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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

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As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding week at Chellaston Academy, I'm pleased to share some of the latest updates, celebrations and events that have taken place in school this week with you. As we move further into our exam season, I would like to commend our Year 11 and Year 13s who continue to show great commitment during their exams, this can be a challenging time for many and we're incredibly proud of the way they are approaching their exams. The rest of the school continue to express their enthusiasm to their learning by engaging in their lessons and showing the academy values of Integrity, Care and Excellence, we are proud of the focus and effort they continue to demonstrate.

Student survey

Our student survey is live for another week and all pupils have been set this as a firefly task. We'd really appreciate the feedback so do encourage your child to share their opinions with us. Next week we'll launch our parent survey too so we can make the experiences as positive as possible next year for everyone.



Scholastics Book Fair

The book fair in school was a great success this week. A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff who bought books from the fair. The grand sales total was £529 which meant as a reward from Scholastics we could pick over £200 worth of books from the trolley for the school library.

Some of our brilliant library users (Sophie T, Valerie S and Amelia P) chose the following titles. All these books will be available soon to borrow from the library.



Engineering Skills with Rolls-Royce

We are delighted to share with you that our students joined in with hundreds of students from Derby and Nottingham to try out their engineering skills with Rolls-Royce Apprentices at the Museum of Making in Derby - we're very proud that our students made the headline photograph!

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/education/hundreds-of-derby-students-learn-first-rate-rolls-royce-engineering-skills-at-worlds-oldest-factory-5124747>

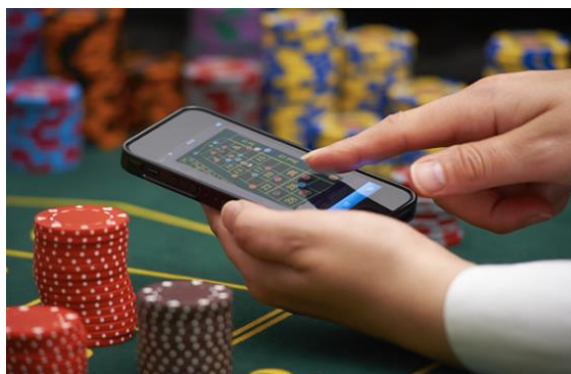
Waterstones Book Trip

We were privileged to take a group of Year 7 students to Waterstones to help us choose the next set of books for our vending machine. We selected the boys who have been working hard on reading as a celebration for their achievements and as a way of continuing to promote our wider reading culture. Once we arrived at the book store, we were met by some wonderful staff who supported our young people in selecting books for the whole school and then guided them to choose a book for themselves. We came away with a mix of manga, popular fiction and some non-fiction on WW2 and Flights! After we left the store, we made our way to The Book Cafe where we were treated to a delicious piece of cake and a drink of choice. The boys then settled in to start reading their books in peace and quiet. To add to this, we invited parents and carers to join us at the cafe so that we could build on our wider reading culture. We believe in making strong connections and in encouraging our young people to push beyond the barriers; it was a truly special afternoon to see our wider community all working together in aid of reading. We wish to thank everyone involved for making this such a wonderful experience and can't wait for our next one!



Visiting speaker - Gambling Harm Awareness

On Tuesday we were lucky to be able to host Andy from EPIC into the academy to talk to our year 9 and 10 cohorts about Gambling harm awareness. Andy and his company work globally with a variety of establishments from premier league clubs to businesses, as well as schools, spreading awareness of harm and where to get support. As a local member of the community he was very pleased to visit us and said how impressed he was with the way our pupils responded - even sharing his positivity on the spotted page! His personal story was moving and inspiring and we are very grateful that he could share it with us.



School show - High School Musical Jr

It's the start of something new! Join the Wildcat spirit at "High School Musical Jr!" Tickets are now on sale on ParentPay for our school production High School Musical Jr. Show dates: 7th, 8th, 9th July, at 6.30pm in GPA2. Don't miss out! Get your High School Musical Jr. tickets now!



Year 10 GCSE Photography Ashberry Homes Visit WINNER Announcement!

Back in March of this year, 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! They had such a great time and took some fantastic photos to submit as part of the competition.

We can now announce the winner and it gives the Art Department and School such pleasure to say a huge well done to **Willow B** in Year 10!

The Ashberry Team were blown away by all the photos submitted, but Willow got the final vote for her stunning shot (see below) which reflected a superb understanding of depth, colour and composition. It was amazing to see the photo printed out on a large scale and displayed on the wall in the Sales Centre. As part of the competition, Willow was awarded a £150 voucher to spend in the shops and restaurants of her choice! Wow!

Having the opportunity to get involved in visits and competitions like this really demonstrates the ICE values of Chellaston Academy and the Art Department. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and look forward to more opportunities like this in the future!



Cancer Research - Race for Life

We are very proud of the following Year 7s - Lukas E, Idris S, Seth B and Noah H who took part in the "Race for Life" Cancer Research event. They walked the local area and got sponsors along with an online sponsor page for cancer research - They raised around £280 by doing the **5k Pretty Muddy course** in 36 minutes. We're very proud of their sportsmanship, care and support for a friend who recently lost a close relative to cancer two years ago.



National Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Ruby W in Year 12 and Fern S in Year 11, who competed in a national Display Gymnastics competition over the weekend of 7th–8th June. Representing MGC Gymnastics, they performed brilliantly and were awarded Best Choreography—an outstanding achievement!

The event, held in Middlesbrough, featured over 20 teams with participants aged 7 to 21 from across the country. Well done, Ruby and Fern—we're incredibly proud of your success!



Dates for your diary

17th-27th June - Year 10 & 12 Mock Exams

30th June - Sixth form Bridging Day (Year 11 into 12 transition)

1st-3rd July - Year 6 Transition days

3rd July - Induction evening for Year 6 families

7th, 8th, 9th July - School production of High School Musical Jr at 6.30pm in GPA2

22nd July - Rewards Day for Summer term

23rd July - Break up for Summer break

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'P. Smith'.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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