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Welcome,

Chellaston Academy has been a hive of activity this week with mock exams, school trips and an options evening that was buzzing with excitement. Lots of planning is currently taking place for World Book Day next Thursday, we cannot wait to share the events and activities with you - it is set to be a fantastic day!

Move from Go4Schools to Arbor

This week we have started our initial move from Go4Schools to Arbor data system, there are a number of reasons for this. Primarily Go4Schools does not meet the needs of our school and so Arbor will support us in our development journey. Arbor is also the data system of choice for our trust, 'Tapestry', Chellaston Academy will therefore be further aligned with all of the other schools who we work closely with. We are still using Go4Schools for behaviour and rewards reporting, as well as academic reporting and will continue with this until September when we will cross over for everything. As it currently stands, we are ONLY using Arbor for registers and attendance.

We will be sending further guidance to parents/ carers and students on what this will look like, the Arbor App that all stakeholders can use and how you can maximise your use of Arbor so that you receive enhanced communication from us as a school.



Rewards Day 2

There is one more week to book onto your rewards trip for Rewards day 2 and 3 weeks to gain as many ICE points as you can to secure your place!

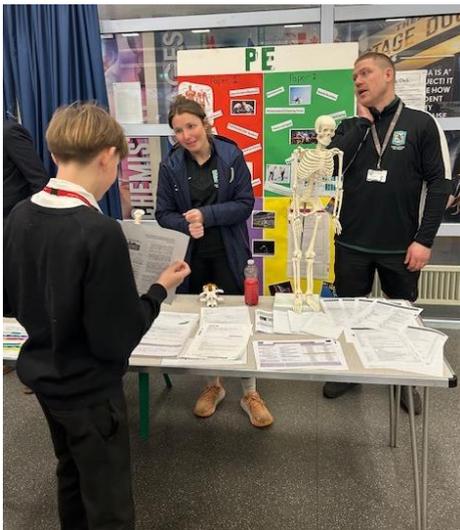
Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 27th February 2026

Year 9 is a really important year where students start to make choices about their own curriculum. The importance of this was highlighted by over 500 people visiting the school in a two hour period.

The evening consisted of two parts. For the first time ever, all departments were in two big spaces. In the past, subjects had been dotted around the school. Parents and students were able to talk to subject staff about Key Stage 4 courses. All subjects were represented, even the ones that you have to take! There was a great atmosphere in this market-place environment.

Mr Clarke spoke in the Main Hall about the options process and how to fill out the form in a short presentation. All students now have the QR code to make their choices and the initial deadline is Wednesday 4th March.





Ramadan Mubarak

We wish all students and families who are observing Ramadan a peaceful and reflective holy period. Students are being supported during this time with the offer of the prayer room and a quiet space to use during lunchtime for prayer, reflection and space.



Year 11 update

As we have now finished half of our final mock period, we just wanted to update you on how well the students have done. The invigilating team often comment on their exemplary behaviour and sticking to the exam rules and regulations. Can we ask that you remind your student that it is essential they have their ID cards, which are placed on their desks for the duration of the exam. If they have lost theirs, could we ask that you purchase via ParentPay as a matter of urgency. We will be doing a 'results day' as we have done previously W/C 16th March. The Easter school revision session will be published shortly, and we will inform you once we have finalised the schedule. The afterschool D-ref sessions continue to be popular, with over 80 students working hard regularly in what is a quiet work space. If your student is not attending, please encourage them to give it a go as those who are attending, find it a very productive couple of hours. Please don't forget the Prom tickets and Hoodies are available to purchase.

World Book Day – Bake sale - Thursday, 5th March

We would like you to make either a cake or biscuits which can follow our chosen theme or you could simply make a book themed bake.

If you need some inspiration come and look at our baking books in the library.

We can't wait to see your tasty treats – be as creative as you can be!

You will need to bring your bakes in on **World Book Day – Thursday, 5th March to the library**. All entries will receive 500 ICE points. This year the students will be involved in choosing the charity that they would like the proceeds donating to. As soon as the voting is complete we will let you know.

Remember to bring 50p - £1 on Thursday, 5th March and treat yourself.

Celebrating with
WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Make a bake but it
make it look fake
for Thursday, 5th
March.

IS IT
CAKE?

BAKE
SALE

For
charity
Winners

Receive 1000 ICE points + a
vending machine book

Boxing Intervention - Riley Sports

Our Year 8 girls had their final week of boxing intervention with Riley Sports and Fitness. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and have built confidence and had lots of fun.



Year 11 Science Mocks

We want to congratulate students on the completion of their Physics and Biology Mocks this week, Chemistry is still to go (Thursday 5th March) so keep up the effort with revision and ask teachers for help if needed. We've seen some really positive students following the exams which is a reflection of the hard work and effort being put into their exam preparation. We really hope we see a reflection of this effort in the results.

Chemistry practice papers can be found by accessing the link below:

<https://revisionscience.com/gcse-revision/science/science-gcse-past-papers/aqa-gcse-science-past-papers>

Please ensure that the papers practiced are Paper 2's not Paper 1's. If in doubt please contact Miss Petrie or students can ask their Science teachers.

Resources are available on Firefly together with the independent learning on Sparx Science and videos on GCEPod. Remember the DRef is available until 5pm every night for extra revision.



Sparx Science

Completion of Sparx Science remains fantastic even over the half term. So far since we've started using Sparx Science students have completed 8358 hours of Home Learning and have answered 919,354 questions correctly (It would be incredible to hit a million next week). If students are having difficulty accessing Sparx Science please see either Miss Petrie or their Science teacher.

If students are struggling to complete their Sparx Science Miss Petrie runs a Sparx Science club on a Thursday lunchtime in A16L where students can get help and use the Science iPads to complete their tasks. Thank you to those students who attended yesterday. Please attend to complete your Sparx and collect extra ICE points. The following leaderboards showing the top students across the whole school –

Student Leaderboard Sunday 22nd February until present:

Weekly Leaderboard

1. Jude the Legend
2. Ajit the Original
3. Amaaya the Alchemist
4. Denisa the Rockstar
5. Jude the Horler
6. Gurtirath the Champion

Amazing work as always, well done. 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.

Uniformity

Please be advised that Uniformity will be closed until March 9th due to refurbishments.

Dates for your diary

23rd February to 6th March - Year 11 mocks

2nd March to 4th March - Year 13 mocks

5th March - World Book Day – Bake sale

12th March - Work Experience Parents' information evening

18th March - Year 9 Immunisations

26th March - Rewards Day 2

27th March - Break up for Easter

13th April - Return to school

Kind regards,

Dani Eyre

Interim Head of School