



12th June 2026

Dear parents, carers and students,

It has been another busy and positive period at Chellaston Academy, and I am proud of the focus and commitment shown across all year groups.

Examinations

Year 11 and Year 13 students are nearing the end of their exams. Well done for the maturity and resilience you continue to show.

Looking ahead, Year 10 and Year 12 begin their mock examinations next week. These are a key step as students prepare for next year. For Year 12 in particular, outcomes will help shape future pathways, including university applications. Students should approach these seriously and give their very best effort.

Recent Highlights include:

- Year 12 UCAS Trip – Students gained valuable insight into higher education, courses and future career pathways as they begin planning their post-18 destinations.
- Battlefields Trip Meeting – Thank you to families who attended the information evening for this important and impactful visit.
- KS3 Fire Prevention Assemblies – Students developed their understanding of fire safety, risk awareness and responsible decision-making.
- Year 7 Parents' Evening – It was excellent to see so many parents and carers in attendance. We were particularly pleased to receive some lovely feedback following the evening, including a message praising the fantastic work of our teachers and highlighting the very positive start students have made to their secondary school experience.
- Year 9 Rounders City Tournament Winners.
- Scholastics Book Fair on site.
- Plus more!

Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all students and families of our expectations around uniform. Wearing the correct uniform, including ties worn properly, appropriate school shoes, and no leggings, is an important part of academy life. It reflects a sense of pride in oneself and in our community and supports the high standards we set for all students. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining these expectations.

We are also collecting pre loved branded uniform (jumpers, blazer & ties) and any PE kit (especially black shorts) outside of student services. Please ask students to place in the yellow wheelie bin outside of Student Services, they will be gratefully received and recycled within school.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high expectations.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Last night, we had the final Parents' Evening of the year which was Year 7. There were 1700 appointments all over the school with 100 staff. Despite the World Cup opening ceremony and the unpredictable weather, we had an 88% turnout which was great to see. Lots of happy faces on the way out. One factor of attendance depends upon how students feel about school at the end of Year 7. Judging by a lot of the smiling faces on the way out, this is a

good omen for the future. Or, it might be the fact that they were finally getting out of the school. It was nice to receive some lovely emails from parents after the evening finished. We really appreciate people taking the time to do this and hope that the Year 8 parents evening continues in a similar vein, next year.



Year 12 - UCAS Exhibition

On Tuesday, Year 12 travelled to Sheffield to attend the annual UCAS Exhibition, an important event designed to support students as they begin exploring their post-18 options. The exhibition provided a valuable opportunity for students to meet representatives from a wide range of universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from across the country. Throughout the day, students were able to gather information about courses, entry requirements, student life, and future career pathways, as well as ask questions tailored to their individual interests and aspirations. The visit was both informative and inspiring, helping students to gain a clearer understanding of the opportunities available to them and supporting them in making informed decisions about their next steps after Sixth Form. Throughout the day, Year 12 conducted themselves with maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism, and were a real credit to the school.



Email from Children's Commissioner for England - Dame Rachel de Souza

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing because I have received a small number of responses from children and young people at your school to my national survey, The Big Future, and I would like to thank you for your support so far.

I am now asking for your help in encouraging **even more pupils** to take part: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

It is crucial that I hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country. The more pupils who participate from your school, the more accurately their experiences, views and aspirations will be reflected in the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policymaking. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

I would be grateful if you could share the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email systems, as well as with parents and carers across your wider school community.

I know that many schools have successfully encouraged participation by completing the survey during form time, tutor periods or assemblies. To make this as easy as possible, I have created a slide pack which can be found [here](#).

I am also inviting schools and colleges to identify student champions who can help promote the survey among their peers. Student champions who generate particularly high levels of participation will receive a formal thank you from my office, recognising their contribution to amplifying young people's voices. This can also be used in personal statements, CVs and future applications.

Schools and colleges with the highest response levels will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

To support you, I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

As ever, thank you for your support and for helping ensure that the voices of your pupils are heard.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England



KS3 Assemblies - Derbyshire's Fire Prevention Team

On Thursday all of Key Stage 3 had an assembly on the impact of deliberate fires from one of Derbyshire's Fire Prevention Team. They listened to some strong statistics about how many accidental fires can't be responded to due to resources being directed to deliberate fires and also about the financial and community implications of this. We saw a video about a snapchat prank that went horribly wrong and the impact of an Arson charge on a young person's future. This included custodial time, the inability to gain house insurance and limited job prospects. Our students listened brilliantly and showed a lot of care to our visitor and each other. We are very proud of you.



Piano Lessons

A purple poster for piano lessons. The background features a large treble clef and scattered musical notes. The text is white and centered.

PIANO LESSONS

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS?

WEEKLY PIANO LESSONS IN SCHOOL

Learn the techniques and skills to play your favourite songs, have the opportunity to take exams and learn how to play a range of styles of music. Perform in school concerts and assemblies and develop your love of music.

For more information contact Louisa on the email below. If interested, collect a contract from reception and complete

louisa_walsh@live.co.uk

Sport

Year 9 Rounders City Tournament Winners

On Wednesday 3rd June our Year 9 girls played in the City Rounders Tournament and comprehensively won it by beating the other three teams who were Derby High, West Park and Woodlands. We scored over 30 rounders and demonstrated exceptional fielding to limit those conceded. These girls have now won the tournament in Years 7, 8 and now Year 9. They also aim to come back in Year 10 and try and complete the clean sweep! Well done all!

The winning squad consisted of Nevaeh S, Emily W, Daisy G, Sophie M, Namira R, Eleanor I, Lillian T, Jayne P, Rose B and Hannah J.



Dodgeball Umpires

Last Friday, 11 of our students went to help British Dodgeball to umpire the Primary Dodgeball Championships. They were all fantastic and continued to demonstrate our Chellaston values, Integrity, Care and Excellence the entire day. The teachers from other schools commented on how brilliant our students were and the quality of the umpiring. We are so proud of you all- thank you for being great representatives of Chellaston!



Junior Premier League - Gracie F

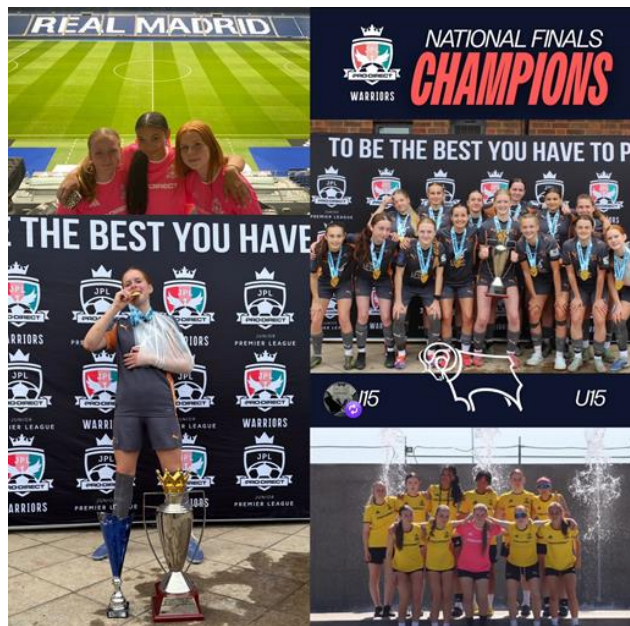
During the May half term Gracie F in Year 10 was lucky enough to travel to Madrid with the Junior Premier League (JPL) Warriors Representative Team where she trained with the Real Madrid Academy coaches at the 'Ciudad Real Madrid' training ground.

Whilst there she played against a local Spanish female team securing 2 convincing wins.

She also got to tour the Bernabéu stadium, Real Madrid's home ground.

After winning her regional league and then subsequent playoffs with Derby County's U15s, during the weekend of 6th and 7th June she attended the JPL Invitational National Championships at Warwick University. After playing 4 games over the weekend, the team were unbeaten finishing overall JPL National U15 champions.

Unfortunately during the penultimate stages after making a goal saving tackle Gracie sustained a broken wrist. However, she remained with the team until the end taking great pride in their overall success. Well done Gracie!



Derbyshire Cricket Foundation

Derbyshire Cricket Foundation have asked us to share this event with you.



Dates for your diary

- 15th June - 26th June - Year 10 & 12 Mock exams
- 18th June - Year 11 Prom
- 19th & 20th June - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice expedition
- 22nd June - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 22nd June - Year 10 Army Careers Talk
- 22nd June - Year 13 Prom
- 23rd June - SEND Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
- 29th June - Year 11 to 12 Transition Day
- 29th & 30th June - Year 12 Geography Field trip
- 3rd July - Year 10 Geography Field trip

7-9th July - Year 6-7 Transition Days
10th July - Sports Day
13th-17th July - Year 12 Work Experience
15th-17th July - Battlefields trip
22nd July - Rewards Day 3
23rd July - Break up for Summer Holidays

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Leese', written in a cursive style.

Mr. D Leese
Headteacher