June - Year 7 Parents Evening - early closure

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

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