20th June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you and your family are well and that your child is enjoying their last term at primary school, whilst looking forward to joining us in September.

Our Parents’ Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 28th June in the Main Hall at Chellaston Academy. This will be an ideal opportunity to learn about the school and what you can expect as your child becomes part of our community. The evening will be in the form of a presentation, with the opportunity to email in any questions after the event should you think of something that wasn’t covered during the evening. This event will be aimed at parents and there will be a maximum of two tickets available per student. Your son/daughter will have the opportunity to learn all about the academy when they visit us during the following week; however, should you wish to bring them with you to this event, please ensure that they have a ticket. There will be two time slots available, 4.30pm and 6.00pm, and you can book your preferred slot together with the number of tickets you require (up to a maximum of two) through one of the links below. Please note that there are a limited number of tickets for each event so booking is essential and you can only book one time slot. Should you require any assistance with booking, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would ask you to be mindful of our limited parking on site and to walk or use public transport where possible, or to car share. Should you need to arrive by car, you will be directed to limited designated parking. If you choose to book the second time slot, please note that you will only be able to access the site ten minutes prior to the event, to ensure a smooth exit for those attending the earlier presentation. If you will require any assistance or special arrangements, please do contact us beforehand and we will be happy to help.

**Useful links**

To book your tickets for the Parents’ Information Evening:

4.30-5.30pm - [*https://chellastonacademy-session1.eventbrite.com*](https://chellastonacademy-session1.eventbrite.com/)

6.00-7.00pm - [*https://chellastonacademy-session2.eventbrite.com*](https://chellastonacademy-session2.eventbrite.com/)

To request help with booking or assistance on the evening (or for any other enquiries): WelcometoYear7@chellaston.derby.sch.uk

To submit questions after the event (please note that this inbox will only be live from 29th June 2022):

*Year7Question@chellaston.derby.sch.uk*

Plans for your child’s time with us on 5th-7th July are underway and, this year, we are pleased to offer tasters of a large proportion of our subjects. We will be in touch again with information regarding the arrangements for these days. In addition, introductory lessons have been sent to your child’s primary school so that students can feel ready for Year 7 learning. If your child attends a primary school that is not one of our main feeder schools, these lessons can also be accessed via our Firefly platform, should you like your child to work through some of the activities. There will also be useful videos, information booklets and activities so please spend some time browsing through these with your child. Finally, on Firefly, you will find information regarding the Pupil Premium and how to contact us should you require any financial assistance.

To access our Firefly pages: <https://chellaston.fireflycloud.net/year-6-transition>

As we look to September, we are also delighted to offer a two-night residential to Whitemoor Lakes. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to really get to know their peers and form tutors with whom they will be spending the next five years. The date of this residential is Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th October. All students will receive a hard copy of this letter by Thursday 23rd June but it is also attached and on Firefly for your convenience.

Finally, you will have been sent a link to complete current information about your child and your communication details. If you are yet to complete it, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/cayear7data> and do so as soon as possible. It is important that we have current and accurate information from you so that we can keep you informed via text, email, or telephone. This will include:

* Parent/Carer messages and bulletins through our message service, ‘In Touch’.
* Communication regarding ParentPay, our school payment system.
* Access to Firefly, our online learning platform.

Please be assured that we, as a school, adhere to GDPR policies and take your data very seriously.

We will be in touch with more information concerning your child’s form group and form tutor, as well as the plans for the transition days in July.

We look forward to working alongside you to ensure that your child feels reassured and excited about joining us in September.

Yours sincerely

 

Ms M. Eley Mrs K. Grimwood

Associate Leader Student Progress Leader

KS3 Raising Standards Leader

June 2022

**Re: Year 7 residential to Whitemoor Lakes, (Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th October 2022)**

I am writing to inform you about an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in an enriching experience at Whitemoor Lakes Outdoor Education Centre. This residential is for two nights and will provide your child with the chance to develop their confidence, promote resilience and determination through interactive team building and adventure activities with their peers. It is a great way to make new friends and develop as a year group.

The total cost of this trip is £180 per student, which includes all meals at the centre and all activities whilst we are there. If you feel that your child would positively benefit from this residential experience, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £90 per child to secure their place by Thursday 7th July 2022.

This payment should be made via our online payment system, ParentPay, details of which will be sent to all parents via email in the next two weeks from our admin team. This trip is available for the whole cohort and is not a first come, first served basis so there is plenty of time for individual links to be sent out by our admin team. The remaining balance of £90 should be paid by Friday 16th September 2022.

If your child receives free school meals or has done in the past six years, please contact me directly as we may be able to offer some help with the balance of the trip once the deposit has been paid.

We will leave the Academy at breaktime on Monday 3rd October 2022 and return on Wednesday 5th October in plenty of time for the school buses.

I hope you agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to not only develop individually, but also to make meaningful memories as they begin their educational journey at Chellaston Academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K. Grimwood

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FAO: Head of Year 7

……………………………………… would like to attend the **Year 7 Residential Trip to Whitemoor Lakes**. I have paid on ParentPay a non-refundable deposit for £90 to secure a place and understand the balance must be paid by Friday 14th September 2022.

Signed: ……………………………………………………………… Date: ……………………………………………