

## CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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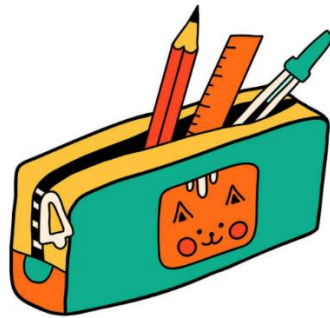


Welcome,

The sunshine has been fabulous this week, it has been wonderful seeing students spending time outside with friends enjoying the fresh air. Please can I take this opportunity with the weather becoming warmer to remind students of our uniform expectations. We are not at a point where Summer uniform is appropriate, therefore all students must wear their full uniform each day, including their lanyard with their I.D card inside. Students need this important part of their uniform to be able to purchase food, access I.T facilities and enter and exit buildings. If your child has misplaced this, you are able to purchase a replacement via parent pay.

### Equipment for the school day

We have noticed an increasing number of students without equipment for lessons. Could parents/ carers please support students by supplying them with a pen, pencil and pencil case equipment to ensure that they are ready for the school day ahead.



### RSE reminder

All parents and carers have been sent a communication about our Relationships and Sex Education delivery next half term. If you would like to attend the parent information session please complete the link below: by March 25th.

Tuesday 21st April 9.30- 10.30am

Monday 27th April 2.15-3.15pm

[RSE Parent coffee session 2026 – Fill out form](#)

### Comic Relief

Today we are proud of the care shown by our pupils as they donated £1 to Comic Relief to wear their own clothes. Our money will go to change lives through the work of this charity and staff and students have really enjoyed having the opportunity to express themselves in their own choice of clothing. We'd love to do another one of these in the summer and are asking pupils to pick a charity they would like the money to go to.



## Easter Bingo

Today we had over 90 students use some of their ICE points to take part in a game of Easter Bingo and it was absolutely brilliant! Keep an eye out for future games and opportunities for students to spend ICE points.



## Drama Exam

Huge congratulations to our Year 11 Drama students who took part in their final practical exam on Thursday. In front of a visiting examiner they performed and produced two extracts from text and the actors and designers did an amazing job, showing courage and talent in abundance. 20% of their GCSE grade was decided on that day and they were a real credit to the Academy. We are very proud of you.



## Derbyshire School Book Awards 2026

Chellaston students who have been reading the **Derbyshire School Book Awards shortlist** got to attend Derby University on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. They had the opportunity to have a tour of the university and watch presentations on each of the books in the lecture theatre. Along with other secondary schools, Chellaston students voted for the winning book. This year's winning choice was **The First Year by Matt Goodfellow**. The highlight of the visit was meeting the author **Sarah Hagger-Holt** who gave an inspirational talk about how she became an author and signed copies of her books too. Our students were an absolute credit to the school and should be commended for all the reading for pleasure they do.



### Message from Melanie Brennan, Littleover School regarding our Year 7 Netball team

"I just wanted to take the time to email to pass on how impressed over the level of Sportsmanship that was shown on Tuesday at the Year 7 City Netball Tournament. I have been teaching 24 years and never in that time have I encountered such honesty and fair play from a team and a coach, as we did on Tuesday. It was truly admirable and I didn't want it to go unrecognised.

Whilst I passed this on to the Schools Sports Partnership I just wanted to take the time to pass on to yourselves, your staff on the day (Clare Causer and Tommy Howard was also there) and the Year 7 girls. Kind regards, Melanie Brennan".

This demonstrates one of our core values - INTEGRITY to the highest standard, well done girls, we're so proud of you!



### Year 11 Science revision sessions

Just a reminder for Year 11 students that Science revision is still continuing to take us up to the exams:

**Biology:** Monday lunch in B2L (Triple/Higher Combined) and Thursday lunch in B7L Combined foundation with Mr Judt

**Chemistry:** Monday afterschool Triple/Higher Combined in A15L Mrs Caulton/Mr Greig and Foundation Higher combined in A16L with Miss Petrie

**Physics:** Wednesday lunchtime in A14L for all students with Mrs Jepson and Thursday lunchtimes in A15L with Mr Wheat.

We'd love to see as many students as possible attending please.

### Year 11 Food Tech

Things continue to be very busy for our dedicated Year 11 students and will continue to be so over the coming weeks. The technology students continue to work on their coursework and final pieces before the exam, keep going, the deadlines are coming up! Please see the pictures below of some of the final pieces from our Food tech students.





### Year 11 Mock Results

The students have their final 'mock results day' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and we hope that this gives them the confidence to push on to the final exams, which are only 4 full school weeks away. Please also encourage as much participation from you son/ daughter in our upcoming Easter school (please see the sessions below & attached as a PDF). If they are interested, they need to speak to their teacher!

### CHELLASTON ACADEMY EASTER SESSIONS EASTER 2026

Day	Level	Subject	Students	Focus	Number	Start	Finish	F	Staff
Monday 30th March	GCSE	Sociology	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	11:00	F2	BTT
	GCSE	Resistant Materials	invite BWN gp	Practical Coursework Catch Up	10	09:00	12:00	A22W	ALE
	GCSE	French	Higher	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	11:00	F9	HKZ
	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	HTK
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	GRG
	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	Canoeed of sessions (3 x 1Hr)	60	09:00	12:00	FS-F12	THY, LHY, BGE, SDU, SRO
	GCSE	Resistant Materials	invite BWN gp	Practical Coursework Catch Up	10	09:00	12:00	A22W	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	PDW
	GCSE	Health and Social	Targeted	Coursework Improving Grades	30	09:00	11:00	ABC	MUR
	GCSE	Health and Social	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	11:00	13:00	F1	HLR
	GCSE	Geography	Grades 6-9	Content and exam skills	30	09:00	11:00	F2	SHL
	GCSE	Geography	Grades 3-5	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	FS-F10	MRN/LKH/BDW
	A Level	History	ALL	Walking Talking Mock	30	09:00	10:00	F7F8	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	FS-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	FS-F15	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	FS-F19	BKE BTY CGB HDY RBT RCH
	GCSE	Fine Art	HPA and 4-6	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	15	09:00	11:00	A3	JHN
	GCSE	Competing	invite Only	Paper 2 Walking Talking Mock	30	11:00	13:00	ABC	CDX
Thursday 9th April	A Level	Fine Art	ALL	Coursework Portfolio Feedback	30	09:00	13:00	A3	JHN
	A Level	Economics	ALL	Paper 3 Walking Talking Mock	15	10:00	12:00	F1	HTK
	A Level	Competing	ALL	Paper 1 Skeleton Code Revision	8	09:00	11:00	ABC	CDX
	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

All students to sign in and out at entrance to F-Block near FREF

### Exam timetables/ Prom tickets/ Leavers Hoodies

Finally, the exam timetables and all Year 11 information can be found on the Year 11 Firefly page (link below), and don't forget the Prom tickets (18th June) and leavers hoodies are still available to purchase.

<https://chellaston.fireflycloud.net/year-11---mrn>

### Connect Careers trip

On Wednesday, Mrs Grimwood and Mr Cudworth took four of our KS4 students to visit two local colleges - The Roundhouse and the Joseph Wright Centre. They represented the school fantastically, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and maturity throughout the day. The visits proved to be a great success, with all students either cementing their decision about which course they would like to pursue or discovering new courses that sparked their interest. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and the positive impression they made and are really looking forward to visiting Broomfield College in April.

Photos - Derby roundhouse atrium, Hair and Beauty classroom and a classroom in Joseph Wright.



## **Sparx Science, Maths and Reader**

Chellaston are now using the Sparx in English, Maths and Science so it is even more important that students are embedding its use into their weekly Home Learning routines.

The completion in Science is still going strong with 1,078,415 questions answered correctly with students having spent 9,643 hours working independently on their Home Learning and independent studies. As always please encourage students to use the entire Sparx package.

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 15th March until present:**

#### **Weekly Leaderboard**

1. Lucas the CEO
2. Gurtirath the Champion
3. Ajit the Original
4. James the Triumph
5. Olivia the Trailblazer
6. Jude the Legend

This week I also want to celebrate the top students in each year:

Year 7: Lucas the CEO

Year 8: Gurtirath the Champion

Year 9: Emily the Galaxy

Year 10: Evie the Voyager

Year 11: Hugo the Magnificent

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 three. Keep it up guys, amazing completion.

Next week, as its the end of term we will be awarding extra ICE points for the total completion in each year group so get your Sparx completion up - Top 6 in each year group will get the extra ICE points.

## **Sports News**

Our PE department have been exceptionally busy this last term so we have a special bumper sports newsletter coming out next week but please see just one event from last weekend.

### **PGL weekend**

The weekend of the 6th-8th March, 26 Year 8 and 9 students made their way down to Swindon, ready for a football and netball weekend at PGL.

The Netballers faced tough competition but continued to show resilience over both Saturday and Sunday. Both teams, Year 8 and 9, saved their best game until last, with the Year 8's winning their game.

The footballers had coaching on the Saturday and games on the Sunday.

In between playing sports the girls had the opportunity to experience some of the PGL adventure activities, including the giant swing, trapeze and zipline! Despite the cold and wet weather, the girls came back with smiles on their faces rearing to go again!

The girls were an absolute credit to the school and made us all so proud!

A massive thank you to Miss Davies, Mrs Burke and Miss Batty for giving up their whole weekend to enable the trip to run!



### **Dates for your diary**

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

21st April 9.30- 10.30am - RSE coffee morning

27th April 2.15-3.15pm - RSE coffee afternoon

8th May - Year 13 last day

20th May - Year 8 Parents evening - details to follow (amended)

22nd May - Break up for half term

Kind regards,

Dani Eyre

Interim Head of School