



CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of our first full week of this new academic year it has been lovely to see our students giving everything their full effort and settling in so well. It can be hard to get back into a routine after having such a wonderfully long summer break but everyone seems to be embracing the new term with enthusiasm and positive energy. I know our catering team have been particularly busy this week as many of our new students are especially keen to try out the delicious snacks and meals they have to offer!

I thought it might be a good time to either remind or introduce you to a couple of online platforms that are extremely helpful (I would suggest essential), for you to have. Please make sure you have set up, and can access, the following:

1. **Arbor**¹ – you will have received an email directly from Arbor, giving you all the instructions you need to set up your Arbor account. There is an Arbor parent app available too, which makes using Arbor even easier. You will use Arbor to:
 - see your child's timetable
 - sign your child up for trips & events
 - make payment for trips & events
 - purchase items from the school shop, eg event tickets
 - view your child's achievement points (both positive and negative).

If you need help to access your Arbor account, please email

arborsupport@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

2. **Parentpay**² – you have received login details, to access your Parentpay account. Every student receives a letter about Parentpay when they join our Academy, for example, all Year 7 students had a letter given to them last week during Form Time. You will use Parentpay to:
 - load money onto your child's account
 - pay for lunch from our catering team
 - pay for any other snacks and rinks

¹ Help & info from arborsupport@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

² Help & info from office@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

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Attendance across the academy this week has been good. It is so important that young people come to school every day. Evidence shows a strong link between attending school and achievement - both academic and personal achievement. I hope we can keep this energy going as we move through the term. However, if you do need to report an absence, please let us know straight away – using Studybugs³ - and as early as possible each day. We are happy to work with you if you experience any difficulties with your child's attendance.

We aim for every child to achieve 'excellent' attendance, which the government have defined as being 95%-100%. You are welcome to view our Attendance policy at any time on our website.

Extra-curricular clubs and activities are a fabulous part of life at Clayton Hall Academy. There are a wide range of activities available throughout the year for students to get involved with. Whether your child has a passion for sport, music, drama, chess, reading, science, the outdoors, and more; we have a club or activity to suit. Attached with this letter, is a list of the clubs currently on offer (or about to start this term). Joining a club provides students with the chance to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun and we invite you to encourage your child to give them a try.

Also, throughout the year, I will do my best to bring you details of any clubs taking part outside of the Academy that might be of interest to your child and might help to develop their 'personal potential'. As an example, this week we bring you details of Newcastle Music Centre (an Entrust⁴ registered activity) and Gather's Youth Hubz.

Celebrating Success...

... **Hot Chocolate Friday with the Headteacher** - I'm delighted to share a special tradition I have called Hot Chocolate Friday. Each Friday, 2 students enjoy a celebratory hot chocolate in my office. This reward is given to those who have gone above and beyond during the week - whether by showing kindness, demonstrating resilience, making excellent progress, or being a role model to others.

It's a moment of recognition and celebration, and it's also a chance for me to personally thank them for their efforts and hear about their week. We have laughs, smiles and a well-earned moment of relaxation. Last Friday, I had the pleasure of hot chocolate with **Ava** and **Sam**, and this week I was joined by **Tyler** and **Frankie**. It is fast becoming the happiest moment of my week!

... **Radio stars** - This week, we were thrilled to see 2 of our students take to the microphone at our local radio station, the Hitmix 107.5 FM⁵. Not only did they visit the studio and see it in action, but they also had the exciting opportunity to record lines for our very own school radio advert!

³ Get the app & register now: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

⁴ [Entrust | High-quality Music Education for Staffordshire schools and families](#)

⁵ [The Hitmix 107.5 FM](#)

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Their voices are now being broadcast throughout the day on Hitmix 107.5 FM⁶ - a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our school. I encourage you to listen in - we were so impressed by how relaxed, confident and articulate they were in delivering their message. It's not every day we hear our students on the radio, and they truly rose to the occasion! Well done to **Nola D** and **Joe K**, both in Year 8.

Finally...

We aim for each, and every, child to feel like they belong at our Academy, and I am always happy to hear feedback from students and parents. This week, it was with much pride that I read some feedback from a parent, and I would like to share this with you:

"She's settled in better than we could have imagined and really enjoys the feeling of belonging and learning." (year 7 parent)

This is exactly our hope for each, and every, child. I invite you all at any time, to get in touch. As I mentioned in my letter to you last week, 'it takes a whole village to raise a child' and we aim to work together towards your child's success.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

Encs Newcastle Music Centre flyer
Gather's Youth Hubz
Club list autumn term 2025-26

⁶ [The Hitmix 107.5 FM](#)

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Dates for your diary:

Mon 15 Sept	Years 7-11 Photos (Academy Photography)
Thurs 18 Sept	Deadline for Flu Vaccination by NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to give your consent to the NHS - see email from us dated 5.9.25 - ALL queries to the NHS on tel no 0300 124 0366
Thurs 18 Sept	Year 7 – iPad rollout evening (further info in email from us dated 12.9.25 or from psingh@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Tues 23 Sept	Open evening (for years 5 & 6) (visit www.claytonhall.academy to view ‘open events’ & register)
Wed 24 Sept	Year 11 Theatre Trip (Blood Brothers) (further info from aclark@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or hmowforth@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Thurs 25 Sept	Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations by NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to give your consent to the NHS - see email from us dated 5.9.25 - queries to the NHS on tel no 0300 124 0366)
Fri 26 Sept	INSET DAY (school closed to students)
Wed 1 Oct	Year 7 Settling-in evening
w/c 27 oct	HALF TERM (school closed)