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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into September, there's definitely a chill in the air already! With the weather turning cooler, you may wish to encourage your child to bring a Clayton Hall Academy hoodie for any outdoor PE lessons. If they don't have one, the PE department can talk to your child about acceptable base layers that can be worn under the PE uniform, or we can help with good quality items from our pre-loved uniform store. We want everyone to stay warm and well while still enjoying their activities.

**Photography** - we were delighted to welcome the school photographers on Monday. They commented on how polite and well-behaved our students were throughout the day – a real credit to our school community. Thank you to everyone for helping the day run so smoothly. We hope you enjoy the finished photographs once they arrive.

**iPad rollout** - this week also marks an exciting milestone for our **Year 7** students as we begin our iPad rollout. The event was a fantastic opportunity for families to come along, collect their child's device, and learn more about how iPads will support digital learning. There's a real buzz around this initiative, and we're thrilled to be introducing such a valuable tool so early in the year. Students will also take part in dedicated sessions to help them get to grips with key features and feel confident using their iPads in lessons. We'll share the date for this session very soon.

**Exam preparation** - for our **Year 11** students especially, this is a critical year and we're already putting a range of support in place. We will soon welcome students and their families to our Post-16 evening (Tue 7 Oct), and we're now launching after-school revision sessions, starting with English on Mondays – with more subjects to follow. Next week, we're also running a trip to see *Blood Brothers*, which brings classroom learning to life in a memorable and engaging way. We've extended the invitation to Year 10 students too, and there are still a few spaces available. If your child is interested, we'd encourage them to take part (visit Arbor 'trips' to sign-up).

Also to help prepare for GCSE exams, we'll soon be sharing a list of recommended revision guides to support independent study across Year 10 and Year 11. If you happen to have any guides at home that older siblings no longer need, we'd be very grateful for any donations.



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**Staffing update** – I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Thomas-Nash is expanding her student leadership role to include pastoral support for **Years 8 and 9**. If you have any concerns or family updates that you feel we should know, please do reach out to:

- for Year 7 - Ms Becca Higginson<sup>1</sup>
- for Years 8 and 9 - Mrs Thomas Nash<sup>2</sup>
- for Years 10 and 11 - Mrs Chorlton<sup>3</sup>.

**Parent Voice (2.10.25)** – we believe in making decisions based on real-life evidence and we often invite the opinion of our parent and student communities. To begin this academic year's programme of Parent Voice, I will be hosting the first session personally, and I would love to hear your thoughts on our topic of 'homework'. We will send more information out separately but thought I would give you an early invitation. This will take place online on Thurs 2 October at 2.00pm and will last no longer than 45 minutes. If you would like to be a part of this, please let us know by completing this short reply form, we'd love to hear from you: [REPLY SLIP - CLICK HERE](#)

**Open Evening for Years 5 & 6** - looking to next week, we're thrilled to be preparing for one of the highlights of our school calendar – our annual Open Evening for families applying to high school. You may have seen our advertising, or heard our students on the radio at the Hitmix 107.5 FM<sup>4</sup>. This is for families with **children in Years 5 or 6**, and if that's you, you are warmly invited to bring them along and explore our fantastic facilities. There will be lots of fun activities for younger visitors to enjoy. I had the pleasure of visiting Langdale Primary this week and met many excited pupils who are already looking forward to the event.

**Finally...**

A special mention to this week's *Hot Chocolate with the Head* stars – **Sebastian** and **Ogechukwu** in Year 7. It was a real pleasure to celebrate their achievements and hear about the positive start they've made to the year.

Warm regards



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Encs Club list autumn term 2025-26 (updated)

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<sup>4</sup> [The Hitmix 107.5 FM](#)

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**Dates for your diary:**

Tues 23 Sept	<b>Open evening (for years 5 &amp; 6)</b> (visit <a href="http://www.claytonhall.academy">www.claytonhall.academy</a> to view 'open events' & register)
Wed 24 Sept	<b>Year 11 &amp; 10 - Theatre Trip (Blood Brothers)</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:aclark@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">aclark@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:hmowforth@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">hmowforth@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Thurs 25 Sept	<b>Years 7-11 - Flu Vaccinations by NHS</b> - any queries should be made to the NHS on tel no 0300 124 0366)
Fri 26 Sept	<b>INSET DAY</b> (school closed to students)
Wed 1 Oct	<b>Year 7 Settling-in evening</b>
Thurs 2 Oct	<b>Year 11 'Post-16' evening</b> 5.30pm-7.30pm, with parent information sessions at 6.00pm, 6.30pm and 7.00pm in the Library
Thurs 2 Oct	<b>Parent Voice – 'homework' (online)</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:jfindlater@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">jfindlater@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
w/c 24 Nov	<b>Year 7 residentials</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
w/c 27 oct	<b>HALF TERM</b> (school closed)
Wed 19 Nov	<b>Year 8 Parents Evening</b>
Wed 3 Dec	<b>Year 11 Parents Evening</b>
Fri 5 Dec	<b>INSET DAY</b> (school closed to students)