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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

In our last newsletter of the year, we are filled with immense pride and joy with what an amazing year it has been.

Our newsletters have recognised some of those great achievements and memorable experiences, but there are many many more that we do not have chance to squeeze in.

We hope that all members of our community have a wonderful summer break and return to us fresh and raring to go! Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the staff at Chellaston Academy. Their commitment, dedication and excellence ensure that our academy is such a successful place.

End of Term plans

We would like to remind you that we will be closing for the summer break on **Wednesday, 23rd July at 11.30am**, buses have been arranged.

Return to school plans

On Monday 8th September 2025 (Year 7 and 12 only). On the first day back, our Year 7 students should go to the Main Hall and our Year 12 students should go to C Hall at the start of the day. On Tuesday 9th September 2025 - All students are to line up on the courts at the room number of their coaching circle group. This will be the same room/ location that students lined up at when did the trial in July.

Lanyard and card reminder

Students will not be issued with a new card and lanyard in September. It is important that they keep these safe over the holidays as they will need them to access buildings and for paying at the tills.

Results Days

Although students took their last exam several weeks ago, they still have an agonising wait until the middle of August for their results.

A-Level Results Day is on **Thursday, August 14th**.

Results are available for collection from 8.30am in the Sixth Form Hall. Results will be available for students who can't attend on Go4schools from 10am.

GCSE Results Day is on **Thursday August 21st**.

Results are available from 9am in the Sixth Form Hall. Results will be available on Go4schools from 10am.



Staff Leavers

A couple of weeks ago, we met all of the new staff who are starting in September. In the final week, we will also be sadly saying our goodbyes to ten teaching and non-teaching staff. Collectively, they have given over 130 years of service to the school and we are greatly indebted to their efforts. Sadly, a lot of them are either retiring or going onto new pastures outside of teaching, so the net loss is not only to Chellaston, but teaching across the country. We wish them all the best for the future.

Staff who are leaving and years of service -

Jayne Jordan (Extended Learning) 27 Years

Patricia Gillard (Extended Learning) 24 Years

Clare Rowson (Business and Economics) 21 Years

Darren 'Daz' Worrall (Site Team) 20 Years

Faye Messom (Science: Biology) 15 Years

Anesha Kalirai (Computing) 10 Years

Dave Sheppard (English) 8 Years

Josh Weston (Science: Physics) 4 Years

Alix Mansfield (Science: Biology) 3 Years. (And seven years as a student!)

Charlie Daniel (Cover Supervisor) 1 Year, but coming back as an Art teacher!

Wellbeing Newsletter Term 3

Please have a look at the attached newsletter below which gives information over key events within school this term, and information and guidance on summer safety.



Parent Survey Response - July 2025

As part of our commitment to feedback and improvement we have collated the results of the parent survey and provided a summary response document attached below. This includes the headline statistics and responses to many of the comments made. We do thank you for taking the time to complete this but are also aware that it is only representative of 150 views. Next year we will encourage further feedback through even more opportunities and access to our ongoing surveys at parents' evenings. We thank you for helping us to be the best version of a school that we can be.



Year 12 Work Experience Week

This week, our brilliant Year 12 students have been out on work experience — an invaluable part of Post-16 education that offers a real insight into the world of work.

Students have taken part in an impressive range of placements, including law firms, hospitals, dental practices, engineering and construction companies, primary schools, estate agents, and many more. Several students also completed in-school placements, gaining hands-on experience by supporting various departments across the school.

We are incredibly proud of how well our students represented the school — they've been enthusiastic, professional, and a true credit to our community. We hope they found the experience rewarding and inspiring for their future career paths.



Chellaston Chess Tournament

This week celebrated an exciting milestone with the very first Chellaston Chess Tournament! All Year 7 students had the chance to participate in a chess taster session led by an amazing team of Year 12 students. The enthusiasm and behaviour displayed throughout the week has been truly fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder of our Year 7 and Year 12 students.

Today marked the highlight of the week—the knockout competition. Over 100 students competed through several rounds.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the very first Chellaston Chess Champion - **Krishna B** who played phenomenally - Well done Krishna!

There was also a special prize for Hannah J who came very close to the final even though she'd never ever played before!





Battlefield fields trip

Last week we departed for Belgium and France to take seventy Year 10 students on our GCSE history Battlefields trip. This was a brilliant opportunity for the students in which they were able to have enriching cultural experiences as well as develop their GCSE history subject knowledge. During our time away we visited many historical sites relating to WW1 such as taking part in the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony, Newfoundland memorial park, Tyne Cot and having the chance to handle WW1 equipment and weaponry as well as many other inspiring visits. The students made us all immensely proud and showed integrity, care and excellence throughout the trip representing Chellaston Academy brilliantly.



Year 10 and Year 12 Geography Field Trips

Last week Year 12 students visited Birmingham, Nottingham and Poppy and Robbin Woods. In Birmingham students investigated the regeneration that has taken place and is currently taking place before a visit the following day to Nottingham to look at the ongoing regeneration of the former Broadmarsh Shopping Centre, new bus station and other transport improvements, before working around the Sneinton Market regeneration and new student accommodation buildings. Later in the week students visited a local woodland to investigate the Carbon Cycle. All three trips were to support students to complete their NEA coursework independent study over the summer holidays. On Monday and Friday last week all of our Year 10 geography students visited various sites along the River Ecclesbourne near Duffield to investigate how the river changes along it's course. Students worked incredibly hard to complete their various fieldwork primary data collection in and around the river.

All five trips went extremely well, and students worked hard to put themselves in a good position for their examinations next summer; we have been very impressed with the focus and work ethic displayed by many students.



Rewards Book Cafe

On Thursday, 17th July we ran another successful book cafe in the library. Thirty-five students chose to spend 500 ICE points to read in the library. It was such a pleasure to watch students hooked into their books whilst some picked an eBook from the school ePlatform. They all had the opportunity to grab a drink and an ice lolly as part of the reward and appreciated the time away from the busyness of the school day.





Alumni Success

We are always pleased to receive news of the success of our Alumni.

This week, we received the news that **Penny Harrison** who left our Sixth Form in 2021 has graduated with a double Masters degree in English and French Law. She has secured a job in London at the law firm owned by the wife of a very famous actor!

We are so proud of all that Penny achieved during her time at Chellaston and even prouder with what she has achieved during her time at university in the UK and in France. What an inspirational young lady!



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Please see the link to Wellbeing on our Chellaston Academy website

- <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/our-academy/wellbeing-support-and-guidance/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

If you need any support over the summer, especially if you would usually come and access support in school, we want you to remember the fantastic sources of support out there. Including:

- Kooth
- Childline
- ChatHealth
- Young Minds

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ABM End of Term newsletter

INSPIRED FOOD

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FOR EDUCATION

That's a wrap!

End of term update from abm catering...

Dear Parents & Guardians

As we approach the end of this term, we want to thank you for making it so fantastic! It's been a pleasure serving you a variety of delicious meals and seeing you enjoy our themed days and special events. We look forward to continuing to bring you exciting and tasty food experiences in the upcoming term. Have a wonderful holiday and see you soon!

Fantastic Food

We promise to serve students with good quality, great tasting food. By using the very best of fresh, seasonal ingredients, we will create innovative and exciting menus that reflect today's diverse food culture.

Awesome People

It's not just the food that is important. Our team of creative chefs and well-trained catering staff are proud of the food they serve. That's why you will experience a friendly and polite service.

Great Offers

Look out for promotions, deals and special offers.

Value for Money

Our 'Meal Deals' provide a range of value for money offers which include freshly prepared Hot Meals, Street Food, Grab 'n' Go and a range of Deli Baguettes and Sandwiches.

Offers & Promotions

Sports News

City Sports

On Wednesday 9th July, nearly 80 students attended City Sports at Moorways. All students were brilliant and demonstrated the Chellaston Academy values throughout the day. The official results will

follow but below are our podium finishers meaning these pupils are in the top 3 for their event in Derby:

Isla M (8): 2nd in the 1500m
Leo S (9): 2nd in the 1500m
James B (7): 2nd in the 1500m
Hamza A (7): 1st in the high jump
Tom E (7): 1st in shot put
Emily B (7): 2nd in shot put
Dylan K (9): 3rd in 300m
Ava M (10): 2nd in 300m
Amelia T (10): 2nd in 100m
Max C (9): 2nd in 100m
Niall H (8): 3rd in shot put
Jacob B (7): 3rd in 100m
Ruby B (9): 1st in 200m
Maleah F-D (10): 3rd in 200m
Ffion D (8): 1st in 800m
Hannah J (7): 1st in 1500m
Owen J (10): 3rd in discuss
Chloe W (7): 2nd in 800m
Aoife K (10): 1st in 800m
Jess W (9): 1st in 800m
Harry C (9): 2nd in 800m
Luke M (7): 3rd in long jump

Final standings for City Sports

Year 7 Boys: 1st overall

Year 7 Girls: 2nd overall

OVERALL: 6th



‘Go Lead’ Football Ambassadors

Our leaders once again excelled themselves as they delivered the Year 5/ 6 ‘Euros’ festival at the Racecourse on Thursday 10th July. The girls lead warm up activities and a variety of skills and drills before officiating matches. Despite the incredibly warm weather, they motivated both themselves and the players. Well done!

The leaders were Beth I, Lola C, Yumi K, Chiara P, Leah M, Mara L, Lucy T, Fliss H, Ffion D, Emily K and Nevaeh.

**Dates for your Diary**

21st July between 11.30am and 1pm - Uniform rail outside reception

22nd July - Rewards Day for Summer term

23rd July - Break up for Summer break at 11.30am (buses have been arranged)

14th August - A-Level Results Day

21st August - GCSE Results Day

Term 2025/ 2026

8th September 2025 - Year 7 & Year 12 ONLY

9th September 2025 - ALL Year groups

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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