



3rd July 2026

Dear parents/ carers and students,

Following last week's heatwave, I would like to thank our staff and students for the resilience they showed in adapting to the challenging conditions while maintaining our usual high standards. As temperatures return to more normal levels, we expect students to wear full school uniform, reflecting the pride and high expectations we have for ourselves and our academy. We are mindful that further hot weather is forecast in the coming weeks and will continue to monitor conditions closely, communicating with families should any adjustments be required.

This week has also been packed with opportunities for students. We were delighted to welcome our new Year 12 students for their Sixth Form Transition Day and to see students developing their creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills during Enterprise Day. Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our incoming Year 6 students for their Transition Days next week as they begin their journey towards joining the Chellaston family in September.

A reminder that, as part of our commitment to safeguarding, we will be conducting a lockdown drill during Period 5 on Monday. You will have received information regarding this in a separate letter. We will also be strengthening our mobile phone policy in line with government guidance for next academic year, with further details being shared in the coming week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Supporting Our Students During the England World Cup Match

We know that many of our students will be excited to watch England's World Cup match, which kicks off at 1:00am on Monday morning. As a school, we recognise what a special occasion this is and are pleased to support those who want to enjoy the game with their families.

While we understand it may be a late night, our expectations remain the same: students should arrive on time, ready to learn, albeit perhaps a little more tired! To celebrate those who rise to the challenge, every student who arrives by **8.30am** on Monday will receive **250 ICE points**. (Remember it is double points day, too!) They will also be entered into a draw with the chance of winning 1 of 10 prizes.

We hope everyone enjoys the match; Come on, England!



Double Points Day

On Monday 6th July we have Double Points Day (positive only)!

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to boost their ICE point totals and behaviour ratios contributing to qualifying for the REWARDS DAY FESTIVAL on Wednesday 22nd July.

The day also applies to those students who take part in community service activities on those days (they need to book in via student services).

**Year 11 to 12 Transition Day**

On Monday, nearly two hundred Year 11 students joined Chellaston Academy Sixth Form for a taster day, giving them the opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Form student.

Throughout the day, students attended taster lessons in their chosen subjects and took part in an assembly led by Mrs Warren, who introduced them to Sixth Form life and the exciting opportunities that await them.

Our current Year 12 students played a key role in making the day a success by leading tours of the school and sharing their own experiences. We are extremely grateful to them for giving up their time to help our prospective students feel so welcome.

Students have now been sent their summer transition work to complete before they begin their studies in September. We are delighted that so many students have chosen to continue their journey with us and look forward to welcoming them back as members of the Chellaston Academy Sixth Form community in September.

Year 8 Choir Workshops

On Wednesday 24th June fifteen of our Year 8 choir travelled to Djanogly City Academy to take part in workshops with the Royal Ballet and Opera company.

All students learned about the story of The Magic Flute along with learning songs, developing movement and actions to represent characters. Our students were fantastic role models to the primary students also taking part in the workshop.

In addition to The Magic Flute, they also took part in a second workshop, learning about the story and a song from The Marriage Figaro along with GCSE music students. They developed their harmonies and part singing along with adding further actions while singing.

All students were excellent representatives of Chellaston and worked brilliantly despite the hot conditions!



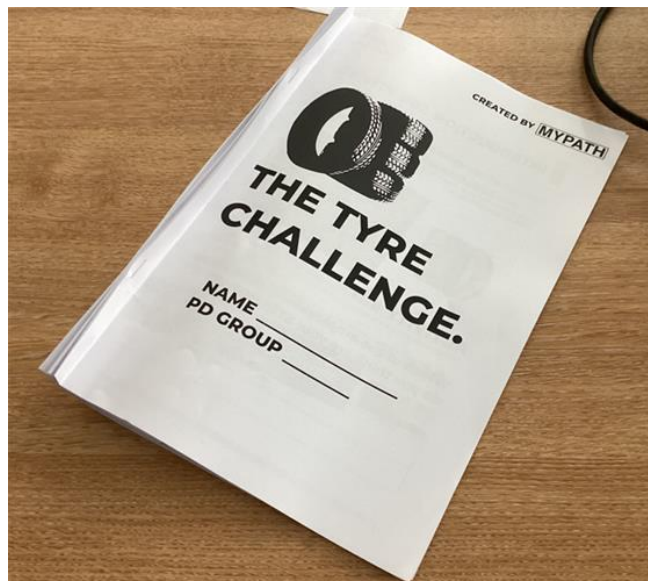
The Tyre Challenge – Enterprise Day Success

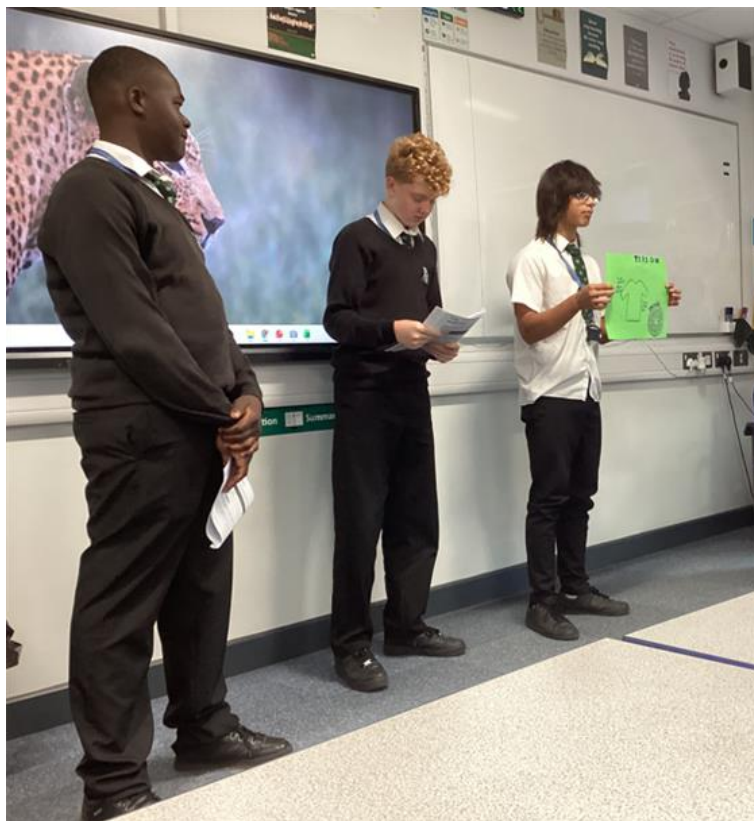
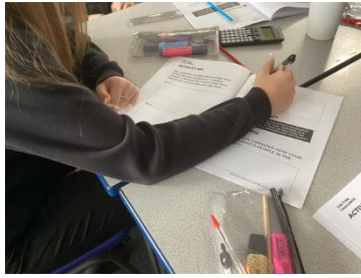
This week, our students took part in The Tyre Challenge, an exciting enterprise day designed to develop teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. Working in small teams, students were challenged to transform an everyday tyre into an innovative business idea, considering everything from branding and marketing to social impact and financial planning.

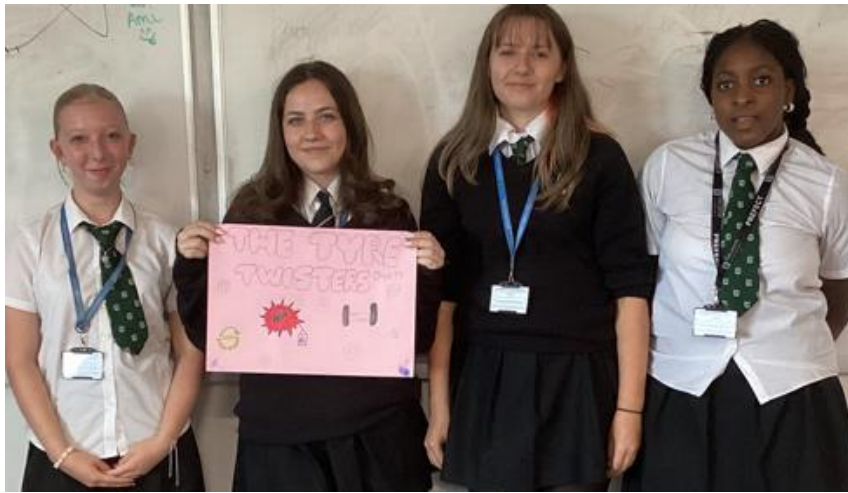
Throughout the day, students demonstrated fantastic collaboration, resilience and imagination as they developed their ideas before presenting their final pitches to their classmates. It was wonderful to see so many students growing in confidence as they shared their innovative concepts and responded to questions.

The quality of the presentations was outstanding, with teams showcasing original thinking, strong communication skills and an impressive entrepreneurial mindset. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and professionalism shown by all students, who embraced the challenge with energy and creativity - Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to our winning teams!

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to our business volunteers from the community who gave up their time to support the students with their wealth of experience, it was much appreciated.







Summer Concert

We are excited to invite you to our summer concert on 15th July, tickets are on parentpay.



Year 12 English Language

We were delighted to welcome Tom from Quick Fox Education to school last week, where he led an engaging workshop with our Year 12 students focused on Language Diversity. A leading expert in A-Level English, Tom brought his wealth of experience to explore how language varies across regions, social groups, and contexts, helping students build the analytical writing skills and confidence they need for this challenging topic. The session was interactive and thought-provoking, with students actively debating attitudes towards accents, dialects, and evolving language use in modern society. Tom said it was "an absolute pleasure to work with such a fantastic group of students".



Preloved Uniform Event

We would like to invite you to a preloved uniform event (good quality uniform including PE kit, blazers, jumpers and shirts) on Tuesday 7th July from 5.30pm until 6.30pm at Chellaston Academy. There will be clear signposting to the event.



Celebrating Daisy B!

We are incredibly proud to share with you that after attending a golfing competition at Alfreton today Daisy B in Year 8 has won the Derbyshire County Schools Higher Handicap competition.

Here is a photo of her with her trophy (which has now gone to get engraved!) - Well done Daisy!



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.

Sport

T1 Mixed Rugby Nationals

On Monday 22nd June, a group of our Year 8/ 9 students attended T1 mixed Rugby Nationals. We arrived to blue skies and warm temperatures, not the usual rugby weather. Chellaston won every game in their group stages and went through to semi-finals. It was a very close game with a minute to spare we were 3-3, however Chellaston managed to score one and keep the opposition in their defending half to secure the win. We then went into the final game, which was tied 1-1 after the full 15 minutes, lots of running, high tempo and brilliantly defending from Chellaston meant we had to go to additional 5 minutes of time. This was a battle to score in the time, with a few disallowed tries, the opposition snuck through and scored in the last 30 seconds to win overall. Chellaston finished second overall and showed great team work.



Under 13 girls' participation festival at Derbyshire County Cricket Ground

On Tuesday 23rd June Mrs Causer took a group of Year 7 and 8 girls to compete in an U13 girls' participation festival at Derbyshire County Cricket Ground. The girls consistently displayed our ICE values and got fully involved in all activities enjoying the combination of cricket and sunshine. Thanks to Derbyshire Cricket Foundation staff who made the event such a success and our former Chellaston student Oscar Jones for making us feel so welcome.



Still sticking with cricket news, I was gutted to receive communications that our U13 Girls who were super excited at getting through to Regional's last week are no longer eligible, due to funding and staffing shortages. The event organisers are optioning to take the winning team through to regionals and not the top two, as previously suggested, so we would like to wish the top team every success for the Finals.

Girls T1 Rugby

On Monday 29th June, we hosted girls Year 9/10 T1 rugby at school. Our girls played two Bemrose teams, which had the pace to keep us on our toes. We won both games 3-0, coming out on top of the round robin. The girls were fantastic and played so well as a team, as always! Big thank you to Alicia V, Blythe R and Lucy H for coming to play to allow us to have a full team! And also Gracie F who helped with the coaching of the team.



Under 14 Girls Football Presentation

Chellaston Academy U14A football team were formally awarded the girls cup trophies at a presentation on Tuesday 30th June at Pride Park. They finished as the top team in the city and were represented by Leah M, Emily K, Nevaeh S, Verity H, Holly A and Jess H at the ceremony. Other players who were involved in the winning squad were Ffion D, Isla M, Grace H and Mia L.



Year 7 County Rounders

Our Year 7 Rounders team went to Littleover School on Tuesday 30th June to play in the County Rounders tournament. As the city tournament was postponed due to the heat last week, it was their first experience of competitive rounders. They took it in their stride and played well as a team finishing 4th overall out of 7. They beat both Littleover and Woodlands, which bodes well for when they do play in the city tournament.

Squad consisted of Erin B, Lily S, Jasleen K, Japsimran K, Poppy C, Schenai K, Amelia S, Florence S and Daisey S,

City Sports

On Wednesday 1st July, Chellaston took around 70 pupils to Moorways to participate in City sports, our yearly sporting event for athletics. This is a highly competitive event, and our students always do so well in their events. Although we are awaiting overall results, below are individual results:

Nate L (7)- 1st place 100m
Hugo L (7)- 3rd place 800m
Charlie S (7)- 3rd place 1500m
Raheem S (7)- 4th place long jump
Jackson B-S (7)- 5th place javelin
Amily S (7)- 1st place 100m
Evelyn H (7)- 3rd place 800m
Erin B (7)- 1st place long jump
Amelia C (7)- 4th place shot putt
Lewis B (8)- 4th place 800m
James B (8)- 3rd place 1500m
Thomas E (8)- 1st place shot putt and potentially a new record (awaiting results)
Chloe W (8)- 4th place 800m
Greta H (8)- 1st place 1500m
Emly B (8)- 1st place shot putt
Ava H (8)- 3rd place discuss

Hannah J (8)- 4th place javelin
Nathaniel B (9)- 3rd place 200m
Lennon B (9)- 5th place javelin
Esmae S (9)- 1st place 300m
Ffion D (9)- 1st place 800m
Isla M (9)- 2nd place 1500m
Daisy G (9)- 2nd place high jump
Nevaeh S (9)- 2nd place shot putt
Emily K (9)- 3rd place discuss
Lillian T (9)- 1st place javelin
Liam S (10)- 2nd place 200m
Harry C (10)- 4th place 800m
Leo S (10)- 4th place 1500m
Hugo R (10)- 3rd place high jump
Cohen B (10)- 4th place long jump
Iwan W (10)- 5th place shot putt
Jonathan W (10)- 4th place discuss
Ruby B (10)- 3rd place 200m
Beth I (10)- 4th place 300m
Jess W (10)- 1st place 800m
Blythe R (10)- 4th place long jump
Grace K (10)- 1st place high jump

Here are just some of the photos.





Dodgeball Nationals

On Thursday 2nd July, our dodgeball team went to Kettering Arena to play in Dodgeball Nationals. There were 5 teams in our group, with Chellaston winning 3 and drawing one game in this stage, meaning that they finished top of their group. We then went into knock outs, with our teams playing Wellington B whose A team are the reigning champions. Chellaston went in calm and collected and played so amazing dodgeball, winning this game. They were down to the top 4 teams. Chellaston they had a playoff game to go through to 1st/2nd playoff. They were playing Humphrey Perkins, who we had a very close game in regionals against, with Chellaston winning by one point, we knew it was going to be tough. The 6 sets finished in a tie, leading to a one-minute set. With one of ours out and then a catch made, we were 6-5 players in, then the came at us thick and fast, Humphrey Perkins making their way to the final. We then had one last game, the decider between 3rd and 4th place.

The opposition got the first 2 points, then us, then a draw meaning at half time the score stood 3-3. We got a win under our belts in second half, followed by a draw 6-4, another draw meant the game finished 7-5 to us. Chellaston finished 3rd overall and played some excellent dodgeball. Well done Rory B for being our team Captain and Evelyn H for being a vice captain!



Dates for your diary

7-9th July - Year 6-7 Transition Days
7th July - Preloved Uniform event - 5.30-6.30pm
10th July - Sports Day
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
22nd July - Rewards Day 3
23rd July - Break up for Summer Holidays

Kind regards,

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