

PRESS RELEASE

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Chellaston Academy students achieve strong academic and vocational results

Chellaston Academy students are celebrating after receiving their academic and vocational results.

The majority of students achieved the grades to progress to university, apprenticeships and further education and training.

This year's results highlights include:

- 27% of grades achieved are A* to A
- 58% of grades achieved are A* to B
- The average grade achieved across all A Level subjects is a grade B
- The average grade across all vocational subjects is a distinction

Damian Leese, Headteacher, Chellaston Academy, said: "We are extremely proud of our students and their achievements, which are a testament to their resilience, determination and hard work.

"We are particularly pleased to see our results improve overall compared with last year, reflecting the collective efforts of our students, staff and families, and our continued commitment to high standards and academic excellence.

"At Chellaston Academy, we provide a supportive and ambitious environment that encourages every student to achieve their very best and prepares them well for the next stage of their education, training or employment.

"These successes would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our exceptional staff, and I would like to thank them for the invaluable role they play in supporting our students to succeed."

Chellaston Academy, based on Swarkestone Road, Chellaston, Derby, is Ofsted graded 'good' and part of Tapestry Learning Partnership.

The school has a large sixth form and offers a wide range of A Level subjects. Some young people have also completed BTEC vocational diplomas and Cambridge Technical qualifications.

Students receiving their results described themselves as feeling "happy" "delighted," "proud" and "chuffed" as they celebrated their achievements. Many also reflected on their time in the sixth form, highlighting the "excellent support from teachers", the wide range of "in-school

opportunities and subjects to choose from”, the “fantastic atmosphere and environment” and the “great teaching” as key factors in their success.

This year's students are progressing to an impressive range of destinations, embarking on courses including chemistry, zoology, mathematics, physics, biology, natural sciences, law, psychology, politics and midwifery, alongside many other subjects at universities and colleges across the country.

Others have secured prestigious apprenticeship opportunities, demonstrating the breadth of pathways available to Chellaston Academy students.

This year's top performing students include:

- Miyuki Kitahara, who achieved A*A*A and will read law at the University of Oxford.
- Alicia Banton, who achieved A*A*A and is progressing to study optometry
- Samantha Winfield, who achieved AAA and will study psychology at Loughborough University.
- Theo McKeown, who achieved an outstanding AAAA* and will go on to study at the University of Bath.
- Cal Reavill, who achieved AA*A* and has secured a prestigious software engineering apprenticeship with BAE Systems
- Ella Boardman who has secured two Distinction* grades alongside an A*

Students also secured a range of high-quality apprenticeship opportunities, including:

- Francesca O'Toole, who has secured a food technical apprenticeship with Samworth Brothers.
- Janbaz Singh, who has secured a financial auditing apprenticeship with KPMG

The school is also proud of Lucas Osborne who has shown exceptional resilience throughout their studies, achieving an excellent set of results and securing exciting opportunities for their next steps.

Mark Mallender, Chief Executive Officer, Tapestry Learning Partnership, added: “Chellaston Academy students are encouraged to aim high and believe in themselves. It is great to see that reflected in some strong results this year.”

Subjects offered at Chellaston Academy Sixth Form include traditional A Level subjects as well as vocational qualifications such as:

- Art and design
- Health and social care
- Digital iMedia
- Sports science
- Applied science

To find out more, visit <https://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/sixth-form/>

About Tapestry Learning Partnership

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Tapestry Learning Partnership brings together a wealth of expertise, resources and a shared commitment to excellence. The new partnership creates a strong network of schools dedicated to delivering outstanding education and enriching opportunities for every student.

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