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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the final week of a busy and demanding term for all our students and staff. I can see that lots of our **Year 7** students look like they have worked extremely hard and are ready for a break. I know that the pace and demands of high school are very different to primary school but we are very proud of our new students and how well they have adapted.

Year 11 students have been completing the first part of their Food Technology exam this week and have shown an exemplary attitude throughout the week - well done and keep up the hard work! Our **Year 9** rugby team had a fantastic win this week against Chesterton High school with a 56-7 point win. Well done to all the students who represented our Clayton family so well - you epitomise the values of determination and resilience.

This week we have been **celebrating student success** during our House Assemblies - students have been recognised for their attendance, effort and improvement within their Houses and it was fantastic to see so many names being rewarded in all categories.

Uniform Update & Change to Skirts

Following our uniform focus this half term, we are really pleased with the increase in blazers, appropriate footwear and shirts tucked in. We thank each, and every, one of our students who are meeting our uniform expectations.

One area we are still concerned about is the type of skirts that are being worn to school. Whilst trying to address this in school, we feel that there is too much variation in the skirts, meaning many skirts are not suitable for school. Some students do not look appropriately dressed for a working environment and present a safeguarding concern due to how short their skirts are. We will be consulting with student groups in school and once a new, final design for the skirt is agreed we will then be providing all students who opt to wear a skirt, with 2 new 'Clayton Hall' skirts to mitigate the cost of buying new items halfway through the year.

We will be implementing these changes from January 2025 and expect all students to adhere to the new uniform policy once skirts have been distributed. We will share further information with you after the half-term break.



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Finally...

Also attached for you today, is a newsletter from our Catering company and some information from Windsor Academy Trust about 'training to teach'.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break, with some family time and hopefully some decent weather so we can get outside and enjoy the autumn sunshine. Please keep safe over the break.

Don't forget the clocks go back by one hour this Sunday too, so an extra hour for everyone!

Kind regards

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Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half Term
Mon 4 Nov	Term starts at 8.40am
Mon 18 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Assessment week starts Year 11 PPEs (mock exams) start
Mon 25 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage 3 Assessment week Year 11 PPEs continue
Fri 29 Nov	INSET day- school closed to students
Mon 2 Dec	Year 11 PPEs continue
Mon 9 Dec	INSET day – school closed to students
Thurs 12 Dec	Awards Evening for ex-year 11 leavers (and by invite for current Years 8-11); 6-7pm
Fri 20 Dec	School closes for Christmas Holiday at 12.30pm
Mon 6 Jan	School reopens for Spring Term 8.40am