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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Chellaston Academy, with improving weather helping to lift spirits around the school. Examinations have now begun for some year groups, and I am proud of the **integrity** and determination our students are showing as they strive for **excellence**, supported by the continued **care** of our staff.

This week's **Year 10 Parents' Evening** was extremely well attended, with over 85% of parents and carers joining us. It was a real pleasure to meet so many of you and to hear the positive, supportive conversations taking place between families and teachers as we work together to support students through to their Key Stage 4 journey.

Beyond the classroom, students enjoyed a brilliant trip to Waterstones, helping to foster a love of reading and reflecting our commitment to high-quality, enriching experiences. We were also delighted to celebrate *50 days to go* until the start of the Women's Cricket World Cup, using this milestone to champion aspiration, inclusion and **excellence** in sport.

Today, a group of our students have set off on their **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award weekend**, embarking on what promises to be a challenging, rewarding and memorable experience. The programme develops resilience, teamwork and independence, and we are incredibly proud of all students involved for embracing such a fantastic opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. We wish them every success over the weekend.

Finally, a gentle reminder to please ensure mobile phones are switched off and kept securely in school bags during the school day. This helps us maintain a calm and focused learning environment where all students can thrive

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

NHS Workshop Year 10

As mentioned in our previous communications around the delivery of Relationships and Sex Education, we are pleased to announce that year 10 will receive an additional workshop from the NHS local health team on the following dates:

May 5th

June 2nd

Each pupil will attend a one hour workshop, in their PD group, around STI's and local Sexual Health Services. This will complement the work we are doing in PSHCE.

Waterstone Trip

On Thursday 23rd April, Mrs Leahy, Mrs Lloyla and Mrs Gillard took a group of Year 7 students on a reading reward to Waterstones and The Book Cafe where they were met by one of governors who champions reading. The students were in awe of the amount of books on offer in the store but they soon navigated their way to find a new selection of books for our vending machine along with choosing a book for themselves to keep.

In addition to this, we used part of the funds we raised on World Book Day to purchase a selection of books for younger readers; these are then being donated to Derby Book Festival where young children from disadvantaged backgrounds will get access to them.



The staff at Waterstones were impressed by our students' conduct and by the plethora of wonderful questions they were asked! It was pleasing to see our young people so invested in reading; the excitement spread across staff and students alike!

Once laden down with purchases, the next stop was The Book Cafe where students were met by some of wonderful parents/carers. Drinks and goodies were purchased to fuel the young (and older) brains and then shared reading in a public space ensued.



We are so proud to be recognised for taking reading seriously. We want students to not just see the benefits of it but to love it and everything it has to offer!

KS4 Connect Visit to Broomfield College

On Wednesday, Mrs Grimwood and Mr Cudworth took the five KS4 students in Connect to Broomfield college. We had a wonderful afternoon exploring the beautiful campus and its facilities. Students were able to learn about a wide range of courses, including animal care, tree surgery, public services, sports science, and childcare to name a few

One of the highlights of the visit was seeing the many animals on site. These included a wallaby, meerkats, pigs, lambs, cows, horses, as well as rabbits, peacocks, snakes, and other reptiles.

We all agreed that it looks like a truly wonderful place to study. We hope the visit has given our Year 11 students plenty of food for thought as they consider their next steps.





School's Cricket Day

To celebrate Schools Cricket Day and 50 days before England and Wales Cricket Board host the T20 Women's World Cup the Academy has held several cross-curricular events to shine the spotlight on cricket and Women's sport.

The energy across the school was wonderful to see, with a variety of cricket themed activities woven into their lessons; from guess the national anthem (music), code breaker activities (math), understanding the influence cricket played within history to creative writing pieces in English, students developed their understanding on the game. With the sun on our side students played non-stop cricket within physical education lessons. Thank you to all students and staff who wore their cricket jerseys to school to promote local and international cricket clubs. Finally, a special thank you to Chellaston Community and school body who got behind the day and engaged in all things cricket, creating purposeful resources and demonstrative our ICE Values through collaboration.

Comparing data

In cricket, a player's batting average is the total number of runs they have scored divided by the number of times they have been out, usually given to two decimal places.

Please find the last 5 batting averages for both players in their last 5 games below.
Calculate the mean and the range for each data set.
Who has the better average? Who is most consistent?

Alice	29.1	32.73	39.6	34.2	33.31
Maia	32.7	38.21	37.16	33.28	35.13

Starter - Cricket Vocabulary

Terms

1. LBW (Leg Before Wicket)
2. Yorker
3. Silly Mid-On
4. Declaration of play
5. Reviewing a play
6. Boundary

7. A ball that bounces right on the batter's foot
8. When the captain ends the innings early
9. A fielder standing very close on the leg side
10. When the ball swings the opposite way to what is expected
11. When the ball hits the batter's leg but does not hit the stumps
12. A play that reaches or crosses the edge of the field

Can you match the Cricket terms with the correct definition?

Q1: Can you provide a definition for a Yorker?



Final reminder for those students who would like to register their interest for the T20 World Cup and Leeds to do so before **Monday 27th of April**

Please register your student's interest [HERE](#).



Dates for your diary

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

1st June - Return to school

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Leese', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Mr. D Leese
Headteacher