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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

It has been a delight to welcome back our wonderful young people after the half term break. As ever, this week has been very busy, but providing memorable experiences for our students. Our young people in Year 11 and 13 are in the midst of exams; it was the last official day in school for our Year 11 students and we finished the week off by having a visit from Baggy Shanker, Member of Parliament for Derby South. Please enjoy our newsletter.



Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations

Our Year 10 and 12 students will begin their mock exams on the 17th June and these examination will run until 27th June.

Uniform

As we move into the final half term we have adapted our uniform expectations.

These expectations are: -

- Students will not be expected to wear blazers/jumpers
- Students should keep shirts tucked in throughout the school day
- Students can wear tailored black shorts
- Students should wear their school tie and school ID/lanyard
- Hoodies and leggings are not part of our uniform expectation and should not be worn.

Year 7 Parents' Evening and early closure

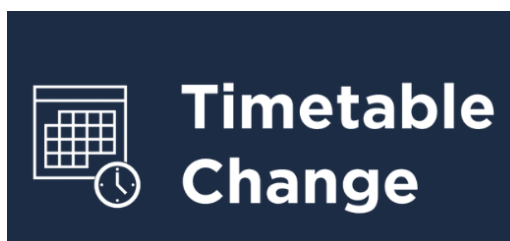
This week, booking opened for Year 7 parents' evening.

This will take place on Wednesday June 11th from 4pm-7pm, The school will be closing early at 2pm. Students will be able to have dinner before leaving. Details about the evening itself will be sent to Year 7 parents.



Timetables

Today, the Year 11 have had their last teaching lessons and will just be coming in for exams. We have used this extra capacity to change the timetable for Years 7-10. There have been some major changes in Maths/Science that have had an impact across most subjects. Please get your son/ daughter to check their timetable for any changes on Sunday. We will reprint the Year 7 timetables as these have been affected the most.



Attendance Awards!

We've just received notification from [FFT](#) that we were in the top 25% for attendance across the country and more importantly, top 25% for similar schools in the country - Well done everybody!



Scholastic Book Fair

Just a reminder that the book fair is in school from **Monday, 9th June until Thursday, 12th June**. It will be set up in the main hall at break and lunch time and also during the **Year 7 Parent's evening**. Please encourage your young people to come and make a Wishlist. Purchases can then be made at home using the following QR

code. This year we have been given a card reader so students can buy the books using their own payment cards. **Any money spent at the Scholastics fair earns the school rewards points to purchase more stock for the school library!**



**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay**

Ghana Explorer Donations

A few members of the Explorers troop, some of whom are also students at Chellaston Academy will all be volunteering at a school in a rural fishing village in Ghana, doing some building work for them but also teaching lessons and coaching sports. As part of their volunteering adventure, they will be taking donated items with them such as toys, chalk, colouring pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, sports clothing, exercise books, story books, number charts, skipping ropes, balls, cones, bats and any other equipment that people can spare. Could any toys given be fairly small and non- battery powered please as they want to fit as much as possible into their suitcases to take. Items can be donated to Mrs Skinner's office - Many thanks in advance.



Pride Month Creative Arts Competition

Our Derby City Council LGBTQ+ network have launched a Pride Month Creative Arts competition for children and young people across Derby.

Submission of entries is via the Council's Let's Talk platform. Full details on entry requirements, the Market Hall exhibition and final exhibition and prize-giving at Derby Pride are all available here.

[Pride Month Creative Arts Competition - Let's Talk Derby](#)

Rams in Kenya

We are very proud of Lotti and Landon and the work they put into the Rams in Kenya venture last month. They embraced the experience with open hearts and minds, showing genuine interest in the culture, people, and the work they were there to do. Whether it was playing with the school children, helping with the digging, painting or sifting the cement, they approached everything with humility and care. They were thoughtful, respectful, and consistently positive, even when things were challenging. They asked questions, listened and learned, growing not just in understanding of the world, but in character. They represented Chellaston Academy and DCCT beautifully, and made a meaningful impact on those they met - Well done Lotti & Landon!





Sports News

Athletics Event

25 Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 went to Moorways to compete in a Pentathlon, consisting of long jump, high jump, shot put/ javelin, 800m/ 1500m and hurdles. Despite the weather, our students tried their best, for most this was the first time they had ever done hurdles!

Special mentions:

Kira W (12)- FIRST place Derbyshire

Harry C (9)- 4th place overall, first reserve, with an exceptional 800m run

Ffion D (8)- incredible 800m run

India-Rose (10)- phenomenal 800m run

Harry J (10)- a great 1500m run



Photo - Kira W - Year 12

Derbyshire Cricket Event Winner - Rasgeet

Rasgeet and her family thoroughly enjoyed the cricket at Derbyshire (England vs West Indies) women's game which they won family tickets for - Well done Rasgeet!



Dates for your diary

9th June - Scholastic Book Fair week

11th June - Year 7 Parents Evening - School will be closed from 2pm

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

1st-3rd July - Year 6 Transition days

3rd July - Induction evening for Year 6 families
22nd July - Rewards Day for Summer term
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"