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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with pleasure that I can welcome you back to our summer term of 2024-25. I hope that students and families alike were able to enjoy the last fortnight's break and managed to 're-charge the batteries'. We look forward to a term full of contrast – from the hard work and determination needed for the Year 11 GCSE exams, through to uplifting, celebratory and fundraising events; and to the anticipation of meeting our new intake of students for Sept 2025 at their transition days.

Staying hydrated - easing us into this term has been the very pleasing brighter weather that we've experienced. However, these warmer temperatures outside and in, can bring with it some discomfort and so we have made every effort to ensure that students have access to cool water fountains throughout the school site. We have asked for the help of students in maintaining the smooth running of the school, by filling water bottles during break and lunchtimes. Please do encourage your child to keep hydrated during the warmer weather and to **fill water bottles throughout the break/lunch periods**, and not waiting until the end of these social times when bottlenecks and delays could occur.

Overseas visits – I hope you were able to see some of our social media posts about the fantastic student trips that went overseas during the Easter Holidays. The feedback from students, parents and teachers alike has been that these were a resounding success, offering the most unique experiences and enabling lifetime memories to be made. **Iceland**, the land of fire and ice, was reported to be 'breathtaking' with a hot favourite being the visit to the blue lagoon; while **Barcelona** offered our football teams the opportunity to visit world class football stadiums, to be coached by world class coaches and to play competitive matches against Spanish youth teams.

My thanks go to the **staff** for giving up their own family time over the Easter break to make these trips happen; to the **students** for the way they behaved impeccably and represented the school in such a positive manner; and my thanks especially go to the **parents** for allowing us the privilege of taking your children abroad and for bringing them to school in the middle of the night to begin the journey!

Year 11 and GCSEs – this term sees the start of GCSEs for our resilient Year 11 students! This is the moment they have been working so hard towards, and we are incredibly proud to support them in this part of their lives. Our **Art, Photography, French and Spanish students** have all kicked off the exam season this week already and have already completed their exams – well done to them! Please check your emails for your child's unique exam timetable.



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Meanwhile, if your child is in **Years 7-10**, please take the chance to speak with them about when it will be their turn. They too can help support the Year 11's by being respectful of exam times, keeping quiet in exam areas and being kind to each other. We are all in this together and we are here to help - please reach out at any time.

Year 10 Parents Evening – this week we welcomed our Year 10 parents into school for their dedicated Parents Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaged in meaningful conversations with teachers and children. Your feedback on events such as this, is important to us and so parents will soon receive a questionnaire to complete. Please do take the time to let us know your thoughts about your parents evening. It really does help us to shape future events. Thank you too for the invaluable support provided on the evening, by our Parent Champions*.

Year 11 Prom – look out for a separate email today with full details on how to purchase your child's prom ticket. These are now available on Arbor, in the 'school shop'. You can use your student's positive behaviour points (should you wish), to purchase at a discounted price. Only if your child has collected enough positive behaviour points, will the school shop give you the option of purchasing at this discounted rate.

Assembly theme – we have had communication from the local council, that excessive levels of littering is taking place on paths and streets around our school, particularly at times when our students are arriving at school, or when leaving school.

We have brought this to the attention of students during assemblies this week. We are keen that our students are seen as respectful members of our community and we remind everyone of our proud reputation in being an award winning eco-friendly school. Therefore the importance of disposing of litter responsibly cannot be overstated. There are litter bins all around the school site and indeed one immediately outside of the gate on both Clayton Lane and Clayton Road. As a result, we are increasing our staff presence around these areas at these times, to meet council requirements on this matter. We kindly ask for your help too, in reminding your child to dispose of their rubbish in a litter bin.

Community Event / WAT a Run – We are thrilled to announce the third annual WAT a Run event, taking place on **Saturday 17 May** and we are proud to host the 'finish line' at our Academy! Over the past two years, this incredible event has united communities across the Trust and raised over £20,000 to support the 'Bed & Breakfast' campaign. This year, the WAT target is even higher, at £50,000!

The 'Bed & Breakfast' campaign aims to ensure every young person in our schools has a bed to sleep in and breakfast to start their day.

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Come along and join in the fundraising fun **from 1-3pm**, as we cheer the runners across the finish line. You and your friends, family, neighbours and children are all warmly invited. There's live music from our award-winning bands and musicians, tombola, face painting, food, ice cream, teas and speciality coffees brought to us by our local business partners. Inflatable fun too can be had, thanks to BeeActive. Further information (including how to donate) can be found here, along with an inspirational video which captured all the fun from last year: [WAT a Run 2025](#).

Finally...

Whilst this is a hugely significant term in many ways, it is also a very short one. Please note all our calendar dates below but particularly that:

- **Monday next week (5 May) is a bank holiday and school will be closed.** We re-open at the usual time of 8.40am on Tuesday 6 May.
- Term ends on Friday 23 May, for the half-term break. We re-open on Monday 2 June at 8.40am.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

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Dates for your diary:

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tues 6 May	Year 11 GCSEs begin (further info from cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Sat 17 May	Years 7-11 - Community Fun Day (WAT a Run); 1-3pm Community event; all welcome; see Facebook
Mon 19 May – Fri 23 May	Walk to School week
Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May	May Half Term Break (school closed)
Wed 4 June	Year 7 Parents Evening; 4.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 13 June	Year 8 Vaccinations
Fri 20 June	INSET Day (school closed to students)
Mon 23 – Tues 24 June	DofE Bronze Practice Expedition (more info to follow or from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 25 June	Year 11 Prom Tickets £45/£30; available from Arbor 'school shop'
Tue 15 – Fri 18 July	Years 7-9 Lower School Camp (further info from edale@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

* Further information on being a Parent Champion can be found by emailing pchampions@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk