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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

In this penultimate week of the half term, we have been delighted to experience another wonderful week. Integrity, Care and Excellence has been at the heart of everything we do and our young people are a credit to our academy and themselves. We hope that you enjoy our newsletter.

Meet the Coach

This week was extra special as we trialled something new for Chellaston Academy with our Meet the Coach Day. So far the feedback from parents and young people has been phenomenal. The environment and 'feel' yesterday with parents and their children being in school and having a 20 minute appointment solely to discuss their child was special. Comments like 'this is the best thing Chellaston has done for years' and 'we were sceptical about the coaching circle model at first, but we are definitely in now' were commonplace and left school leaders amazed and bowled over. In order to gauge further opinion, we would be grateful if you could complete this short survey about your experiences. This survey is for parents who either did or did not attend the event. Your views are important to us and will help us reflect and think about future strategy. [SURVEY HERE](#)

Meet The Coach

Reminder Inset Day

We'd like to remind the Chellaston Academy community that there will be an inset day on **Friday 24th October** and school will be closed to all students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

Harvest Collections

We were delighted to welcome DHL to Chellaston Academy today to collect our bountiful Harvest collections for Harvest Festival. They were met by our student leaders who helped them load the van and they will be delivering the many essential items to **FOODBANKS**, the **HOMELESS CENTRE** and the **YMCA DISTRIBUTION CENTRE** - making a real difference to those in need! Well done Chellaston Academy!!





Year 12 - Wellbeing Ambassadors

This week our new Year 12 wellbeing ambassadors received their training for their mentor role. The wellbeing ambassador scheme will commence after October half term and each ambassador will be paired up with a chosen student in Year 7 or 8 to help support and guide them through some low level wellbeing concerns. The Year 12 students were excellent, showing maturity and confidence to begin their new roles.



Rolls-Royce Degree Apprenticeship

Chellaston alumni, Alfie Wegg from Rolls-Royce joined us this week with his colleagues to talk all things apprenticeship with our Year 13 students. It was great to see our students asking thoughtful questions and gaining valuable insight into the application process for Rolls-Royce degree apprenticeships. Many thanks to Alfie and his team for taking the time to come in and meet with our students.





Sparx Science

The Science department want to congratulate KS3 and KS4 students on their work on Sparx Science. We have had some fantastic completion with the following leaderboards showing the top students across the whole school!

Student Leaderboard Wednesday 8th October (launch day) until Sunday 12th October: Weekly Leaderboard

1. Lucas the CEO – 23,140 XP
2. Zhi Xin the VIP – 2,120 XP
3. Jonah the Guardian – 1,070 XP
4. Amaani the Chum – 1,015 XP
5. Yuzuki the Acceptor – 970 XP
6. Freya the Crew – 770 XP

Student Leaderboard Monday 13th October until present: Weekly Leaderboard

1. Leo the Prodigy — 2,985 XP
2. Lucas the CEO — 2,730 XP
3. Morgan the Champion — 2,425 XP
4. Charlie the Master — 2,380 XP
5. Rory the Top dog — 2,125 XP
6. Krish the Governor — 2,090 XP

Amazing work, well done. 500 ICE points will be awarded to the top 3 students and 100 ICE points awarded to the next 3. Keep it up all, amazing completion.



Leaderboard

Derby Book Festival Student - 13-16th November

The poster is for the Derby Book Festival Student Offer. It features a light blue background with yellow wavy lines at the bottom. At the top left, there is a '10 years' logo. The main title 'Derby Book Festival' is in a teal font, with 'Student Offer' in a larger, bold green font. The dates '13 - 16 November 2025' and 'Autumn Edition' are in orange and dark blue respectively. The text 'We are offering FREE tickets for 15-18 year old students And £5 tickets to 18+ students at the following events:' is in dark blue. Below this, a list of events and authors is provided in various colors. At the bottom, there are instructions on how to book tickets and a note about ticket limits.

10 years Derby Book Festival **13 - 16 November 2025**
Autumn Edition

Student Offer

We are offering **FREE** tickets for 15-18 year old students
And **£5** tickets to 18+ students
at the following events:

- Sport** - Ricky Elcock: 'Balls To Fly - An Autobiography'
- Creative Writing/English Literature** - Francesca May: 'This Vicious Hunger'
- Environmental Science/Geography** - Colin Butfield:
'Ocean Earth's Last Wilderness'
- English Literature** - T M Logan: 'The Daughter'
- History** - Tessa Dunlop:
'Lest We Forget: War and Peace in 100 British Monuments'
- History/Politics** - Jonathan Healey:
'The Blood in Winter: A Nation Descends, 1642'
- English Literature** - Paula Burne:
'Six Weeks by The Sea: The Summer Jane Austen Fell in Love'
- Politics/History** - Richard Vinen: 'The Last Titans: Churchill and de Gaulle'
- Pop Culture/Media Studies** - Paul Morley:
'Far Above the World: The Time and Space of David Bowie'
- Politics** - Iain Dale: 'Margaret Thatcher'
- History** - Nick Higham:
'Mavericks: Empire, Oil, Revolution and the Forgotten Battle of World War One'
- History/Women's Studies** - Victoria Bateman:
'Economica: A Global History of Women, Wealth and Power'
- Social Studies** - Jo Bell: 'Boater: A Life on England's Waterways'
- English Literature** - Denise Mina: 'The Good Liar'

To view the full Programme visit us online:
www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/whats-on/events

To book FREE tickets (students 15-18 studying GCSE, A Level or Level 3 courses or equivalent) email hello@derbybookfestival.co.uk, stating your name, where you study and which event(s) you are interested in attending.

To book £5 tickets (Students 18+) book directly at QUAD using the student ticket or for DBF bookings use code STUP-FIVER-2025 at checkout.

Tickets limited to one per event, per student.

Sports News

Cross Country Event

On Friday 10th October the final run in the cross-country series of this school year took place at Woodlands.

Special Mentions:

Erin B (7); 5th
Isla M (9): 2nd
Hannah J (8): 3rd
Greta H (8): 4th
Fred P (7): 6th
James B (8): 3rd with a great sprint finish
Leo S (10): 1st
India R-D (11): 3rd
Adam W (11): 2nd



Taekwondo European Championships

Maryam, Sara and other Chellaston Academy students had a great time at the ITF European Taekwondo Championships in Amsterdam this weekend and we are so proud of their achievements! Maryam won gold for sparring which makes her European Champion as well as British Champion (won earlier this year) 2025.

Sara won bronze for sparring in a very tough group.

We (and their families) are massively proud of both of them. They went above and beyond to represent their team and country in the best way.





Dates for your Diary

23rd October - Break up for half term

24th October - INSET day

27th - 31st October - Half Term

3rd November - Return to school

3rd November - 14th November - Year 11 Mocks

11th November - Remembrance Day

14th November - Children in Need Day

Kind regards

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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