

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

As we close another week in our academy it has been another busy but thriving one. Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

Calendar reminders

Meet the Coach Day - Thursday 16th October 2025

Thank you to the numerous parents who have already booked a session for our first meet the coach day event. Details have already been sent out regarding the event and the booking system will remain open until Wednesday evening. If you have any questions about booking, please contact Mr P Clarke p.clarke@chellaston.derby.sch.uk. We look forward to seeing **parents/carers and students** for their appointments. Details about accessing remote learning will be sent to parents next week as the **school will be CLOSED** for normal/face to face lessons.

Inset Day - Friday 24th October 2025

This is a calendared INSET Day so the school will be **closed**.

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Year 11 students and their parents/carers from the local community to our Sixth Form Open Evening. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to explore what our Sixth Form has to offer and to see first-hand why it's such a great place to continue their education.

It was wonderful to see so many of our current Sixth Form students volunteering to support the evening, showcasing their enthusiasm and pride in being part of our vibrant Sixth Form community. Our Key Stage Five teachers put a great deal of effort into presenting their subjects and providing valuable insights into the courses and opportunities available. During the evening, Mr Smith and the Sixth Form Team also delivered a presentation outlining the structure, values, and vision of our Sixth Form.

We hope that everyone who attended found the evening both enjoyable and informative, and we look forward to receiving your applications.

All Year 11 students have been emailed their login details for **Applicaa**, the online platform used for applications. You can access the application portal here:

<https://chellastonacademyderby.applicaa.com/>

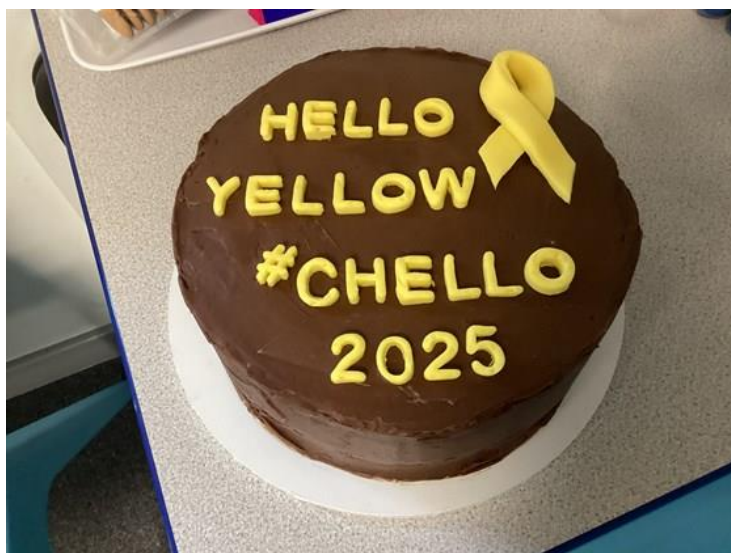


World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow

Today we have celebrated World Mental Health day in school. This is an annual initiative which aims to raise awareness and improve knowledge about mental health and wellbeing. To do that we have

invited all staff and student members to wear a splash of yellow to show their support. We were really overwhelmed by everyone's efforts. Assemblies and some time in coaching circles has also been centred on discussion regarding the significance of the day and how we can look after our own wellbeing and mental health. Furthermore, a small group of students from Year 7 and 8 were invited to celebrate the day in the Hub. Mrs Burdis organised games, discussion and activities centred on Mental Health and the theme of this year.

A huge thank you also to those that donated money to the Young Minds charity by purchasing a yellow pin badge or ribbon.







Macmillan Coffee Morning last week

We are delighted to share with you that we raised a massive £278.50 at our Macmillan Coffee morning last Friday! Students and staff gave so much time and care to this fantastic fundraiser and we are so grateful and proud! Well done everyone!



The Adolescence Effect – A free webinar for parents and carers

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 **Thursday 16th October 6-7pm**. For anyone interested, please see the attachment below.

Student news!

The student leadership team now has its very own email address. They were all extremely passionate about getting everyone's voices heard - even those who are a little quieter in group discussions. It will only be read by the appointed year 13 students, so there is no judgment - only

understanding. They will use any ideas to pass on to the school leaders so that your change can be actioned. Don't hesitate to reach out to StudentLeadership@chellaston.derby.sch.uk. They are excited to hear from you!



Year 10 Prefects

We are delighted to announce our year 10 prefects have been selected and trained and can't wait to start their duties after half term! We can't wait to see them in action and are so proud of everyone who was a successful applicant.



Waterstones Trip - follow up session

If you remember, last term, a group of Year 7 boys attended an event at Waterstones in Derby with many of their parents attending too. Those students are now in Year 8 and to follow up we invited students and parents into school to our beautiful library to learn about the new online Sparx Reading

homework that school will be introducing soon. We are so appreciative to our parents for giving up their time and thank you to Mrs Lloyla, our fabulous librarian.



Book Chat with Mr Smith (Technology)

We have had the most informative Friday lunchtime with Mr Smith sharing his extensive knowledge on the author Terry Pratchett and his books. Sixteen of our KS3 and KS4 students plus a member of staff attended the book chat in the library. We all now have a great starting point to begin our Terry Pratchett reading experience! A huge thank you to Mr Smith for offering his lunchtime and sharing his

passion with us! **Sign up for our next book chat in the library which will be at lunchtime on Tuesday, 21st October. This will be led by Mrs Eyre and will be based on The Hunger Games.**



Sparx Science

We have just started using Sparx Science to complement our KS3 and KS4 curriculum as a platform for home learning. Sparx Science is an innovative home learning platform designed to support students in mastering key science concepts through engaging, interactive practice. Tailored to the UK curriculum, Sparx offers personalised learning pathways that adapt to each child's progress, helping them build confidence and deepen their understanding across biology, chemistry, physics with additional focus on scientific skills using in the classroom during practical investigations. Sparx uses clear explanations, targeted questions, and real-time feedback, it empowers parents to stay involved in their child's education while making science enjoyable and accessible from home. It's a smart way to reinforce classroom learning and encourage independent study in a structured, supportive environment.

Students will be set a task on Firefly to login to Sparx in the next few days with Home Learning tasks starting to be set by teachers next week. Parents/guardians will be sent weekly emails to inform them how students are doing with the completion of tasks. Teachers will then be using these tasks within lessons to address any areas of development.



Science revision guides and cards

GCSE Revision guides and cards are available for purchase from the ParentPay Shop - [Parentpay shop](#). We advise these to be purchased to complement the work we are doing in the classroom for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students. The deadline for ordering is Friday 17th October.

E-Scooters letter from Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts

Please see the letter attached from Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts regarding illegal use of E-Scooters in Derbyshire: Know your rights with the youtube video link here - [youtube video](#).

Themes from our Catering Team - ABM

Halloween - 23rd October

Bonfire night - 5th November

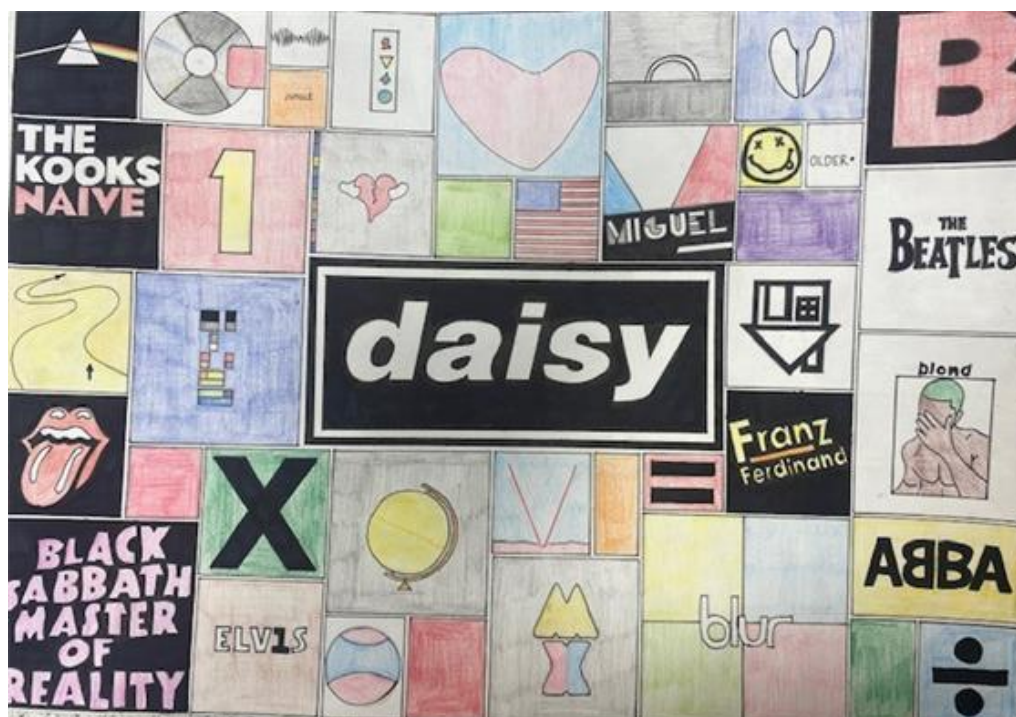
Remembrance cakes – 11th November

Children in need cakes 'spotty theme' - 14th November

This week we visited our Year 10 Rolls-Royce Young Apprentices to check in on their progress. It's fantastic to see how much they're enjoying the experience and how grateful they are for the weekly opportunity to learn at Rolls-Royce.



Mrs Shipley would like to nominate Daisy H in Year 9 for her fantastic artwork for the cover of her art folder this year - Well done Daisy!



15th October - Last day for Harvest donations
16th October - Meet the Coach Day - School will be closed
23rd October - Break up for half term
24th October - INSET day
27th - 31st October - Half Term

3rd November - Return to school
3rd November - 14th November - Year 11 Mocks
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"