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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the term progresses, we've experienced a bustling week filled with exams and assessments, complemented by lighter, enriching activities. Both aspects are crucial in maintaining a balanced and healthy environment for our students. What stands out the most is the sense of belonging they foster. Our Academy students are truly inspiring in their dedication and support for one another.

In particular, I would like to extend my heartfelt **praise to our Year 11 students** for continuing to show exemplary attitude towards their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). Their dedication, resilience and support for each other have been truly commendable. Additionally, I want to acknowledge the **hard work of all our students in their Knowledge and Assessment Tests (KATs)**. The commitment to their studies is evident, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Year 11 study support - for our Year 11 students, we have additional support available to help in preparing for the upcoming GCSE exams. Please encourage your year 11 child to take advantage of the in-person revision sessions offered by various departments. Additionally, the Maths team is running online masterclasses, which can be accessed through the Year 11 Teams group. Students should keep an eye out for invitations and make the most of these valuable resources.

Celebration trips - we are excited to announce some upcoming celebration trips as a reward for the hard work and dedication our students have shown throughout their time at the Academy. On Thursday 10 April, students in Years 9-11 will have the opportunity to visit Alton Towers, while Year 8 students will enjoy a trip to Warwick Castle. Meanwhile, Year 7 are to undertake a unique team-building day made especially for them and have an opportunity to sign up for the 'lower school camp' in July.

Please look out for emails with further details. Reward and recognition are important to us because we believe it offers motivation and encouragement to continue striving for excellence. We also hope these trips will provide an incentive to follow our behaviour expectations and this is a requirement in accessing these trips.

Women in Tech Day – a group of our students attended Windsor Academy today as part of an event designed to inspire and empower female students to pursue careers in technology and STEM fields. This event typically includes workshops, guest speakers from the tech industry, and hands-on activities designed to spark interest and build confidence in young women – we look forward to hearing of their success!



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Prefect Recruitment Drive - we are beginning the recruitment process for Prefects for the next academic year. This year's Prefects have been amazing role models, and in keeping with this, they have volunteered to support our new Prefects once appointed, helping them transition into their roles smoothly.

Love music & want to play? Future Talent are a charity who support young musicians of all genres who come from low-income families. They have sent us some information about their specialised programmes for young musicians at different stages of their development, and details of how they can provide funding for music-related expenses. See their flyer (attached), if your child would like support in their musical journey.

Celebrating Success...

... **Charity Roller Disco** – we are delighted to tell you this week, that our Year 11 social action project 'Roller Disco', was a great success and managed to raise a fantastic total of over £750! The event was well run by our Year 11's and has been a great experience for them to gain invaluable skills while supporting their chosen charity, Animal Lifeline. Well done to all involved.

Arbor 'tip of the week'...

Related to the news about Celebration events, our 'tip of the week' in using Arbor is that you can **pay for trips through Arbor**. Simply visit the 'quick links' area (represented by three parallel lines in the corner when using a mobile phone) to see what trips or items are available. You will receive an on-screen message confirming that the payment is successfully made. You can also click into an account balance or trip to view what has already been paid and any outstanding amounts.

Finally...

Please can I ask everyone to be considerate when driving or parking in the community near our Academy. We kindly advise not to park on any double yellow lines, as they are intended to ensure the safety of your children, and to allow the use of public footpaths safely, without the worry of motor vehicles obstructing them. We do appreciate your assistance with this.

Warm regards



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Headteacher

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Dates for your diary:

Thurs 27 or Fri 28 Mar	Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldtrip Consent Forms need to be completed by parents/guardians (more info from agraham@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Mon 17 - Wed 19 Mar	Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Practice Expedition (more info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 26 Mar	Deadline for Year 9 immunisations e-consent form (more info from NHS on tel no 0300 124 0366)
Tues 25 Mar	Barcelona Trip Parent Meeting 5pm in the Main Hall (more information from mkelsall@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 28 Mar	Year 9 Immunisations
Mon 31 Mar – Wed 2 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Final Expedition
Wed 25 June	Year 11 Prom