

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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27<sup>TH</sup> June 2025

Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

This week has been full of milestones and great events. Our Year 10s and 12s have finished their mock exam period, our Year 13s left us in style via their prom on Tuesday night and we finished the week with a fantastic sports day. Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

## Heatwave measures

As we are expecting a sustained period of higher temperatures over the next two weeks we would like to remind parents that all students should have a refillable water bottle with them. We have additional water stations in our canopied areas outside the main hall as well as our permanent water fountains and hydration stations in the dining venues.

There are shaded outdoor areas adjacent to our D block.

Students should ensure that they have applied adequate amounts of sunscreen (SPF 25 minimum) and wear suitable hats and UV protective sunglasses when outdoors.



## Exams

Today, we set off the last exams in a series which has been operational for almost eight weeks. We are extremely fortunate to have a truly outstanding group of people in our exam team who demonstrate our school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence, enabling us to administer thousands of external and mock exam papers for more than 800 candidates during this time. They are patient, reliable and above all professional in everything they do, we are very grateful.



### **Change to the timings to the middle of the school day**

After GCSE exams, A-Level Exams, Year 10 Mocks and Year 12 Mocks we have finally reached the end of the exam season for Summer 2025. Consequently, we will be returning to the normal school day times. This doesn't affect most of the school day, just between break and period 5.

From Monday 30th June.

Period 4 will be from 12.20-1.20pm

Dinner will be from 1-2pm



### **Year 13 Prom – A Night to Remember**

On Tuesday evening, our Year 13 students marked the end of their KS5 journey with a spectacular prom at Pride Park. Dressed to impress, they arrived in style and spent the evening celebrating with laughter, dancing, and plenty of smiles.

A huge thank you goes to Harriet B for her outstanding effort in organising such a memorable event—it wouldn't have been possible without her. Congratulations also to Ruby D and Thomas E, who were crowned Prom Queen and King.

We couldn't be prouder of this incredible year group. They've been a credit to the school, and we wish them every success and happiness in their next chapter.



### **Extended Transition**

On Tuesday 24th June, we were delighted to welcome a group of our new Year 6 pupils for an extended transition day. The children enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, including an art session with Mrs Shipley, a cooking session with Mr Grant, and a music session with Ms Marshall Simms.

They were full of energy and enthusiasm—especially during music, where they had great fun with all the instruments. They also created some beautiful leaf-themed artwork and baked delicious scones, which we all enjoyed together!

To round off the day, the children took part in sports and games led by the Derby County Community Trust, bringing the day to a lively close.

We hope the children enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed having them. We are hopeful they left feeling excited and reassured about starting with us in September.



### **Wellbeing Transition event**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed a small group of Year 6 students into the Academy for an enhanced transition event. The purpose was to give these students an opportunity to spend some time at Chellaston Academy before the main transition days next week to dispel any concerns or anxieties they may have about the movement to secondary school. Supporting the event were the Year 12 wellbeing ambassadors and some Year 7 students. The event could not have run without their support and they conducted themselves perfectly; leading with care and kindness. Overall, the event was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming them back next week.

### **Spirit of Chellaston - Mini Garden**

It is the Spirit of Chellaston event tomorrow, 28th June, and students were asked if they'd like to enter a mini garden into the mini garden competition. We are proud to celebrate Evie A, Amaani N & Rajinder G for their joint entry and Elizabeth C & Charlie E for theirs - Good luck to you all!!

We are also delighted to share with you that our brilliant student Chellaston Academy musicians will be playing at the event!!







### **Inclusion Partnership Conference 2025**

Yesterday our Chellaston Academy Inclusion Choir performed (with other Derby schools) at the Inclusion Partnership Conference that was held at Pride Park in Derby - well done all!

<https://inclusionpartnership.co.uk/inclusion-conference/>



### **Parent Feedback Survey - Reminder**

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](#)



### **The Adolescence Effect – free webinar**

Prevent Education Officer Sally Siner, supported by Online safety expert Traci Gregory are offering a free online webinar for parents and carers of children and young people on The Adolescence effect. Please have a look at the document attached below for information.



### **Community Adolescent Immunisation Clinic**

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**For children attending secondary school, SEN, PRU or electively home educated in the Derby City and Derbyshire area**

If you are a parent/carer and have a child who is year 7 - year 11 and is outstanding a HPV, DTP, MEN ACWY OR MMR immunisation. We can offer an appointment for any of these immunisations at the below clinics.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, Derby City, Ascot Drive Fire Station Community Rooms, Allenton, DE24 8GZ, 10am – 3pm**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Buxton Fire Station Community Rooms, Staden Lane, Buxton, SK17 9RZ, 10am – 3pm**

**Please note this is a free vaccination for any eligible child.**

**Call IntraHealth on 0333 3583 397 option 5 option 2 to book an appointment at the fore mentioned clinics.**

NHS School Aged Immunisation Service

Service Provided By IntraHealth

### **Message from Arriva bus company**

The end of another school year is now fast approaching, and Arriva UK Bus would like to take this opportunity to highlight the most cost-effective ticket options that are available for your pupils who may be traveling to school on Arriva buses during the 2025-26 academic year.

Arriva's Student & Child Saver tickets will not only provide all pupils with reduced priced bus travel costs to-and-from school, but they can also use their saver ticket to travel at evenings, weekends and throughout all school term holidays. Furthermore, you can spread the cost of our annual saver ticket over affordable monthly payments using our easy-to-use direct debit system. It's simple to apply, and there's no setup fee or minimum contract required, which means they can cancel their direct debit and stop their ticket at any time should their circumstances change, which makes it the ideal way to get reduced price with no commitments.



Please see the flyer & QR code attached below.



## Sports news

### Sports Day 2025

Chellaston Academy was awash with PE kits today as we celebrated our annual sports day. The music was blasting out and there was lots of support and decorations for our athletes from the sidelines. We had such a great afternoon! Well done to all involved and a special THANK YOU our brilliant PE department for all of the organising and herding - Results to follow!





### **Cricket**

As part of our continued partnership with Derbyshire Cricket Foundation and The Chance to Shine programme, we took two girls teams to compete in an U13 Softball Cricket Festival on Tuesday



24th June hosted by Denby Cricket Club. The festival saw six teams compete for the chance to represent Derbyshire in the Regional finals.

**Chellaston (1)** won their first game against Anthony Gell by 42 runs, narrowly lost their second game to Chellaston (2) by 1 run, and lost their final game to QEGS on the last ball of the game by 2 runs.

**Chellaston (2)** lost their first game to West Park, won their second game against Chellaston (1) by 1 run, and lost their remaining two games against Anthony Gell and QEGS.



There was some excellent cricket from both teams, with one student on a hat-trick, and multiple wickets being taken across all games, not to mention all of the boundaries. Although both teams experienced success, it was not enough to see them through to the next round, coming joint 4th. For some of our students this was their first competitive experience of cricket, and I was really proud of everyone and the integrity they displayed both on and off the cricket field. Well done girls!

If your child is interested in cricket there is still time to join in our afterschool club

Tuesday 1st July - 3.10-4pm

Tuesday 8th July - 3.10-4pm

Next event: Yr7/8 Softball Festival on 15th July @ Rosehill Cricket Club - 9.30-11.30am

### **Football Presentation Night**

Due to the success of the Chellaston Academy football teams this year, we were invited to attend an awards presentation at **Pride Park** on **Wednesday 25th June** - we were so proud of all of our young footballers!







### Dates for your diary

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, appearing to read 'P. Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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