



17th July 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we approach the end of the final full week of learning at Chellaston Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support throughout what has been a busy and successful term.

This past week has provided yet more examples of the talent, commitment and character of our students. It was wonderful to see so many students perform at our **Summer Concert**, which showcased an impressive range of musical talent and reflected the hours of dedication put in by both students and staff. We have also celebrated the achievements of students representing the academy at the **English Schools' Athletics Championships**. To compete at such a prestigious national event is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to the hard work, resilience and determination of those involved. We are incredibly proud of all of our students who continue to represent Chellaston Academy with such distinction.

While the summer break is now in sight, learning will continue right through to the end of term. I would encourage all students to maintain their focus, attendance and positive attitudes so that they can make the very most of this final full week of learning.

We also have a couple of exciting days to look forward to next week. Our annual **Sports Day** promises to be another fantastic occasion, showcasing teamwork, determination and house spirit, while our **Chellaston Rewards Festival** will provide an opportunity to celebrate the many students who consistently demonstrate our values and make positive contributions to academy life.

With Sports Day taking place next week, and with the warm weather forecast to continue, we will be maintaining the option for students to wear their **PE kit** to school throughout next week rather than normal school uniform. We hope this will help students remain comfortable while also supporting their participation in Sports Day activities. As always, PE kit should be in line with the academy's expectations.

Finally, a reminder that **Thursday will be the final day of term**, with students being **dismissed at 11.30am and buses have been arranged**. We would be grateful if families could make the necessary arrangements to ensure students all other none bus students are collected or able to travel home safely at this earlier finishing time. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I look forward to celebrating a successful and enjoyable final week of the academic year with our school community and wish everyone a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Year 12 Work Experience

This week, our Year 12 students have been out on their work experience placements, and it has been fantastic to hear so many positive stories about their experiences.

Our students secured placements across a wide range of industries, including agriculture and land-based careers, healthcare, childcare, building and civil engineering and business management, to name just a few. While most placements were based across the East Midlands, some students travelled to London, and one student was even fortunate enough to complete their placement abroad.

We are looking forward to hearing more about the invaluable skills, knowledge, and experiences our students have gained when they return to school next week.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who helped to make these valuable opportunities possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.



NHS Sexual Health Workshop

Year 10s were visited again by our wonderful NHS Sexual Health team and took a top up PSHCE lesson around the prevention and cure of STIs. Our students were an absolute pleasure and asked really thoughtful questions. Our visitors were, as always, really complimentary about the maturity and character of our pupils. Well done Year 10!



Year 9 Immunisations

Any Year 9s who missed the immunisations on 22nd June this year, please be advised that the NHS immunisation team will be in touch with parents directly to offer a GP referral in order to have the vaccination done with them.

Chellaston Academy Summer Concert

On Wednesday 15th July approximately 45 students were involved in the Chellaston Summer concert. The evening celebrated the wealth of talent our students have, from solo performances on flute, cornet, guitar and voice to group performances, including several from our choirs.

All the students performed fantastically, with some who have overcome fear of performing from previous years! The evening ended with a heartwarming tribute to Ms Haywood as she will not be returning to lead our choirs in September.

Well done everyone!







Author visit - Stephen Kelman

On Wednesday, 15th July, Year 9 were treated to an author visit. Stephen Kelman's novel, *Pigeon English* was shortlisted for the 2011 Man Booker Prize and in some schools is used as an English Literature text. Stephen Kelman led an assembly and talked about his inspiration for writing, *sharing the message that no matter what adversities we face having a goal in mind can help keep us focussed!* Some of our students got to probe a bit deeper with a list of questions that they had prepared for him. This was followed by a writing workshop with a group of Year 9 students who all had the opportunity to engage in some creative writing.



Liam S - English Schools Athletics Championships 2026

Liam S (Year 10) took part in the **English Schools Athletics Championships 2026** last weekend.

Liam was selected to represent Derbyshire in the 300m hurdles at the English Schools Athletics Championships 2026 at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. This is a fantastic achievement, and he marked the occasion with a new personal best! Well done Liam, Chellaston Academy are very proud of you!



Dates for your diary

13th-17th July - Year 12 Work Experience

15th July - Chellaston Academy Summer Concert

15th-17th July - Battlefields trip

17th & 19th July - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifier

20th & 21st July - Sports days

22nd July - Rewards Day 3

23rd July - Break up for Summer Holidays at 11.30am, buses have been arranged

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4th September - Inset day

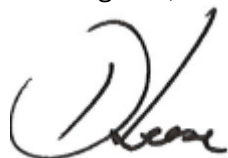
7th September - Inset day

8th September - Year 7 & Year 12 ONLY

9th September - ALL TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

24th September - Year 6 Open Evening (for students starting Year 7 in September 2027)

Kind regards,



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Headteacher