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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had here at Chellaston Academy. Monday started tremendously with 80's and 90's music on our school Bodet system, with the upbeat, cheerfulness continuing all week. This week we saw our wonderful Year 11 students receive their Mock exam results, and whilst there was a real mix of emotions, what was lovely to see, was the sheer determination students vocalised and the care and delight for each other. Our students make us proud every day. With the end of a busy term drawing in and Rewards day looming, we are encouraging our students to reflect on our school values of Integrity, Care and Excellence and asking them if they can do that 'bit' more in all of those areas in preparation for the best start to next term.

Lates
Lates are continuing to reduce - this is brilliant. Thank you to those who are consistently doing all they can to get to school on time. As a reminder, all students need to be in school, ready to learn for 8.30am.

Parking
Please can we ask parents/ carers to be considerate when dropping off or collecting their child from local carparks. Staff from Lidl have been into school this week and are concerned regarding the volume of traffic in their carpark. Please can we ask that you park considerately.

Year 11 Parents' Evening LAST NIGHT
It has been a busy term for Year 11 and it's scary to think that they only have one full term left before their exams start! On Wednesday afternoon, they received their mock results and also had their Year 11 reports, which take all factors into account to come up with their predicted grades.
Last night, over 1300 appointments took place across the entire school. For some Year 11 parents, it might be their last ever set of meetings. Despite the rain and traffic chaos caused by a bomb scare in Derby, there were still plenty of parent/ careers showing their support. Some staff had thirty appointments back-to-back without a break from 4-7pm on top of a full day in school, so it was also great to see Year 10 helpers whizzing around the school with beverages to keep them going.
Those based in reception said it was great to talk to so many people on the way out. It was good to hear a number of stories about students who had had their best parents' evening yet, after knuckling down and valuing the importance of this final year.
Let's hope that this momentum and hard work continues into 2026.

Sixth Form Mock Examinations
Year 13 students will begin study leave on Monday 8th December and will return to school for the final day of term on Friday 19th December. Please note that a small number of vocational lessons will continue for some Year 13 students during this period. We hope that all students feel well prepared as they approach these important examinations.
Year 12 mock examinations will take place from Wednesday 10th to Wednesday 17th December. Year 12 students will NOT be on study leave; however, during this week only, they will be permitted to leave the site during their independent study sessions. We wish all students the very best of luck in their mock examinations.

Careers talks
Chellaston parents have once again been fantastic in supporting careers education within the academy. Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed several parents into school to speak with Year 9 students about their career journeys as part of our ongoing career conversations. We chose to begin this initiative with Year 9, as their options process and decisions about next steps are quickly approaching.
A wonderful group of parents have generously shared their experiences, insights, and lessons learned, helping to inspire and guide our students as they start to consider their future pathways.
If you would be interested in helping and supporting careers at Chellaston, please get in touch careers@chellaston.derby.sch.uk

Christmas Lunch
Our Christmas Lunch will be served on a Meal Deal basis on Thursday 11th December in the main hall and will include a dinner, dessert and a special festive treat for all diners.

Year 9 Safe and Sound Bystander event
On Monday 1st and Friday 5th December we invited Safe and Sound into the Academy to present a bystander workshop to Year 9. This was a programme called "I can and I will". Safe and Sound charity are currently working with schools, police and local authorities to address serious violence which has been on the increase in communities in Derby and Derbyshire. The bystander workshop therefore aims to increase confidence, educate and support young people with practical ways to safely be part of the solution in their community and with their peers. The feedback and engagement from Year 9 this week was superb and we hope that they have learnt practical and helpful tips on how to react in certain scenarios.

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School Health
On Tuesday 2nd December school health were in school to run a health promotion stand. This offered supportive advice on a range of different aspects such as mental health and wellbeing, and services in the local area that can support students.

Biographies talk
During Thursday lunchtime, we were delighted to host Mr Howard, Head of PE, in the library for our December book chat. Mr Howard started with some myth busting first! He shared with the students how **you *can be good at sports and still enjoy reading!*** In fact, a clear message from his talk was **to be the best you can be in any field it helps to read what elite professionals have done to achieve such success**. Mr Howard shared his biography collection with the students and kindly offered to leave a list of books in the library that students could borrow from his personal collection. We are lucky to have Mr Howard in our school championing the importance of a healthy mind and a healthy body. Hopefully, those students who believe biographies are not for them, will be inspired to give them a go.

Dates for your Diary
8th December - 17th December - Year 12 & 13 Mocks
10th December - Flu Immunisations for Year 11 and mop up session
10th December - Christmas concert - 6-8pm
11th December - School Christmas meal
16th December - Class of 2025 Presentation evening at Pride Park (last academic years Year 11 & 13)
18th December - Rewards Day 1 - Cinema trip
19th December - Break up at 11.30am.