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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and refreshing Easter break, and that our students have returned to school feeling re-energised and ready for the new term. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for the start of the **Summer Term**, and there is already a great sense of focus and purpose around the academy - it's a term that brings together challenge, opportunity and the chance to see hard work come to fruition.

You may have noticed that we have now begun **remedial work on our Old Hall building**, which we are very pleased to see finally underway as part of our plans to rejuvenate this important part of the site. Whilst disruption will be kept to an absolute minimum, there may be some unavoidable impact for those visiting this area of school, including Reception. Where possible, we kindly ask that you avoid bringing cars onto the school site during this period if possible, and we thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation<sup>1</sup>.

Summer Term is a **particularly important time for our Year 10 and Year 11 students**. Year 10 PPE examinations will begin on **30 April**, followed by **GCSE examinations for Year 11** starting on **11 May**. As always, I want to reassure families that we are here to support your child during this time. If you or your child have any concerns, please do reach out to Head of Year, Mrs Chorlton, or to subject teachers. Intervention and revision sessions are continuing in earnest, and we strongly encourage students to attend wherever possible, as these sessions can often make the crucial difference between grades and help students fully realise their potential.

I would also like to wish our **Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants** every success as they set off this Sunday on their **final qualifying expedition**. The group will be tackling a challenging route, taking in part of The Great Ridge, which connects Mam Tor with Lose Hill, before making their way up onto Kinder Scout, weather permitting. This demanding expedition will test their endurance, navigation skills and teamwork, and we are extremely proud of the commitment and resilience they have shown throughout the programme. We will be keeping our fingers firmly crossed that the weather is kind to them and look forward to celebrating their achievement on their return.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptions can be made on medical grounds; please speak to your Head of Year



We emailed you this week about an important **change to the way NHS vaccination consent is collected**. NHS vaccinations are administered by NHS staff, using our Academy as a host venue. From 13 April, the School Age Immunisation Service<sup>†</sup> (SAIS) will contact parents and carers **directly** to request consent for vaccinations, rather than this being communicated through school. This new approach should make it quicker and easier for you to give or refuse consent, when needed. Further information and any questions should be directed to SAIS on tel 0300 124 0366 or by emailing [school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk)

I'm delighted to continue sharing success stories of our students beyond the classroom. Many of you may remember that we previously celebrated **Alex in Year 10**, who appeared as an extra in the Robbie Williams film *Better Man*. Alex has now taken to the stage as part of the Young Rep Acting School's production of *The Railway Children*, a joint production with the Stoke Rep Players. Opening night took place this week and has received glowing praise in a local press review! Alex has been involved in performing arts from a young age and has already built an impressive list of performances, including playing Edmund in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at Stoke Rep in 2024. We are incredibly proud of his dedication and wish him every success for the remainder of his performances.

Looking ahead, our Academy is excited to be a partner to an upcoming **Community Health Fayre**, hosted here at Clayton Hall Academy with the Newcastle Central Primary Care Network. The event will take place on **Saturday 25 April, from 9.30am to 11.30am**, and is a free, drop-in opportunity for families to access health advice, community support and activities, with over 20 stalls available. A flyer is attached with further details, and we hope many of you will be able to attend.

Finally, I would like to remind families of an important **health and safety** matter regarding **nose piercings**. These are not permitted in school as they present a safety risk, particularly when taking part in PE. Students who have chosen to have their nose pierced must remove the piercing during the school day or wear a clear retainer. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this safety measure.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our students a positive and productive start to the Summer Term, and I look forward to sharing further updates with you in the weeks ahead.

Warm regards



CATY REID  
Headteacher

Enc Newcastle PCN Health Fayre 25.4.26

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<sup>†</sup> <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service>

**Dates for your diary:**

Mon 13 Apr	<b>School re-opens to all</b>
Sun 19 Apr – Tue 21 Apr	<b>DofE Silver 'Final Expedition'</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Wed 22 Apr	<b>Year 10 Parents Evening</b> (booking system now open on Arbor)
Thurs 30 Apr	<b>Year 10 PPEs begin</b>
Mon 4 May	<b>Bank Holiday</b> (school closed)
Fri 8 May	<b>Year 10 PPE's end</b>
Mon 11 May	<b>Year 11 GCSE's begin</b>
Thurs 4 Jun	<b>Info Evening for Parents - Switzerland trip</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Fri 12 Jun	<b>Year 8 HPV Vaccinations</b> (further info from <a href="https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service">https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service</a> )
Fri 26 Jun	<b>Inset Day</b> (school closed to students)
Fri 17 July	<b>Term ends</b>