

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been a great sunny week at Chellaston Academy. The climate for learning has been very productive and our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence are evident in abundance. There have been a number of memorable experiences provided and we hope that you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Bank Holiday Reminder

Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and Chellaston Academy will be closed.

Catering at Chellaston Academy

This week we have installed new tills across our academy. Students will no longer be able to use their biometrics to pay for food and drink. Food and drink can now be paid for through students individually coded ID cards and ParentPay is linked to the students ID cards. If a student loses their ID card, they must report this to their year team as soon as possible. New cards can be purchased through ParentPay for a cost of £2.

Uniform Reminders

Although we have a short rise in the temperatures this week, the forecast for the next few weeks is expected to be 'normal' for this time of year. Students should attend our academy in full school uniform, which includes a jumper/blazer and their lanyard including card.



Parents Evenings and other dates for the diary

Year 8 Parent Evening - Wednesday 21st May 2025 - (School will be closed from 2pm)
Year 7 Parent Evening - Wednesday 11th June 2025 - (School will be closed from 2pm)
Induction Evening for Year 6 families - Thursday 3rd July 2025
Rewards Day Summer Term - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Changes to timings of the school day from next week

On May 9th, the first timetabled GCSE exams start.

As the afternoon exams start at 1pm, we do not want the students to be on their dinnertime at the same time as students doing an exam. In order to avoid this, every year we change the school day.

Monday, May 6th is a Bank Holiday but **from May 7th we will be switching to a different school day.**

The only thing affected is that **dinner will be from 12.20pm to 1pm** and **period 4 will be from 1.20pm to 2pm.**

The two early closures that are taking place in May/June are both 2pm finishes and students will be able to get a dinner before going home.

Safeguarding Concern

We have been made aware that some of our students have been approached by a male in his late thirties at Mushroom Park in Chellaston. This is in the centre of Montague and Cordelia Way. This male then proceeded to follow a child home. Please let us know if you have any information or are concerned by this. We will endeavour to keep you updated with any further information.

Year 11 Prom fundraising committee

We are exceptionally proud of the hard work and dedication of our Year 11s who have raised lots of money to go towards their Prom in June! From Guess the Teacher from baby pictures, a bake sale, sponge the teacher, fun & games in the gym to a fundraising football match today, there's been a real buzz around the school with over £600 raised!





Chello Dance Show

This week saw students from Year 7-10 perform in our annual Dance show. We are so proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown with their rehearsals. Thanks so much to everyone who supported us in the audience, it was an extravaganza!



Duke of Edinburgh - Silver

Last weekend 35 intrepid Year 10 students set off for their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualification expedition. On the first day pupils made the most of the sunshine, stopping for a spot of sunbathing on their way to the campsite. Pupils successfully erected their tents, cooked their first meals of the weekend, which for many included a lot of pasta, before settling into their tents for the evening. On the second day, pupils were up bright and early... some with a 5.45am wake-up call! Pupils packed up their tents, and set off on their second day of walking, further developing their map reading skills and teamwork. The pupils made it back to camp much earlier and soon embarked upon a 4-hour football match, with a half-time break where dinner was cooked. There were some excellent skills on display, particularly after a long day of walking! The final morning saw pupils pack up their tents and repack their backpacks for a final time, and for some cook their fifth serving of pasta! Pupils were in high spirits as they walked picturesque routes around Tittesworth Reservoir towards the end point...and more importantly home! Pupils were a credit to Chellaston Academy throughout the three days and should be commended for their teamwork and perseverance, especially when the blisters and aches and pains from carrying their backpacks began to kick in.





How to Stay Safe Around Open Water

By following our simple advice everyone can stay safe when they are around open water. Our advice is:

- Never enter the water – no matter how inviting it may look!
- Avoid walking on routes near water if you have been drinking alcohol.
- Don't dive or jump into open water, this can cause potentially fatal cold water shock even on the warmest day. You also don't know what's below the surface of the water – rocks or other hidden debris can lead to serious or fatal injuries.
- Always supervise children around water - drowning can happen fast and silently.
- If you find yourself unexpectedly in the water, don't panic, extend your arms and legs out and float on your back until the effect of cold water shock passes.
- Never enter the water to try and rescue someone or an animal, call 999 and ask for the Fire Service

Sports news

Girls Rugby

On Monday night twelve year 8 and 9 pupils went to John Port to play the first girls rugby game in 15 years. The girls played superbly and worked together as a team incredibly well. Each individual put in some great tackles and runs. Chellaston Academy came out on top, scoring 8 tries to 4. Gracie F was nominated player of the match by John Port but the whole team did themselves proud.



Dates for your diary

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 - School will be closed from 2pm
23rd May - Break up for May Half Term
11th June - Year 7 Parents Evening - School will be closed from 2pm
3rd July - Induction evening for Year 6 families
22nd July - Rewards Day for Summer term
Kind regards



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