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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another great week in our academy, and we have so many elements to be proud of. Our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence are visible and live and we want to say thank you to our community for upholding these values. This week has seen the start of GCSE and Level 2 examinations as well as special celebrations for VE Day. We hope that you enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Year 8 & Year 7 Parents' Evenings (Early Closures for both)

On **Wednesday 21st May**, there is the Year 8 Parents' Evening which will take place from **4-7pm**. In readiness for this, the school will be closing at 2pm. Due to the new timings, this will also include dinner at school. Year 8 parents will be sent additional information, but the booking system will open at 6pm on Wednesday 14th May.

On **Wednesday 11th June**, there is our final parents' evening of the year, which is Year 7. This will also be an early closure for the school at 2pm. Booking for this will open after half term.



Year 13 Leavers' Celebration event

This afternoon, our Year 13 students enjoyed their Leavers' Celebration event, arriving in fantastic fancy dress and being welcomed with burger and chips. The afternoon began with a brilliant assembly led by Mrs Tivey and the student leaders, made even more special by the wonderful first-day-of-school photos kindly shared by parents and carers—thank you for these, they were a real hit with both students and staff! Following the assembly, the celebrations continued on the field with an inflatable obstacle course and a DJ, creating a lively and memorable atmosphere. It was a joyful occasion full of laughter, photos, and shared memories as students marked this important milestone. Year 13s last official day is Wednesday 14th May, and we wish them all the very best for their bright and exciting futures.









VE Day - 80th Celebrations

As jolly 1940s music was piped through the school during lesson changeover we marked the 80th anniversary of VE day with decorations and special assemblies from History's Mr Whitehead.

Mr Whitehead spoke about his own family's experiences of WW2 and our brilliant cadets read aloud personal encounters of those who witnessed VE day first hand. We're very proud of the respect shown by all involved - lest we forget.





Rams in Kenya - Lotti & Landon Allen

Derby County Community Trust run an annual trip called "Rams in Kenya". The programme works with 5 partner schools in Nakuru, Kenya to improve sanitation, build new classrooms or facilities and increase safety measures. The programme also helps with teaching in classrooms, coaching sports and learning new skills.

There are a total of 75 volunteers this year and Chellaston Academy's **Lotti & Landon Allen** have been assigned to Jubilee Academy which has 110 children aged between 3 and 13. The charity helps with new uniforms, books, stationary, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toys, shoes, sports equipment and lots of other items as well as providing food in school and out in the community to their families. Volunteers can choose to help teach or build, last year saw the completion of 3 new classrooms.



Also, 20% of raised funds go back into the Derby community to fund programmes run by DCCT. This year's funds help to keep the running of Harrison's Hub at Pride Park.

We are exceptionally proud of these brilliant students who are volunteering (along with their mum Sammi who is project lead for their partner school) to support children less fortunate than themselves - we're looking forward to hearing all about it and how it develops their own skills. If anyone would like to help this fantastic charity please see the Just Giving link here - <https://www.justgiving.com/team/sammi-allen-ramsinkeny2025>

Well done Lotti & Landon!



Mental Health Week - Commencing 12th May

Week commencing 12th May is mental health week- the theme of which is COMMUNITY. On the Thursday 16th May it is also "Wear it Green" day. Students and Staff can show support and solidarity with people who may be experiencing poor mental health. They will also be raising awareness and helping achieve good mental health for all. Let's turn the world green for good mental health!



Feeling creative? Why not design and make your own mini garden?

Chellaston Community Volunteers are inviting entries from anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Chellaston.

Create your miniature garden in small, recycled containers with a theme of your choice. **Maximum size 30cm by 30cm.** Any shape of container or dish can be used. Any medium or style can be used for creating your garden. Try to use recycled things if you can for decorating your garden. There will be categories for all ages including children, young people, adults, individuals, families, friends, groups, teams, departments. Enter your own garden and inspire and help others.

Spirit of Chellaston event

Date - 28th June

Place - Swarkestone Park, opposite Chellaston Academy

Time - 12 noon - 5pm

Bring your entry along on the day, by 1pm, to the Chellaston Community Volunteers' stand (next to Chellaston Residents' stand) at the Spirit of Chellaston event. This is a new competition, and we hope to have an abundance of mini gardens to display.

LET YOUR CREATIVITY GROW!



Dates for your diary

14th May - Year 13 final teaching day

15th May - Mental Health Awareness - "Wear it Green" 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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