



CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

A big welcome back to all our fantastic students this week. It's been lovely to see everyone getting back into the swing of things with a busy and exciting term ahead.

Eco-Committee

Clayton Hall Academy had representation recently at the Windsor Academy Trust COP and **we are looking to expand the Eco-committee** this year. The first meeting will be on Monday 11 November at 3.15pm for 45mins, in room 19. If any students from any year group are interested in getting involved in this vitally important area, please come along.

November is an important month for our drive for sustainability and a particularly busy month for the eco committee as it is '**cut your carbon month**'. Ms White has been busy getting the message out to all students and staff about ways you can reduce your carbon footprint. Please see the flyer attached with some easy ways we can all help:

Good News

- Thank you to Taylor's mum who contacted me about her achievements over half term. **Taylor** has been attending the RLSS National Pool Lifeguarding course at Fenton Manor and we're delighted that she has passed her course! She's worked so hard on this and was there 8am-5pm almost every day – super determination! Our congratulations go to Taylor for this great achievement and for showing such resilience and independence!
- We had some amazing success last night in the **Staffordshire Schools team table tennis**:
 - The U16 A team hit a perfect record all night and won the final convincingly by 4-0.
 - The B team placed an amazing 3rd out of 11 teams.
 - The U16 girls (a very young squad) also came 3rd.Well done to all who have represented the teams. Next step for the U16 boys is the honour of playing in the Regional Zone finals!
- If you have any good news to share, please email details to office.clayton@claytonhall.academy

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Trip Success

Thank you to Ms Williams and the other staff who took a group of **Year 8 students to Ford Green Hall Farm** this week. Students spent the day in the fresh air on a farm tour linking food production to our plates, discussing the importance of healthy soils and the role of worms, beef and pork production in pasture systems, touring the butchery and making their own burgers - cooked over an open fire no less!

Finally...

Your child may be interested in a fantastic opportunity to **develop creative skills as a poet** with the Staffordshire Young Poets competition, and we have included some information with this letter.

Next week we will be focusing on Anti-Bullying awareness and Commemorating **Remembrance day at 11am on Monday 11 November**. Students who are in the Cadets have been invited to wear their organisation's uniform as a mark of respect. All other students should be in their usual full school uniform. Meanwhile, students can wear **odd socks on Tuesday 12 November** to show their support for 'Anti-Bullying'.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards



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Dates for your diary:

Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance at 11am (cadets can wear organisation uniforms)
Mon 12 Nov	Odd-socks Day
Mon 18 Nov	Year 10 Assessment week starts Year 11 PPEs (mock exams) start
Mon 25 Nov	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