

PRESS RELEASE

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Chellaston Academy's Class of 2026 celebrate their GCSE results

Chellaston Academy's Class of 2026 are celebrating after receiving their GCSE results.

This summer's results highlights include:

- Three quarters of all students achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and maths.
- Half of all students achieved a grade 5 or above in both English and maths.
- A quarter of all students achieved a grade 7 or above in both English and maths.
- Half of all students achieved at least one grade 7 or above.

Damian Leese, Headteacher, Chellaston Academy, said: "I am absolutely delighted for our students. We have high academic standards and these fantastic results reflect our students' resilience, hard work and determination to reach their potential.

"It is particularly pleasing to see improvements in our overall headline measures, demonstrating the strength of teaching and learning across the academy and dedication of our staff and students.

"I would like to congratulate all our students on their achievements and thank our staff, families and wider school community for their continued support."

Chellaston Academy, based on Swarkestone Road, Chellaston, Derby, is Ofsted graded 'good' and part of Tapestry Learning Partnership.

This year's highest-performing students include:

- Isabella Patterson, Isaac Bell and Shutaro Funai, who each achieved an outstanding nine grade 9s.
- Edward Jones, who achieved an exceptional eight grade 9s.
- Riley McTurk, who achieved seven grade 9s and one grade 8.
- Isla Greaves Huckerby, who achieved six grade 9s, one grade 8 and two distinction stars.
- Rebecca Steadman, who achieved five grade 9s and three grade 8s.
- Amelia Hadley, who achieved five grade 9s and three grade 8s.
- Selina Cao, who achieved five grade 9s, three grade 8s and one grade 7.
- Bhavjot Dhamrait, who achieved five grade 9s, three grade 8s and two grade 7s.
- Belle Hilton, who achieved four grade 9s and four grade 8s.

Special mention also goes to Selina Cao and Riley McTurk for their outstanding nationally recognised achievements.

Selina was recognised by Cambridge OCR as one of the top-performing students nationally in GCSE Art and Design: Fine Art.

Riley McTurk was recognised as one of the top performing students nationally in the Cambridge National in Engineering Manufacture qualification.

The following students deserve special praise for their resilience and determination in overcoming challenges to achieve an outstanding set of results:

- Maisy Ball
- Ash Monroe
- Harrison Benham
- Isla Brown

“Their perseverance, commitment and positive attitude have been truly inspiring, and they should be immensely proud of all they have achieved,” added Damian Leese.

Mark Mallender, Chief Executive Officer, Tapestry Learning Partnership, said: “Congratulations to Chellaston Academy students who have worked hard to achieve their grades. This would not have been possible without the dedication and support of all the staff whom I would like to thank.”

A significant number of students are going onto Chellaston Academy Sixth Form, which offers a wide range of traditional A Level subjects as well as vocational qualifications.

To find out more, visit <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/sixth-form/>

About Tapestry Learning Partnership

- [Tapestry Learning Partnership](#) is a growing family of primary and secondary schools across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Formed in January 2026 through the merger of two successful multi-academy trusts, Djanogly Learning Trust and QEGSMAT, Tapestry Learning Partnership brings together a wealth of expertise, resources and a shared commitment to excellence. The new partnership creates a strong network of schools dedicated to delivering outstanding education and enriching opportunities for every student.

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