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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been another busy and productive week at Chellaston Academy. There have been some significant events including the final 'rites of passage' for our amazing Year 11s signifying the end of their external exam period. Please enjoy reading about them in our weekly newsletter.

Parent Feedback Survey - Now LIVE

Our parent feedback survey is now live. Please click the link below to answer the questions and share your views. Your feedback is important to us and we'd love to hear from you in order to improve the experience for all of our school community.

Our last survey had very few responses so if you do have the time, we'd really appreciate it - to hear the positives as well as ways we can develop.

The survey closes on July 4th - Survey [HERE](#)



Year 11 Leavers Assembly & Shirt Signing

Our Year 11s had their special Year 11 assembly and traditional shirt signing day yesterday. They have such a special bond and we wish them all the very best for the future, whether it be back to Chellaston Academy for sixth form, to another sixth form or college or to an exciting apprenticeship. Please keep in touch Class of 2025!





Special Award - Anashe M

During the special assembly for Year 11 one of our students Anashe M was awarded the **Chellaston Choice Exceptional Achievement Award** for his outstanding transition from a student who didn't always make the right choices to a student who has completely embraced our core values of Integrity, Care & Excellence to the highest standard! Well done Anashe, you are a fabulous role model to all of our students and we wish you all of the very best for the future - we are so, so proud of you!



Year 11 Prom

Yesterday evening over 250 of our wonderful Year 11 students took part in their prom. All of them looked absolutely beautiful and it was a joy to see them celebrating. There was an excitable buzz the whole evening from the arrival, to the awards ceremony, to a bouncing dance floor. The smiles never faded until the final song, where tears were shed and memories shared. We are incredibly proud of our Year 11s and we look forward to seeing them on results day. Photos coming soon....



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze - Training weekend

The Duke of Edinburgh students and volunteer staff had a very busy time last weekend when 63 students went on their training expeditions from Friday to Saturday and another 53 students went out from Sunday to Monday.

The weather was very kind to us although a little too warm in the classrooms on day one where they plotted their qualifying routes ready for September and learnt about first aid. The outdoor training was much cooler and included pitching tents and staying safe when cooking on the gas fires.

In the evening there was time to relax and get some exercise. Many students played football or cricket whilst others played games like Uno and Articulate - it was a joy to see!

On day two the students were out on their walk in the local area through the long grass, in their teams putting their new skills to use - We are very proud that they demonstrated our core values of Integrity, Care & Excellence in abundance - they were fabulous!





Published book - Jack B

We are delighted to share with you that Jack B in Year 8 published his very own book through Amazon with the support of his family. He was inspired by the Dystopian Fiction topic during Year 8 English and showed a keen interest in dystopian stories. The English department and school are super proud of Jack and hope his book reaches young people far and wide and inspires them to get writing!

Here is a photo with his friends (who have read the book and highly recommend it) - his book is called "16K" and is available to buy on Amazon - [Jack's book!](#) - Well done Jack, we're very proud of you!



Carnegie Trip to City of Derby Academy

On Thursday 19th June to celebrate the announcement of the winning Young Adult book of the Year a group of Chellaston's avid readers spent the day with students from the City of Derby Academy. Both sets of students had the Carnegie book shortlist in common and instantly sparked up conversations with each other centred around reading! The day was a massive success as students participated in quizzes, book activities and bravely shared their book presentations with each other. A huge thank you to the City of Derby Academy for hosting us and offering us lots of cake!

If you would like a good book to read over the summer, this year's winner was **Glasgow Boys by Margaret McDonald**. The winner of the shadowers' vote went to **King of Nothing by Nathaniel Lessore**.



2024 Award for Excellence in Army Cadet Music

We are super proud of our Year 13 student Katie H who was invited to London on Friday last week to receive the "2024 Award for Excellence in Army Cadet Music" in a prestigious award ceremony, presented by Dame Joanna Lumley! It was a great honour to have been nominated by the Derbyshire Commandant and Katie was absolutely thrilled to have won the trophy!! Well done Katie, this is an incredible achievement, thank you for letting us share your great news, we wish you all the very best for the future!



Sporting events

We have had so many sporting events this week, here is a synopsis.

Wednesday 11th June - Athletics Competition

19 Students in Years 9 & 10 went to West Park School to compete in an athletics competition, all of our students did an amazing job in their event and did Chellaston Academy proud!

Special Mentions:

Erin K (10)- 3rd in 100m

Evie H (9)- 1st in 200m and long jump

Tobias R (10)- 3rd in 200m

Maisy B (10)- 3rd in 200m

Faebian N (9)- 2nd in 300m and 1500m
Amelia T (10)- 1st in 300m
Grace K (9)- 2nd in 300m and shot put
Freddie C (10)- 3rd in 400m
Isla M (8)- for racing up a year group to enable the year 9's to have a full team and placed 1st in the 800m
India-Rose D (10)- 2nd in 800m
Adam W (10)- 1st in 800m
Harry J (10)- 2nd in 1500m
Year 9 girls relay team- 1st
Year 10 girls relay team- 2nd
Harley C (9)- 2nd in shot put

Saturday 14th June- Derbyshire Schools Athletics Championships 2025

On Saturday 14th June, 16 students went to Moorways to compete in the Derbyshire Schools Athletics Championships, all of our athletes did an incredible job in their retrospective events and did us proud. Thank you to all the Parents/Carers for taking them, without you it wouldn't have been possible. Below is a list of all the athletes that took part:

Olivia H (10)- Javelin
Maisy B (10)- 200m
Erin K (10)- 100m
Tobias R (10)- 200m and high jump
Freddie C (10)- 800m and javelin
Connah B (11)- 1500m
Harvey G (9)- 1500m
Jess W (9)- 800m
Emily W (11)- 800m
India-Rose D (10)- 800m
Maisie P (9)- 100m
Emily K (8)- javelin
Isabel L (10)- high jump
Niall H (8)- discuss
Libby S (8)- 300m, placed 5th overall
Remi C (11)- 1500m, placed 2nd overall

Tuesday 17th June- QUAD athletics

Sixteen Year 7 students went to West Park School to compete in QUAD athletics, which consisted of an 800m run, 100m sprint, long jump and howler thrower. For some students this was their first event representing Chellaston Academy and they did a fantastic job.

Evie A and Mary A both won their 800m heats.

Hamza A won his 100m sprint

James B placed 2nd in his 800m heat

Zoe T placed 2nd in her 100m heat

Team results to follow.

Wednesday 18th June- Year 8 Rounders

On Wednesday a team of Year 8s and 1 Year 7 played in a rounders competition at school. The students played exceptionally well considering how warm it was on the field. Huge thank you to all the girls for being such great sportswomen and helping one another and being so supportive to the other teams. Special thank you to Hannah J (Year 7) for playing up a year group and being a valuable member of the team.

Thursday 19th June- Year 9 Rounders

On Thursday a team of Year 9s went to Littleover School to compete in a county rounders competition. Despite the hot weather the girls did an amazing job and continued to demonstrate the Chellaston Academy values of integrity, care and excellence.

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



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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