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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. It has been another busy and rewarding week at Clayton Hall Academy, and it's my pleasure to share some updates with you.

Our **Year 11 students have now completed their Pre-Public Examinations**, except for Modern Foreign Language speaking exams taking place next week. We are so proud of the maturity and respect they have shown throughout this period. PPEs are an important part of preparing for GCSEs as they give students the chance to experience the structure and pressure of formal exams in a supportive environment. They help identify strengths and areas for improvement, so that students feel confident and ready when the real exams arrive.

Next week, **Year 10 students will soon begin their KAT Tests**, and **Years 7 and 9 will also be continuing to undertake assessments**. These tests are designed to check understanding and application of key concepts, helping teachers tailor support and challenge where needed. If your child needs any support during these periods - or at any other time - please do not hesitate to reach out. We also provide a range of resources and guidance on our website to support students and families with exams and many other issues: [Support | Clayton Hall Academy](#).

This week we marked **Remembrance Day** with assemblies across the school. Students were invited to wear their cadet, guide, or scout uniforms, and we were delighted to see the biggest turnout yet. Thank you to all students for the respect and maturity shown during these important moments of reflection. A big thank you also to **Alex W (Year 9)** for marking the occasion by playing the Last Post on his trumpet for the entire school. It was not only played beautifully but also made the moment feel very special and moving for everyone. His confidence and composure were remarkable – thank you Alex.

As I mentioned last week, we are highlighting a very worthy cause being supported by Miss Higginson, our Head of Year 7. She is taking part in the **Cardiac Risk in the Young '12-a-week Challenge'**¹ in memory of a parent lost. Funds raised will go towards screening young people for heart conditions, and Miss Higginson hopes to raise enough to bring screening to our academy. You can read more about the challenge and donate directly to the memorial fund here: <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/colin-higginson/>

¹ <https://www.c-r-y.org.uk/12-a-week-challenge/>



Miss Higginson has shared her personal reflections on the importance of this and her progress so far: *"We did 15 miles in one go (route slightly extended due to a Google Maps mishap!) from Porthill to Stone via the canal. Safe to say I was hobbling around school after that! All donations are very gratefully appreciated and go to such an amazing cause who work tirelessly to prevent sudden cardiac deaths. They also support families affected by sudden cardiac death and have been a driving force in me getting to the bottom of exactly what happened to my dad and how we can prevent it happening to others in the family, including me. Thanks to CRY and their work to raise awareness, we are being monitored closely to prevent us from a young sudden cardiac death - our dad was just 52."* What a truly worthwhile thing to do by Miss Higginson – we are right behind you!

Meanwhile, next week we will be focusing on **anti-bullying** across all aspects of school life. As part of this important focus and as a visual reminder to everyone, each student will receive an anti-bullying badge to wear daily at school. Year 7 will also be raising awareness by wearing odd socks on Friday 21 Nov - this is purely for raising awareness of this important issue and not fundraising, so no money is required. Lots more activities are in the pipeline.

We are also excited to announce that our new **Rewards Shop is now open!** Students can exchange the points they earn for positive behaviours -such as respect, responsibility and excellence - for items in the shop. Mr Johnson will be our 'shopkeeper' in the Hall Foyer every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Why not ask your child how many points they've collected so far?

We ended the week on a high with our tradition of Hot Chocolate with the Head. Congratulations to **James** and **Rosa**, who joined me this week for showing outstanding resilience and determination. It was a pleasure to spend time with them.

Finally, a couple of reminders:

- for Year 7 parents: if your child is attending the upcoming residential, there will be a parent meeting on Monday 17 November at 6.00pm. This is a great opportunity to hear all the details and ask any questions.
- For Year 8 parents: we have parents' evening taking place next Wednesday from 4.00pm-6.30pm and we look forward to seeing you there. My thanks for the support of our Parent Champions at this event.

Thank you for your continued support in everything we do. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards



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Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

w/c 17 Nov	Year 10 KAT tests
Wed 19 Nov	Year 8 Parents Evening
Mon 17 Nov	Year 7 residential to Stanley Head - parent meeting at 6pm (further info from Arbor or tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
w/c 24 Nov	Year 7 residential to Stanley Head (further info from Arbor or tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 28 Nov	Good Food Show visit (GCSE Food students by invitation; further info from jshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 3 Dec	Year 11 Parents Evening
Fri 5 Dec	INSET DAY (school closed to students)
Wed 10 Dec	Awards evening (invitation only)
Thur 11 Dec	Year 10 trip to Shrewsbury Prison (further info on Arbor & from astevens@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Mon 22 Dec – Fri 2 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK (school closed)
Mon 5 Jan 2026	School re-opens (students line up by 8.40am)