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Dear members of the Chellaston Academy community,

The past seven weeks have absolutely flown by! The year so far has seen so many new changes for staff, students and parents with lessons starting at 8.30am and coaching circles on a Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday. The Meet the Coach day was attended by over 1,000 parents and we feel we are seeing the benefits of the new system through our behaviour data and conduct around the school. Our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence are evident throughout the school, both inside and outside of lessons. We've been bowled over by the way that our Year 11 and Year 13 have returned this year. They are truly 'locked-in' with record attendance to our revision classes even in the first week in September. We had a great attendance by parents to the Year 11 information evening as well, highlighting the support that our students receive at every level. Looking back through the past seven newsletters, we're always proud of the range of trips and events that are always taking place. Next half term, we have Year 11/ 12/ 13 Mocks, Rewards Day, Year 11 Parents' Evening, Certificates Evening and lots of other trips in the pipeline.

The next half-term is always one of the hardest. It's seven weeks long and the nights and mornings start to draw in. Have a restful half term and I hope that everyone returns on Monday November 3rd with the same momentum that we have ended this half term with.

Jill Burke - Learning Mentor

We'd like to wish Jill Burke, our Learning Mentor of 27 years, all the very best in her new adventure of retirement. She will be a sad loss to the Extended Learning team, the PE department (where she helped so much with Cross Country) and to Chellaston Academy as a whole. Good luck Jill, we hope to see you back in school on occasion an invigilator.



SMSC Week!- Mathematics

This week, in maths, we have engaged our students in a variety of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) classes.

In recognition of Black History Month, students in KS3 and KS4 explored the inspiring stories and achievements of Black mathematicians from around the world, including Benjamin Banneker and Katherine Johnson, highlighting their significant contributions to the field of mathematics.

We also celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with our Year 7 students who created their own vibrant Diwali mandalas, combining symmetry and creativity in a meaningful way.

Our Year 8 students put their skills to the test through origami, designing and crafting a variety of paper animals – a fun and practical way to explore geometry in action.

Meanwhile, Year 9 students took on a teamwork and budgeting challenge where they had to plan a party for 20 children. This real-world task included hiring a venue, arranging entertainment, food, drinks and party bags – a great exercise in organisation, collaboration, and practical maths.

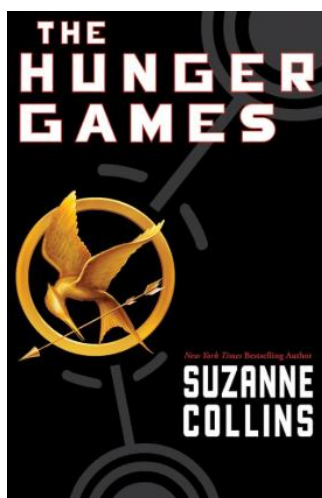
It's been a fantastic week full of learning, creativity and cultural appreciation. We hope the students enjoyed it as much as we did!

Many thanks to Miss Roberts and Mrs Siddons for all of their hard work and organisation during this very important month.



Book Chat - The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Mrs Eyre held a Book Chat on Tuesday lunchtime with students from all year groups to discuss one of her favourites - "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins it's so lovely to see our school community sharing books in our beautiful library.



Year 11 Geography Field Trips

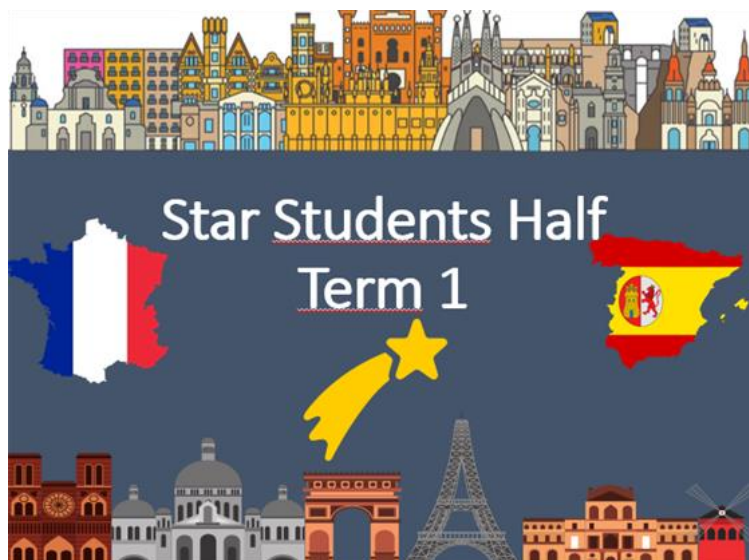
On Monday and Tuesday 100 year 11 GCSE Geography students visited Birmingham to complete their fieldwork investigating how the quality of the environment differs between inner city areas and the city centre. The students worked fantastically well and displayed our values of Integrity, Care and Excellence throughout the day.

Students worked hard to collect primary data in and around Highgate, China Town and the Bullring shopping area, for use in their fieldwork examination in the summer. Year 11 Geography students have now completed all of their required fieldwork days and can now focus on preparing for the upcoming Mock Exams.

So impressed with Chellaston students was the coach driver, that he took time to email the academy after Monday's trip to say *"what an absolute great bunch of kids they were, most said morning or hello as they boarded the coach and all said thank you when leaving the coach, all in all they were a credit to the teachers, themselves and the school"* - well done all, we're very proud of you!

MFL Newsletter

MFL would like to celebrate individual students in KS3, KS4 & KS5, please see their special STAR STUDENTS presentation **attached below** to see if they feature!



Breast Cancer Awareness Day

This week, one of our fabulous Year 13 students, Lejla H, organised a fundraising event in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Tuesday, Lejla encouraged staff and Sixth Form students to wear pink and sold pink ribbons to raise awareness and funds. Thanks to her efforts, she raised an impressive £169 for this wonderful cause.



Black History Month Celebration

On Wednesday, a group of students in Years 11, 12, and 13 — including Sabrina A, Akilah K, Miyuki K, Lilly C, Michelle O, Amelinda B, and Maro O — ran a vibrant stall to mark Black History Month. The event brought the school community together with music, sweets, and conversation, encouraging everyone to learn more about the significance of this important month. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements, culture, and contributions of Black people throughout history and today.

Well done, girls, we are really proud of you!





Safety over Half term

For parents/ carers and students, please find some advice on keeping safe and seeking support over half term on the link below - <https://chellaston.fireflycloud.net/wellbeing-1/safety-messages>

Sports News

Cross Country

On Friday 17th October, 7 teams went to West Park to take part in cross country relays. We had a few students who had to run double legs due to illness but still did amazingly well.

Placings:

Year 7/8 Girls 1st: Erin B, Hannah J, Evelyn H and Greta H

Year 7/8 boys 2nd: James B, Charlie H, Rory B, Hugo L

Year 9/10 girls 3rd: Jess W, Gracie F, Blythe R and Isla M

Year 9/10 boys 1st: Leo S and Liam S (extra special mention as they had to run two legs each).



England Indoor Cricket Squad

We are exceptionally proud that Jude B in Year 10 and Charlie H in Year 8 have been selected to go to Bangalore in India on Sunday to take part in "The Emerging Stars Tour" for the England Indoor Cricket Squad! They are really looking forward to this adventure and we can't wait to hear all about it when they return after half term! Well done boys, we wish you the very best of luck!!



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

28th November - INSET day

4th December - Year 11 Parents evening

8th December - 17th December - Year 13 Mocks

16th December - Class of 2025 Presentation evening at Pride Park (last academic years Year 11 & 13)

18th December - Rewards Day

19th December - Break up at 12 noon.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phil Smith

Proud Headteacher

Chellaston Academy

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