

# CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Welcome,

Another busy week at Chellaston Academy, well done to all staff and students! Please enjoy our newsletter with recent and upcoming events.

## Nut-free school

A reminder that we are a nut-free school and we have staff and students who have severe nut allergies. No nuts should be brought onto the school premises.



## Easter School

There are now only two weeks until Easter. When we get back, there are only a few weeks before the exams start on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

As well as taking a well-deserved break, there is also opportunity to get some revision as well before the exams start to come in quick succession.

Over the two weeks, our staff are coming into school to put on over 35 activities. These are listed below (also attached as a PDF file).

Day	Level	Subject	Students	Focus	Number	Start	Finish	F	Staff
Monday 30th March	GCSE	Sociology	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	11:30	F2	BTT
	GCSE	Resistant Materials	Invite BWN EP	Practical Coursework Catch Up	10	09:00	12:00	A2ZW	ALE
	GCSE	French	Higher	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	11:00	F9	MKZ
	GCSE	French	Foundation	Walking Talking Mock	20	09:00	11:00	F10	CTR
	GCSE	Photography	HPA and 4-6	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	20	09:00	13:00	A3	JNS
	A Level	Economics	ALL	Paper 2 Walking Talking Mock	15	10:00	12:00	F3	MTX
Tuesday 31st March	A Level	Psychology	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	40	09:00	12:00	F1	KLY
	GCSE	Chemistry (Combined)	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	100	09:00	11:00	CHAL	GRD
	GCSE	Chemistry (Triple)	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	100	09:00	11:00	FREF	CTN
	GCSE	Photography	HPA and 4-6	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	20	09:00	13:00	A3	JNS
	GCSE	English	Targeted 4/5	Carousel of sessions (3 x 1hr)	60	09:00	12:00	F5-F10	THY, LHY, BGE, SDU, SRD
	GCSE	Resistant Materials	Invite BWN EP	Practical Coursework Catch Up	10	09:00	12:00	A2ZW	ALE
Wednesday 1st April	A Level	Sociology	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	27	09:00	12:00	F1	BTT
	A Level	Geography	ALL	Superpowers, Globalisation	20	09:00	13:00	F2	POW
	GCSE	Health and Social	Targeted	Coursework Improving Grades	30	09:00	11:00	ABC	MLR
	GCSE	Health and Social	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	11:00	13:00	F1	MLR
	GCSE	Geography	Grades 6-9	Content and exam skills	30	09:00	11:00	F2	SHL
	GCSE	Geography	Grades 1-5	Content and exam skills	30	11:30	13:30	F2	SHL
Thursday 2nd April	GCSE	History	ALL	Three 1 Hour Sessions	90	10:00	13:00	F8-F10	MRN/LKH/BDW
	A Level	History	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	10:00	F7 F8	LKH MRN
	A Level	Politics	ALL	Exam Skills	9	09:00	12:00	F3	HME
	A Level	Maths	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	54	09:00	12:00	F5-F7	COB RBT LRY
	GCSE	Drama	ALL	Section B: Live Theatre Review	12	09:00	11:00	F2	OWU
	GCSE	Spanish	ALL	Reading/Writing/Listening Focus	20	09:00	11:00	F4	PLK
Wednesday 8th April	GCSE	Music	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	15	11:00	13:00	F1	STN
	A Level	English Lit	ALL	Revision Carousel	15	09:00	12:00	F8-F10	LHY/BGE/FDS
	A Level	Chemistry	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	12:00	F7	CLR
	GCSE	Maths	Invite Only	QLA Key Topics	120	09:00	11:00	F5-F10	BKE BTY COB HDY RBT
	GCSE	Fine Art	HPA and 4-6	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	15	09:00	11:00	A3	JHN
	GCSE	Computing	Invite Only	Paper 2 Walking Talking Mock	30	11:00	13:00	ABC	COX
Thursday 9th April	A Level	Fine Art	ALL	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	30	09:00	13:00	A3	JHN
	A Level	Economics	ALL	Paper 2 Walking Talking Mock	15	10:00	12:00	F1	MTX
	A Level	Computing	ALL	Paper 1 Skeleton Code Revision	8	09:00	11:00	ABC	COX
	GCSE	Drama	Higher Target	Walking Talking Mock	6	09:00	11:00	F1	DJN
	GCSE	Drama	Lower Target	Walking Talking Mock	6	11:00	13:00	F1	DJN
	A Level	PE	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	6	10:00	13:00	F2	DVS

Students can come in in non-uniform and most of the sessions are based in the F-Block unless we need to use specialist spaces. Students need to come around the right hand-side of the school and sign in at the main entrance near the FREF. A lot of the sessions are open to all, others are targeted and invite only.

### RSE Next Term

Please see the separate communication (sent yesterday) about our upcoming Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) taking place next half term. Our lessons will explore a variety of age appropriate materials designed by the PSHE Association and we have written to you to give the dates and further details of the content and where to get support or have your questions answered.

\*\*\*Further to our letter please note sessions are delivered by PD teacher Wed A **PERIOD 3**\*\*\*

### World Book Day competition winners

ICE points will be given to everyone who participated. The overall winners are:

Bake Sale - **Ruby B and Elsie W - Year 7** (2000 ICE points + a vending machine book)



Decorate a door - **Mr Sandhu's coaching group** (250 ICE points each and doughnuts to share during coaching)



Guess the door competition - **Max B. And Ethan H - Year 10** (250 ICE points)



### **Schools Cricket Day - 23rd April**

With the support of Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, Mrs Causer attended **The Metro Bank Girls in Cricket Fund 'Leading the Future of Women's Cricket'** at the East Midlands Conference Centre over the weekend. The conference theme 'A movement not a moment: Making 2026 count' sought to inspire grassroots volunteers, coaches, players and teachers to collaboratively encourage more women and girls into the sport of cricket.



In preparation for **Schools Cricket Day on the 23rd April**, marking 50 days until the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Mrs Causer would like you to send in pictures you have of your student playing cricket at all levels, this may be recreationally in your back garden, on the beach or in a more formalised structure. Please keep an eye out for further events and activities being organised to mark this event.

### **Bicycles**

The school bike shed will be locked between the hours of 9am and 2.30pm. It is your child's (your) responsibility to check that it is secured with their own lock. If they (you) arrive outside these hours they (you) will be advised to secure the bike elsewhere. Cycle helmets can be left at student services throughout the day.

### **Sparx Science**

Science are very pleased to announce that we have broken the 1 million question barrier. This is such a fantastic achievement. Since we started using Sparx Science students have completed 9169 hours of Home Learning and have answered 1,015,647 questions correctly. Currently, we are marking the Yr11 mocks and can see a difference in achievement between those students who have embedded Sparx Science into their revision process and those that haven't. Please encourage students to use Sparx Science; it is normal for them to find it a challenge to start with but as the platform learns their levels and areas of strength and development it targets these areas to build students knowledge to a greater depth which in turn build confidence.

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 leaderboard shows the top students across the whole school

**Student Leaderboard Sunday 9th March until present:**

**Weekly Leaderboard**

1. James the Triumph
2. Ryan the Mastermind
3. Ajit the Original
4. Gurtirath the Champion
5. Jude the Legend
6. Denisa the Rockstar

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.



**Dates for your diary**

- 12th March - Year 12 - Work Experience Parents' information evening
- 18th March - Year 9 Immunisations
- 26th March - Rewards Day 2
- 27th March - Early finish - 1pm - buses have been arranged - Break up for Easter
- 13th April - Return to school
- 23rd April - Year 10 Parent evening - details to follow
- 8th May - Year 13 last day
- 10th May - Year 8 Parents evening - details to follow
- 22nd May - Break up for half term

Kind regards,  
Dani Eyre  
Interim Head of School