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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a wonderful week this week, the weather has been kinder and students have been able to enjoy social time and fresh air without the rain battering them! Let's hope it continues for a few weeks.

I continue to be so proud of how well Year 7 have settled into the Academy. They have found their way around the many rooms and corridors, and I know that teaching staff are impressed with the quality of work they are producing in lessons. Keep up your fantastic start to high school Year 7!

Open Evening & Student Helpers

Our Open Evening promises to be a great success on Thursday evening (26 Sept) from 5pm-8pm with much planned for the event. Please let friends and family know to come along if they have children in Years 5 or 6. We operate a booking system too and warmly encourage anyone thinking of attending, to pre-register at www.claytonhall.academy but dropping in on the evening is possible too.

Lots of our students come back to school on the evening, to support departments during the event. Indeed, we couldn't put on such a great evening without our student's help. If students want to help out or have been invited, they should collect a letter from Miss Higginson or Mr Williams, as this needs to be signed by parents giving their consent.

ParentPay

Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents that Parentpay accounts for student lunches, breaktime or early morning snacks, need to be kept 'topped up' if your child wishes to make a purchase from the Diner or Bistro. We do have quite a lot of students who are 'borrowing' on their account at the moment. We always make sure that no student goes hungry and will always provide some food in times of need, however we need parents to keep these accounts topped up please.

For the benefit of our new Year 7 parents, Parentpay is used only to pay for items from the catering areas (Diner and Bistro). Further details will be provided on how to pay for anything else, like trips etc. If you have any difficulty in accessing your Parentpay account, please contact nsfinance@windsoracademytrust.org.uk



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Microsoft Showcase School

I am delighted to share that we have achieved Microsoft Showcase School status again this academic year. There are less than 100 schools in England who achieved this accolade, and I would like to thank everyone involved in helping us to achieve this award.

Outstanding achievements

A special shout out this week to **Charlie in Year 9** who competed in the National Cross-Country Championships at the weekend at Weston Park, in the U13 boys category - he placed a remarkable 12th out of 227 finishes. Fantastic running Charlie!

There have been some excellent pieces of **GCSE Macbeth work completed by our Year 11** students this week, which I know the English Department have been very excited about. Well done year 11 – keep up the hard work!

Finally...

Please note that we have an INSET day on Friday 27 September and school will be closed for all students.

Have a lovely weekend.



CATY REID
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 26 September	Open Evening for prospective students and parents (5pm-8pm)
<i>Fri 27 September</i>	<i>INSET day (school closed to students)</i>
Thurs 8 October	Year 11 Post-16 Networking Evening (5.30pm-6.30pm)
Wed 9 October	Year 7 settling-in evening (optional), to see Head of Year, SENCo and/or SLT
Wed 16 October	Year 11 Parents' evening (4pm-6.30pm)
Mon 28 October	Half-term begins (school re-opens on Mon 4 Nov)