

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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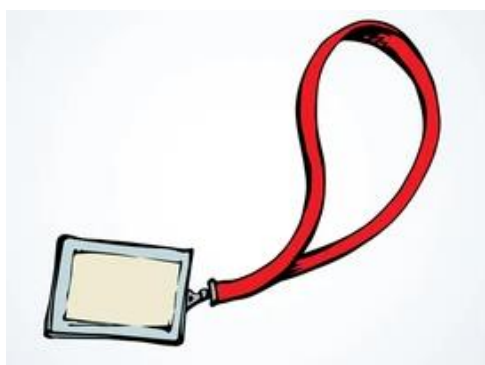
Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to welcome all of our young people back from their summer break. From a personal perspective, this has been the best week I have ever had in education. The happy smiling faces, the community feel, the productivity in lessons, the kindness and our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence have been of the highest order. If this is week 1, we are in for a great year.

It has also been amazing for us to witness and experience the positive impacts our coaching circle model is having on our academy community. We have been privileged to have four coaching circle sessions this week and I cannot adequately articulate how well it has gone. The coaching circles have already started to grow their own community as well as provide that pastoral care for all of our young people. On our first day, watching our Year 7 and Year 12 students interact, communicate and look after each other was something truly special. This was then repeated when all students joined us on Tuesday and we started the day off with our coaching circle 'check in'. The week has then ended with our 'check out' circle sessions which were also amazing to be part of and observe.

## Uniform

Well done and thank you to our young people as their commitment to our uniform expectations has been first class this week. As a reminder, lanyards are used for purchasing food and accessing all of our external Maglock doors, therefore the lanyard is a vital piece of uniform.



## Reminder about pick up and drop offs

For Health and Safety reasons, parents are asked **not** to enter the school site in vehicles to drop off their child unless they have an appointment or permit to do so.



## Planner Expectations

All students in Years 7 to 11 were issued with a new planner, this week. We would appreciate your support in checking your young person's planner, weekly, to support them with the completion of their homework. Please also ensure that you are signing the planner as this further enables continued lines of communication between us. You will find a copy of the Home, School, Student agreement along with term dates, a page for the timetable, uniform reminders, and expectations for circle time. We ask that students are getting their planners out at the start of every lesson to encourage the wider use of them; there are RAG (Red, Amber, Green) cards at the back of the planner that can be used during lessons to aid communication along with a mini whiteboard. The planners will help our young people stay organised and we hope that they will find the planners helpful.



## SPARX Reader

We are excited to announce a new online reading programme that we will be launching to students in the next couple of weeks. Reading levels have been on the decline, nationally, so we are taking our responsibility in trying to promote a wider reading culture and of combatting declining literacy levels seriously. We will send out details of how you can help us in supporting your young person to engage with reading on a fortnightly basis and will spend time training our students in school. The programme is accessible for all and offers a plethora of texts so everyone can find something for them! Watch this space!



## Photographs

We have Tempest photographers coming into school next week to photograph ALL students for their lanyards and student ID.

### **Monday 15th September**

Year 11, 12, 13, 8 and 9

### **Wednesday 17th September**

Year 7 and Year 10

Please note that we may need to adjust this schedule.



**Contact us**

Please find the link below for useful email addresses such as Heads of Year, Deputy Heads of Year and Subject Leaders.

[Contact us](#)

**Dates for your Diary**

15th September - School photos - Year 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13

17th September - School photos - Year 7 & 10

25th September - Year 6 Open Evening

8th October - Sixth Form Open Evening

16th October - Meet the Coach Day (Our Academy will be closed to students on this day) - Further information to follow

23rd October - Break up for half term

24th October - Inset day

3rd November - Return to school

Kind regards



Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

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