

Welcome,

This week has highlighted the need to reset our expectations and ensure that students embody our school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence at all times. We reminded students that need to be on time for their lessons, this is within their control and something that they are in control of. We reminded students of our uniform and mobile phone expectations, including their P.E Kit, we also reminded all young people of our expectations of kindness, following instructions and meeting expectations. Please enjoy our newsletter.

Next Steps - Sixth Form

As part of our sixth form curriculum, students take part in fortnightly lessons focused on planning their next steps, whether that be university, an apprenticeship, or employment. These sessions also cover key life skills, including managing personal finances, developing interview techniques, and preparing simple, nutritious meals. We hope you enjoyed eating what you prepared as much as you did making it!





Social Science Trip to London

This week, some of our KS5 Social Science students enjoyed an enriching educational trip to London. They visited the London Dungeons, where they explored the history of famous criminal cases and made meaningful links to their current Sociology topic on Crime and Deviance. Students then navigated the London Underground to travel to the Freud Museum, where they viewed the iconic couch used by Freud during his psychoanalysis sessions to explore the unconscious mind. They also attended an engaging educational talk on schizophrenia, helping them to prepare for their upcoming summer examinations. We would also like to thank the staff who accompanied the trip for their commitment to providing positive experiences beyond the classroom. Throughout the day, students represented Chellaston Academy exceptionally well, consistently demonstrating our values of integrity, care, and excellence. We

are incredibly proud of them.





Derby Youth Mayor

On Tuesday our students took part in voting for their Derby City Youth Mayor. They watched the candidates on a video link, each explaining what they cared about and why they would make a good youth mayor. Then there was time to reflect and then KS3 and 4 visited the polling station to cast their votes in a real ballot box. This allowed students to experience voting and discuss the importance of Democracy; how much does a vote count? Our KS5 students were invited to vote between 8.30am and 12pm preparing them for adulthood and to understand the responsibility of going to the polling stations themselves.

We wish each candidate the best of luck and hope that next year one of our students makes the final four!





Sparx Science

Students have continued to complete Sparx Science as their Home Learning provision this term and the Science team again want to congratulate students who have bought in to this new system. We are seeing really good completion rates but are striving to increase this so all students are accessing this platform. So far since we started using Sparx Science students have completed another 1000 hours: 6598 hours of Home Learning and have answered an amazing 720,161 questions correctly. We are seeing fantastic completion between pupils with their completing rates as well as increased understanding of key scientific and mathematical principles in assessments.

The following leaderboards showing the top students across the whole school

Student Leaderboard Sunday 25th January until present:

Weekly Leaderboard

1. Nikhil the Conqueror — 14,420 XP
1. Ryan the Mastermind — 8,070 XP
2. Ajit the Original — 5,345 XP
3. Hugo the Magnificent — 4,484 XP
4. Emily the Galaxy — 4,010 XP
5. Gurtirath the Champion — 3,980 XP

Amazing work, well done, its lovely to see some new students on the leaderboard. 500 ICE points will be awarded to the top 3 students and 250 ICE points awarded to the next 3. Keep it up guys, amazing completion.



Readathon update



Thank you to the **50 active readers** who have consistently been tracking their reading for the sponsored read. We are proud to let you know that these students have **exceeded the number of minutes of reading AGAIN** and we have now raised the target to 45, 000 minutes.

Chellaston Academy Readathon January 2026

Pupils	Minutes	End date
96	33,495	5 Feb 26

We look forward to sharing the final leaderboard with you next week as the top 5 readers in KS3 will be rewarded with 500 ICE points and the chance to attend a workshop with an award-winning author.

This week's £10 Amazon voucher goes to Rukky O in Year 9 for the most minutes read and the most sessions recorded on the tracker.

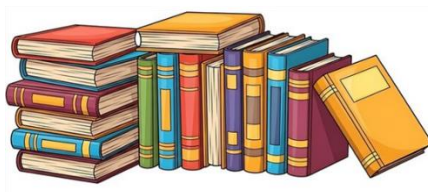
Current Readathon total

Online, your pupils have raised
£222.00 so far.

Thank you to everyone raising sponsorship money. Please could all sponsorship money ideally be made as an online donation using the following link or get sent to Mrs Lloyla in the library by Thursday, 5th February.

https://readforgood.givingpage.org/readathon?custom_cFcfTPsmi6mdGDd=0012000001Rf8QsAAJ&custom_R6cC4OEw44xOaz6=null

Just a reminder that 80% of the money raised through our students reading goes to providing books to children in hospitals and **20% comes back into school to spend on new books!**



Sport news

Rugby

On Tuesday 27th January, a team of year 9s plus Emily B went to John Port to play a game of rugby. What started out as a game of touch, turned into contact. The first half (touch) was evenly matched, however for the second half (contact) Chellaston dominated the game.

Emily B had strong hand offs, Leona H with her rapid runs and Emily K sweeping up the back catching every ball that came through. The girls played fantastically and were an absolute honour to take to represent our school.



Dates for your diary

5th February - Year 12 Parents evening - 4-7pm

13th February - Break up for half term

23rd February - Return to school

23rd February to 6th March - Year 11 mocks (amended)

26th February - Year 9 Options evening - 5-7pm

2nd March to 4th March - Year 13 mocks

18th March - Year 9 Immunisations