



# CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to welcome students back this half term with a busy week so far. On Monday we welcomed the opportunity to develop our '**Kindness Code**' through the INSET day for all staff. We want to instil a sense of belonging for all students at Clayton Hall Academy and we discussed approaches to creating an even more caring and nurturing environment for our students. We continue to improve student engagement with the help of our new Trust, with strategies such as **STAR listening, Silent Solo, Turn and Talk, Stretch It** and **Everybody Writes**, to name a few. These approaches will help our students know more and remember more about the curriculum as well as developing communication and Literacy skills.

We had a wonderful Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday and I would like to thank all the parents who attended with their children, it was lovely to see so many families talking to staff and discovering which options they would like to take next year. **Option forms will be sent to Year 9 parents via Class Charts today and the deadline for completion, is Thursday 29 February.**

We are holding a **Future Focus Careers event next Wednesday 28 February**, where parents are invited to meet and speak to Post-16 providers and local employers from 9.30am-10am, in the gym. Students in Years 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to visit the event throughout the morning from 10.30am-12.30pm.

**Year 11 have started their final set of PPEs** and I am impressed by their resilience and effort through the challenges of the exam process. We truly believe that by practising for the exams, they will feel more confident and less stressed when they come to sit the real GCSEs in May and June. Please encourage your son or daughter to continue to revise during this period. There is plenty of support and revision guidance for students on TEAMS.

On Thursday evening we also welcomed parents of students taking part in the **CERN trip to Switzerland later this term**. Students and staff are extremely excited to be embarking on this unique Science trip. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and hope to make this a regular trip in the Science calendar. **Food Technology** this week involved Year 10 students making (and eating!) Toad in the Hole - I have heard that this went down very well with the gravy made by Mrs Shaw. Other highlights have been in **Year 9** where Mrs Brits class have been improving their speaking and listening skills whilst studying 'Of Mice and Men' and Miss Jones's **Year 11** students took part an inspired performance of the banquet scene in Macbeth to support their Literature revision!

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Please note that **Year 11 Leavers Hoodies** need to be ordered by 8 March 2024. At present there are not enough orders to fulfil our school order. Please see this letter for more information and for the code to the online shop:

[Letter HOODY ONLINE to Parents or Carers.docx](#)

**Prom tickets will be available on Scopay before Easter** at a price of £45 each. The Prom will be held at The Upper House in Barlaston and will include a buffet and disco on Thursday 11 July 2024.

Finally, we are welcoming back Mrs Marren from maternity leave as Head of Year 11 and are really pleased to have a complete Pastoral team now.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



MRS C J REID  
Headteacher

**Dates for your diaries:**

- **Year 11 PPEs** start Tuesday 20 February for 2 weeks
- **Year 9 Careers fair** - Wednesday 28 February (9.30-10am for parents) in the gym (students will visit 10.30am-12.30pm)
- **Year 8 Parents' evening** – Thursday 14 March (booking system now live, check your Class Charts account to access)
- **Year 11 reports** to parents - w/c 18 March 2024