

CHELLASTON ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Students,

A highlight of this week has been welcoming our new Year 6 students for their transition days. It has been wonderful to see so many excited young people preparing to begin their secondary school journey with us. Thank you to our staff and student ambassadors for making everyone feel so welcome. We look forward to seeing our new Year 7 cohort return in September and becoming part of the Chellaston Academy community. We would also like to thank **Eleanor Warren** for her outstanding contribution to Chellaston Academy. Since joining the school in 2012, Eleanor has been a valued colleague whose dedication, professionalism and commitment to our students have made a lasting impact on our community. Leaving us last week she takes up her new role as Assistant Head of Sixth Form at a local school. We wish her every success for the future and thank her for everything she has given to Chellaston Academy. We will miss her and know she will thrive in her new position. Today we also say goodbye and thank you to **Mrs. Battrick** for all of her incredible hard work and dedication to Year 10. Your support has meant so much to the students, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you the absolute best of luck as you start this exciting new chapter at your new school! Have a lovely sunny weekend and enjoy the football.

Road Closure, Castle Street, Melbourne

A section of Castle Street at Melbourne will be closed to traffic between 8.00am and 6.00pm on **22nd and 23rd July** and buses will need to divert.

Service 205 and 208

Operate via Packhorse Road, Queensway and Derby Road.

Service 207

This service will operate as normal along Station Road and divert via Packhorse Road and Queensway.

More information is available at <https://one.network/?tm=GB149799604>



Sports Day

Due to the high temperatures this week, Sports Day has been postponed until the mornings of Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July.



Tolethorpe Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 7th July Year 12 History students had the opportunity to visit Tolethorpe Theatre near Stamford for a production of Animal Farm. Animal Farm by George Orwell is an excellent interpretation to help students see the events of the October Revolution being turned towards a one Party dictatorship and later a totalitarian

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dictatorship, and the excellent performance really made this clear. A huge thank you to all Year 12 students who attended as their behaviour and indeed dress code was exemplary and they really represented the academy and our Chellaston 6th Form superbly. Students enjoyed a picnic on the lawn of Tolethorpe Hall and then the production of this iconic literary interpretation of Russian History. Thank you also to Mr Luckhurst (Head of History) and to all the staff in attendance on the trip and to the staff at Tolethorpe Hall who expressed how impressed they were with our students.

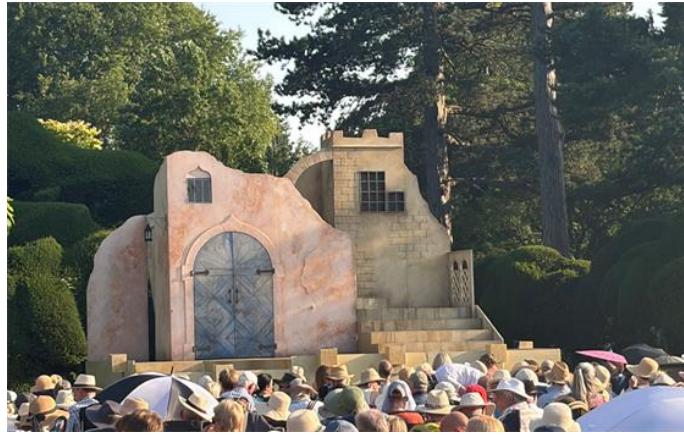




Year 12 - English Literature trip - Othello by The Lord Chamberlain's Men

On Thursday 9th July, eight Year 12 English Literature students braved the hot weather to see a performance of Othello at Melbourne Hall. Othello is a core A-level text, and students were excited to experience the live performance on the lawn of the gardens beside the beautiful lake. Students were amused by the performances of an authentic all-male cast, who played roles ranging from Othello and Iago to Desdemona, Emilia and Bianca. It was a wonderful evening, with students able to see how the characters love, deceive, and ultimately betray and kill one another. The English Team were also excited to purchase Shakespeare quote tea towels (pictured below) to support the cast and crew as they continue their fantastic tour. Well done Year 12!





Art Superstar!

We are very proud to share with you that Lisa W of Year 7 has had one of her artworks exhibited in the **First Bloom Exhibition** at West Bridgford Library.

The exhibition runs from **22 June to 12 July**, and there was a **Meet the Artists** event on **Saturday 27 June** which **included Lisa**. Lisa has had a wonderful time and was very happy to see her artwork displayed.

Here are some from Lisa's collection!

Well done Lisa, your Art teacher (Miss Jones) and Chellaston Academy are very proud of you!





Cricket Superstars!

Anya Patel has been out of school this summer term representing Nottinghamshire Girls Cricket. Following an intensive winter training programme, Anya Patel earned selection to represent Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club during the 2026 summer season.

We are incredibly proud of Anya's resilience, humility, and commitment to learning and wish her continued success for the remainder of the season.



In addition to a number of fantastic cricketers we have here at Chellaston Academy we must also mention our **COUNTY** players - (these are ones we know about)

- Hannah J in Year 8 & Evelyn H in Year 7 who play for Derbyshire County Cricket U13 team
- Lewis B in Year 8 who plays for Derbyshire County Girls Cricket U13 team
- Charlie H in Year 8 who plays for Derbyshire County Cricket U13 & U14 teams
- Nikhil P (Anya's brother) Enzo & Santi D-N who play for Derbyshire County Cricket U12 team

And our **NATIONAL** players -

Jude B in Year 10, Charlie H in Year 8 & Evelyn H in Year 7 who will be representing ENGLAND in the South Africa Indoor Cricket in September!

Well done to all of you - we are very proud!

Free School Meals will be changing

The Government has announced that the eligibility criteria for **Free School Meals will be changing**.



From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings, will be entitled to a free meal. Under these changes, there will be two categories of FSM eligibility:

- **Targeted FSM**

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of **£7,400 or less**, will be eligible for targeted FSM. In addition to receiving free meals, Y7-Y11 pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium funding for their school.

- **Expanded FSM** (From Sept)

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings **exceeding £7,400** will be entitled to expanded FSM (meals only).

At Chellaston Academy we use an online system that enables you to check your eligibility against the data held by the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking Services (ECS). As student's circumstances may change at any time, once you have entered your details, the system will regularly update, and we will have access to up-to-date information without ever needing to contact you. This includes annual rechecks.

All you are required to do is follow the link below and enter details which include your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number:

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict



If you currently receive FSM, it is important that you recheck your eligibility. If an eligibility check is not completed, or if the check indicates that you are no longer eligible, your FSM entitlement will finish at the end of this term.

Chellaston Academy Sports

City Sports

Here are the official standings for the City Sports event:

Chellaston Academy were placed 4th out of 15 teams overall- this is a fantastic result for our athletes!

Teams placing top 3

Year 7 girls- 3rd overall

Year 7 boys- 2nd overall

Year 9 girls- 1st overall

Year 10 girls- 2nd overall
Year 10 boys- 3rd overall

Here are Records broken!!!

Thomas E- has broken the City Sports Shot putt record with 11.17m

Jess W- has broken the school 800m record in a time with 2.38.6

Dates for your diary

13th-17th July - Year 12 Work Experience

15th July - Chellaston Academy Summer Concert

15th-17th July - Battlefields trip

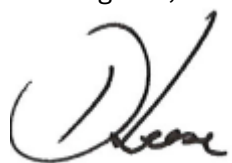
17th & 19th July - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifier

20th & 21st July - Sports days

22nd July - Rewards Day 3

23rd July - Break up for Summer Holidays

Kind regards,

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Mr. D Leese
Headteacher