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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it was with immense pride that I spent time with our Year 11 students on Wednesday. The day began with their final Maths GCSE paper - an important milestone that also marked the last occasion they would all be together as a full year group. From this point forward, our resilient Year 11s will only be in school for their remaining exams, as they now begin their study leave.

After the Maths exam, students enjoyed a well-earned celebration with ice cream and shirt-signing, creating memories to treasure.

The morning concluded with their official Leavers' Assembly - a joyful and heartfelt event filled with laughter, shared memories, and special video messages from staff. A particular highlight was Miss Jones's unforgettable dancing, which certainly left a lasting impression (do ask your child!).

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 11 students. Their determination, maturity, and spirit have been truly inspiring. We wish them well in their post-16 journeys but also remind them that they will always be a part of our Clayton family – if we can help at any time, please do reach out.

Year 10 PPE's – Next week, our Year 10 students will be sitting their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) – their first experience of exams in a formal setting. This is an important opportunity for them to get used to the structure and expectations of real exams, helping to build confidence and reduce anxiety ahead of Year 11. It's also a valuable chance for students to hone their revision techniques, time management, and exam skills in a supportive environment. For any support or queries, please contact Mr Dunleavy (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Chorlton (Head of Year 10).

Eco-school Award¹ - We are delighted to share that our school has once again been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag, recognising our continued commitment to environmental sustainability and eco-friendly practices. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our Eco Committee, staff, and students, who have worked together to promote greener habits, reduce waste, and care for our planet. I must single out the dedication of Ms White too, for leading our work in this area. We are incredibly proud to be part of a global movement making a positive difference for future generations.

¹ www.eco-schools.org.uk/

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WAT an Opera - a group of our talented music students had the incredible opportunity to travel to London this week and join with other WAT students to see a live performance of Carmen at the Royal Opera House. This unforgettable experience allowed students to immerse themselves in the world of professional opera, seeing first-hand the power of live music, dramatic storytelling, and world-class performance. From the stirring score to the stunning staging, Carmen left a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

We are proud to be able to bring the magic of opera to our young people and to open doors to new creative possibilities. My thanks to Mrs Thomas-Nash for making this happen and to the students who represented the Academy with exemplary behaviour and for navigating their way successfully around our Capital city! Here's what the students had to say:

- *"10/10 experience, such a phenomenal day"*
- *"I would 100% go again and recommend to others"*
- *"I was watching the orchestra too because I found watching them play so satisfying"*
- *"her voice was amazing"*
- *"the performance was phenomenal"*
- *"It was my first time going in the underground"*
- *"first time seeing an opera"*
- *"I would 100% go again and again!"*
- *"something we would otherwise never have seen"*
- *"we were trusted to go and walk around by ourselves which was really appreciated"*
- *"something we would otherwise never have seen"*
- *"very passionate"*
- *"I would 100% go again and again!"*

School nurse – We are pleased to let you know that students can access the school nurse during drop-in sessions held on the **2nd and 4th Thursday** of each month. These sessions provide a safe and confidential space for students to discuss any health or wellbeing concerns. To attend a session, please contact your child's Head of Year. Alternatively, students can receive confidential advice and support at any time by texting the **ChatHealth** service on **07520 615721** — just text "Hi" to start a conversation with a qualified NHS school nurse.

Finally...

One of our uniform suppliers has provided a discount voucher that can be used to purchase items from them. Remember too that we can often help with the cost of uniform by accessing our 'pre-loved' uniform supplies. Contact your child's Head of Year if you would like to find out more.

Kind regards



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Dates for your diary:

Mon 16 June	Year 10 PPE Exams begin (further info from cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or kchorlton@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 20 June	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Mon 23 – Tues 24 June	DofE Bronze Practice Expedition (more info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 25 June	Year 11 Prom (Tickets £45/£30; available from Arbor 'school shop' (more info from cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
w/c 30 June	Year 10 'Rise Up & Work Experience Week'
Mon 14 – Tues 15 July	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition (more info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Tue 15 – Fri 18 July	Years 7-9 Lower School Camp (further info from edale@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 18 July	Term ends (at 12.55pm)