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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy Community,

As I am sure you are aware, this week has been a historic week at Chellaston Academy. As well as the plethora of memorable experience that we have provided, including three wonderful days of Year 6 transition, we have also delivered our first coaching circle session. Our vision is to build a stronger sense of belonging and community as well as provide more effective pastoral care through smaller groups of young people in circle activities. Our first session was an amazing start and the feedback we have had has been very positive. Interestingly, the Confederation of School Trusts have just released some research saying that the lives of "modern children" are 'best' supported by schools who are investing in "knowing children **well**, **early** and **often**". This is definitely what our coaching circle model will provide as one of the many benefits. Thank you to all of the community who have provided feedback and we will publish our FAQ response next week.

Enjoy our wonderful newsletter.

Break up for Summer

We would like to advise you that we will be closing for the summer break on **23rd July at 11.30am**, buses have been arranged.



Year 6 Transition day

Over the past three days, our future Year 7 students joined us for an exciting taste of life at secondary school. They took part in a wide range of lessons, experienced moving between classrooms, explored different subjects and even got a feel for travelling to school by bus - all helping them prepare for the transition in September. It was a pleasure to welcome them into our school community, and we look forward to seeing them again when they return as full-time students in September.





Lost Property

If any students believe they have lost something at school please ask them to go to student services and check if it is there before we break up for summer. We have lots of items such as house keys, air pods, money and jewellery!



Houses of Parliament - Big Ideas Programme

On Wednesday Theo L, Toby S and Dorian C headed to the Houses of Parliament. They won the regional final of 'Solutions for the Planet' Big Ideas Programme back in April and this was their chance to present their idea to a panel of MPs at the National final.

The boys were supported by Baggy Shanker MP who attended the event in its entirety and although they didn't win the national final, it didn't matter. The project started with almost 1000 groups and on Wednesday there were just 11 teams left. To reach this stage was mind blowing! Our students even got to have a private tour of the Houses of Parliament where they were shown the House of Lords.

They represented the Academy values throughout the entire day and we're so proud of them. A big thank you to Mrs Dow, Head of Year 7 who escorted them throughout the day and to Mr Baggy Shanker MP for showing his support to these great students.





Spirit of Chellaston event

On Saturday 28th June almost 30 students from Chellaston Academy gave up their afternoon to perform on stage at the annual Spirit of Chellaston event. We had a variety of performances from school choirs, Chellaston School band, soloists and Year 7 band Rocktricity. It was a very hot day, but the students were a credit to the school, waiting patiently for their performance slot, helping to transport equipment to and from school. Thank you to Mrs Jackson and Ms Haywood who supported with the event, as well as parents who also supported with transporting equipment and set up/take down in super quick time.





Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Day

Our Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Day took place on Monday, giving students a fantastic opportunity to experience life in the Sixth Form—despite the heat! Both students and staff embraced the challenge and made the most of an engaging and insightful day.

Highlights included:

- **English Literature** students crafting their own crime fiction stories.
- **French** students showcasing their language skills through French music and film.
- **Spanish** students playing fastest finger first in a Spanish University Challenge style quiz.
- **History** students exploring dictatorships.
- **Science** students doing their own experiments.
- **Art** students completing workshop-based activities to showcase their own individual style.
- **Computing** students diving into Python programming.
- **Health and Social Care** students taking part in team-building activities focused on communication skills essential in hospital settings.
- **Business** and **Economics** students played a game of business and economic related news stories – unfortunately no full houses!
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It was a rewarding day all round, and we look forward to welcoming many of these students back in September as they begin their Sixth Form journey.

UCAS Exhibition 2025

On Wednesday, all of our Year 12 students attended the annual UCAS Exhibition at the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham. This key event brings together the majority of UK-based universities, giving

students the chance to visit a wide range of stands and speak directly with representatives about courses, entry requirements, and university life.

In addition to university exhibitors, the event also featured apprenticeship providers and representatives from the British Armed Forces, offering valuable insight into alternative post-18 pathways.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore their options and begin planning their futures. They approached the day with maturity and enthusiasm and were a real credit to the school.

UCAS



High School Musical Jr

Have you got your ticket for **High School Musical Jr.** happening **next week**? Our students have been working incredibly hard, and it's going to be a fantastic show full of music, energy, and fun.

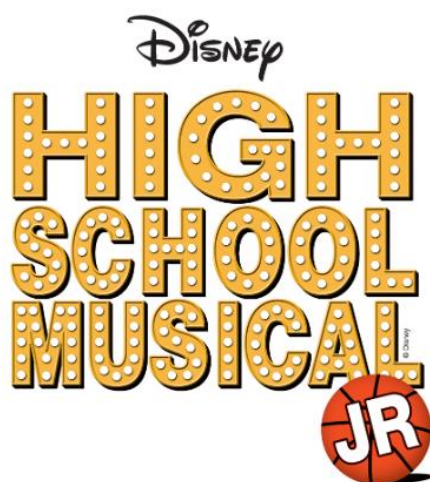
Tickets are now available - on Parent Pay, don't miss out!

Show notes: Mon 7th-9th July in GPA2 at 6.30pm

Refreshments and Raffle prizes will also be available on the night.

Please note: All refreshment and raffle purchases are cash only.

Come support our talented students and enjoy a great evening with the school community!



King's Scout Diamond Award

Last weekend Liam C of Year 12 was awarded the second highest award of **King's Scout Diamond Award!** This is the second highest award he could achieve and it entailed doing both bronze AND silver Duke of Edinburgh with additional volunteer work of over ten hours, for this he supported the well dressings at Aston on Trent. He also did TWO international camps (one of which he

helped Derby's US Exchange students when they attended the Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland) and ran an evening with a group of young people teaching them important values - Well done Liam, we are so proud of you!



International Taekwondo Federation Union 2025 - British Championship

We're very proud of Year 10s Maryam A who joined the International Taekwondo Federation Union 2025 British championship last weekend.

We are proud to inform you that Maryam was crowned 2025 British CHAMPION for sparring. We and Maryam's family are massively proud of her. Especially as she had just finished her GCSE mocks and her final was at the end of one of the hottest days of the year. She showed massive resilience to battle through and win a tough final in the heat - well done Maryam!



Stay safe - Open Water



Our inland open water may appear inviting, especially on hot summer days, but there are often hidden dangers which it's important to be aware of.

51 children have drowned in inland open water, such as rivers, lakes and canals in the last four years.

Sports News

Sports Day

The Sports Day results will be announced during achievement assemblies in due course. They will be broken down into form groups, year groups and overall winner.

Year 9 Rounders

Our Year 9 Rounders Team WON both games against Littleover School and West Park School on home ground on Tuesday! They were captained brilliantly by Blythe R and Jess B - Congratulations all!

Year 7 & 8 Dodgeball Nationals

Our brilliant Dodgeball team came **4th in the country** in the Dodgeball Nationals competition on Wednesday. The event took place with schools from all over the country at Fenton Manor Sports Complex in Stoke on Trent and was captained excellently by Niall H - Well done to you all!

Dates for your diary

7th, 8th, 9th July - School production of High School Musical Jr at 6.30pm in GPA2

22nd July - Rewards Day for Summer term

23rd July - Break up for Summer break at 11.30am (buses have been arranged)

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

"Inspiring each other to realise our potential through Integrity, Care and Excellence"