

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to take this time to introduce myself as Executive Headteacher across my existing school, QEGS and Chellaston Academy until the new headteacher is appointed. I'm looking forward to working with Mrs Eyre and Mr Clarke and the Senior Leadership Team to make sure that Chellaston Academy remains a place where students not only succeed but thrive. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of our wonderful students and dedicated staff this week and been made to feel very welcome by all. Thank you for your support as we move through this period of transition, I am excited for the term ahead and confident that with our shared commitment, we will provide the best for our students.

Kind regards,

Scott Garrity

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, during a windy but dry morning, we came together as a school community to observe the two-minute silence and to honour the spirit of Remembrance. Pupils had received a lesson in their Personal Development session around what Remembrance Day was all about and then assembled on the courts to listen to a short address and to see our cadets and student leaders on parade. We were then all invited to have a moment of reflection about what Remembrance might mean to each of us and then we saw students from the armed forces, our Battlefields trip and coaching circles lay wreaths in the centre of our display.

We were honoured to have Beth return to us from college to play The Last Post and Reveille live and hope that budding musicians may step into her shoes next year. We'd like to say a huge well done and thank you to our students and staff who joined us in showing such Care and Integrity on such an important day and a special mention to our student leaders and those who helped support the technical set up of the ceremony.





Children in Need

We had a lovely time today as we came together to raise money for Children in Need. Mrs Bola and her coaching group CoBOA did a fantastic job with their mammoth cake sale - thank you for all donations, they raised £294.70. Sixth form led a fundraiser in the gym with fun games and activities, amounts to follow. Well done to all who took part and contributed, we really are such a caring community!

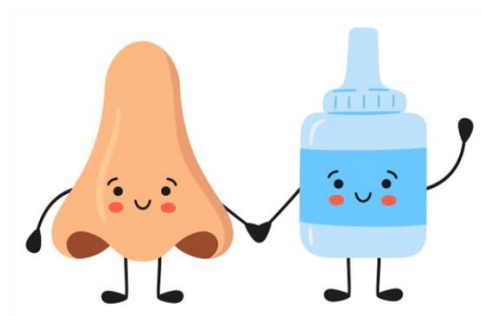






Flu vaccine

We'd like to remind you that Year 11 flu vaccinations will take place on 10th December. Any students who didn't have the vaccine in November and had consent will be given it on this day too.



Bus passes reminder

If a student's bus pass does not have their photo attached to it, it is NOT valid for travel on any of the school buses.

If students do not have a photo, they have been asked to go to student services and they will attach your photo for you.

If their pass has been lost, defaced or damaged beyond repair then parents will need to order a new one. This costs £10 via Parent Pay. This is Derbyshire County Council's charge and not the school's. Students will then be issued with an official temporary pass once the payment has been made.

If you they are travelling without a valid pass they will be asked to pay £1.20 per journey. This payment has to be in cash to the driver.

If they lose their pass during the school day, please go to student services so that contact can be made with home as we are no longer able to issue temporary passes.

Bus route - Temporary Road Changes

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Church Street, Melbourne

WHEN: 18th November 2025 to 21st November 2025 from 08:00 to 18:00 each day

WHERE: Church Street, Melbourne between its junction with Pool Road and its junction with Sailsbury Lane.

REASON: To facilitate repair and maintenance of water assets.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Church Street, Market Place, Derby Road, Chapel Street, Station Road, Castle Street and vice versa.

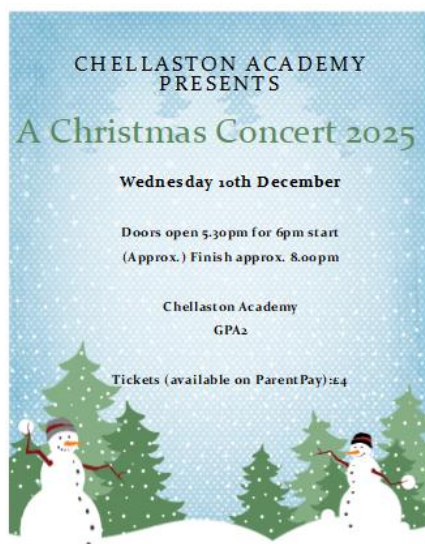
Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

The County Council intends to make/has made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to prohibit its use by traffic.

Julian Gould, Director Highways – Place Department, County Hall, MATLOCK DE4 3AG

A Christmas Concert 2025



Message from East Midlands Airport



East Midlands Airport is gearing up for winter with a brand-new fleet of snowploughs – and we need your help to name them!

We've invested £2.5 million in six powerful Compact Jet Sweepers and a Snow-cutter Blower that can shift 5,000 tonnes of snow per hour. These machines are not only fast – clearing the entire runway in just 24 minutes – but also green, running on vegetable oil-based biodiesel to help us reach net zero carbon by 2038.

Now it's time to give them some personality.

We're inviting children in local schools and colleges to take part in a fun competition to **name three of the new vehicles**. Think witty, imaginative, and memorable – similar naming competitions for road gritters have resulted in the likes of 'Gritney Spears' and 'Brad Grit'. Airport staff will be naming the other three vehicles.

Winners will have a snow vehicle marked up with their suggested name and will be invited with a parent/guardian to the airport on **Tuesday 30th December to see the snow fleet up close** (*all visitors will require a valid passport or driving licence*). Each winner will also receive a **family ticket for Twycross Zoo's 'Lanterns of the Wild'**. Please share this competition with parents/carers in your school newsletters. A promotional poster is attached.

Closing date for entries is **Monday 15th December 2025**. Entries to be submitted via link (also in poster) [Snow plough naming competition – Fill in form](#)

Let the naming creativity begin!

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch. We can't wait to see what brilliant names your students come up with!

Kind regards,

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Sports News

Cross Country Championships

On Friday 7th November, 24 students from Years 7-11 attended the cross-country championships at Moorways. The forecast was right for once, and the rain did come down hard especially during the Year 7 boy's race. The mud did not deter our athletes, and by the time the Year 10/ 11 boys were ready for their race the course was a total mud bath. Our students, as always, did us so proud!

Special mentions:

Erin B (7): 8th

Amelia C (7): 9th

Fred P (7): 7th

Greta H (8): 3rd

Hannah J (8): 5th

James B (8): 3rd

Isla M (9): 1st

Jess W (10): 5th

Leo S (10): 2nd

Liam S (10): 8th

India-Rose D (11): 7th

Adam W (11): 5th

Staff Netball Tournament

On Monday the 24th November in the sports hall at lunch there will be a STAFF NETBALL TOURNAMENT to raise money for Year 13 leaver's ball. It will be 50p per entry for students to watch. Staff Stars so far include: Mr Bevan-Brown, Mrs Giles, Mr Rock, Mr Walters, Ms Hardy, Mr Shields and many more to come!



Premier League Christmas Truce Qualifiers!

Charlie S and Raheem S took part in the Premier League Christmas Truce Qualifiers at RAF Cosford last Sunday for Derby County and Wolverhampton Wanderers respectively. All teams in the academy Premier League took part across 4 different RAF bases with the focus being on remembering those who were lost, served or affected during WWI and WWII. The tournament is also held to highlight how football unified soldiers on opposing sides during heavy fighting.

Derby County and Wolves topped their group, beating teams including Liverpool, and Manchester City on the way. They will now join the other group winners – Arsenal, Fulham and Leeds United – in the Christmas Truce tournament in Ypres, Belgium, playing against the qualifier winners from France, Belgium and Germany. As part of the finals, as well as playing against some of Europe's top teams, all clubs in the finals will undertake educational visits to historic sites such as In Flanders Fields Museum and a WWI trench.



Dates for your Diary

28th November - Inset day

4th December - Year 11 Parents evening

8th December - 17th December - Year 13 Mocks

10th December - Flu Immunisations for Year 11 and mop up session

10th December - Christmas concert

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.