

21st November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done Chellaston Academy for a fabulous week. This week we have seen the number of ICE points issued rocket, with students displaying extra high levels of Integrity, Care and Excellence. There have been so many examples of students showing kindness and empathy towards each other - this is exactly what we strive for. With the weather changing and the cold drawing in, please do let your child's Coach know if there is anyway we can support you as a family, we appreciate the current economic climate and know how hard this time can be. We are more than happy to help wherever we can.

Please enjoy our weekly newsletter.

School start time

A polite reminder to all students. All learning starts at 8.30am every morning. All students should be on school site by 8.25am and making their way to their learning areas for a prompt 8.30am start. If a student arrives to school after 8.25am due to a reason that is **within** their control, they will be issued with a late detention on that day. We completely understand that buses and other factors may play a role in the lateness of some students, however, we are finding that there is an increasing number of young people who walk to school who are late due their own choices. We recognise that time keeping, punctuality and accountability is an important life skill and we are keen for all students to embody this.

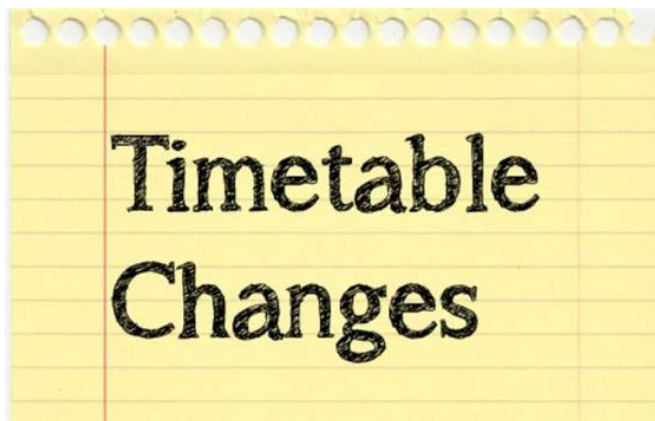


Timetable Changes

There have been some changes to the school timetable for a number of reasons. We usually wait until the end of a Week B so that nobody loses or gains lessons. There aren't many changes, but the following classes might want to check their timetables from Saturday on Go4schools.

- Y12 Government and Politics
- 13 Geography class with Mr Rock and Mr Walters

- 7A2 have had a few lessons move around, particularly with Ms Ford in English and French.
- Year 13 ICT and Year 13 Spanish lessons have moved around.
- 7E2 have had a few lessons moved around with History, English and Computing.
- The creative group of 9TD has had some minor changes.



Reader Leader

We are beyond proud of our Year 7 and 12 reader leaders as they continue to meet on a Tuesday during their Personal Development slot to read together. The atmosphere in the library is incredible with 22 pairs sat in tandem to encourage confidence in reading. Our Year 12 ambassadors have created a relationship built on trust and kindness and have taken the lead on getting to know their Year 7 buddy so that they may continue to develop our community feel through the heart of reading. It is a true joy to witness; one of our favourite of interventions in the school.

Year 9 Bystander event

On Monday 1st and Friday 5th December Safe and Sound will be visiting our school to lead a 'I can and I will' bystander programme. This includes a class workshop about being an active bystander. Serious violence has been on the increase in communities in Derby and Derbyshire. Safe and Sound charity are working with schools, police and local authorities to address this through a whole school approach to preventing and reducing such violence. The bystander workshop therefore aims to increase confidence, educate and support your child with practical ways to safely be part of the solution in their community and with their peers.

Therefore any child in Year 9 will be involved in the workshop for one hour at some point across these two days. For any further information please refer to the email sent to parents/ carers of Year 9 this week, or contact K.Skinner@chellaston.derby.sch.uk.

Year 11 Parents' evening

This takes place on Thursday December 4th between 4pm and 7pm. For our parents' evenings this year, we will NOT be doing an early closure, so we will finish at normal times.

The Year 11 will receive their mock results during period 5 on Wednesday December 3rd.

Bookings for the parents' evening will open at 6pm on Wednesday 26th November and close at midnight on Wednesday December 3rd. More details have been sent out to Year 11 parents about the booking process.

Love in a Box

Our wonderful year 7's have shown real care for others in their PD lessons this term and have collected items to donate to young people in countries where Christmas might be really challenging. The Rotary Club of Derby have partnered with Teams4u on their 'Love in a Box' shoebox appeal and we have donated 18 boxes and over £60 to pay for the postage of these boxes to vulnerable children and families in areas that have been devastated by conflict and poverty. We have collected for boys and girls of different ages and really hope that the gifts and items make a difference to someone this Christmas.



Visits to Derby County and Wolves Academy FC

Last week we were busy completing our QA visits to football academies our students are representing and have a day release from school to attend each week, as well as to Rolls-Royce for our young apprentices. The visits have been truly inspiring, seeing the incredible opportunities available to our young people and the bright futures within their reach.

On Tuesday, we visited Charlie (Year 7) at Derby County and heard all about him reading the *Truce* poem to a stadium of 26,000 fans at Pride Park last weekend. Just wow! We also learned that he does a brilliant impression of Michael Jackson's moonwalk. Not only a talented footballer, but a dancer too!

On Wednesday, Mrs Grimwood and ex-Wolves FC legend Mr Thompson visited his old stomping ground to see Raheem (Year 7) in action, proudly following in his footsteps. Raheem was also busy over the half-term break at the Wolves FC Academy

doing what he loves most—playing football, and working on a huge *Truce* poster in respect of fallen soldiers.

We're also incredibly proud of Zayon in Year 8, who is currently in Portugal representing Burton Albion in the U13 tournament they qualified for. Meanwhile, both Charlie and Raheem are gearing up to face each other in a tournament in Belgium this December for their respective clubs.



Well done, boys—keep smashing it!

Positive Social online sessions

There are free online session for parents – “Connected but not Consumed: Navigating Social Media with Your Child - with techtimeout” on **Tuesday 25 November, 12.30pm (online)**.

You'll gain practical ideas for reducing social media stress at home and encouraging balance across the family. It's also helpful for parents considering whether to give their child a smartphone or access to social media.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/positivesocial/1865554>

Take part in techtimeout Tuesday - **Tuesday 2 December**. Join the national movement encouraging people to take a break from technology. It's an easy way to reinforce the values discussed in Positive Social sessions. Both events offer a great opportunity to strengthen students' and families' relationship with technology – and build on the impact of your Positive Social sessions.

Family Hub Derby

Please see further details in the attached document.



Dates for your Diary

28th November - Inset day

4th December - Year 11 Parents evening (NO early closure)

8th December - 17th December - Year 12 & 13 Mocks

10th December - Flu Immunisations for Year 11 and mop up session

10th December - Christmas concert

16th December - Class of 2025 Presentation evening at Pride Park (last academic years Year 11 & 13)

18th December - Rewards Day

19th December - Break up at 12 noon.