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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. This week we were delighted to welcome our marketing and media team on site to film a new **academy showcase video**, which will be used at events, presentations and across our community to highlight what makes Clayton Hall Academy such a special place. It was wonderful to have an outside perspective shining a light on the fantastic things that happen here every day - things we may sometimes take for granted. The sun even made an appearance, helping our beautiful grounds look their very best. A huge thankyou to all students and parents who gave consent to be involved. From ground level to quite literally a bird's-eye view, the footage captured everything we are proud of: a vibrant academy full of brilliant young people and dedicated staff. We cannot wait to see the finished version.

This week marked the start of **Year 10 GCSE oracy assessments**, which are a formal part of their English Language GCSE. Students have been delivering speeches on a range of thought-provoking topics and have approached the assessments with impressive organisation, maturity and enthusiasm. We've heard sophisticated speeches covering issues such as *"Is AI ruining creativity?"* and many more. Particular stand-out performances this week came from **Freya, Isabelle and Prakeerthana**, and we are incredibly proud of all Year 10 students for the effort they have put in. Assessments continue next week for the remainder of the year group.

Meanwhile, a group of **Year 8 students** had an exciting opportunity this week, taking part in a *Work Ready Workshop* delivered by the **BT Group**. This fantastic experience was designed to introduce young people to the world of work and help them understand how their developing skills link to future digital careers. BT offers this programme to only a limited number of schools in Staffordshire, and we were pleased to be selected. During the event at BT's Birmingham offices, students heard from digital experts, explored innovative technologies, and took part in hands-on problem-solving sessions designed to develop critical thinking, communication and teamwork. We hope students found this a highly valuable experience as they begin considering careers of the future.

Parents of **Year 11** will have received details today about our **Easter School programme**.

This additional support package provides targeted revision sessions during the Easter break, helping students feel confident and well-prepared for the summer exams. We are pleased to have secured funding to make these sessions possible, and we strongly encourage all invited students to take up the opportunity. Please check your allocated sessions carefully and **ensure consent is provided** via the digital e-consent form.



With exams on the horizon, all families, regardless of year group, may find it helpful to read our latest newsletter focusing on avoiding exam stress. Developing healthy habits early can make a real difference, and we hope the tips shared will support students in building resilience long before they reach formal examination stages.

I also have several **celebrations and shout-outs** this week. Firstly, a huge well done to **William in Year 7**, whose U12 hockey team finished runners up in the Staffordshire County Cup last weekend, securing their place in the Midlands Regional Finals in Nottingham next month. This is an excellent achievement, and we are proud of William's hard work and determination.

In **Year 11**, special mentions go to:

- **Oliver** – for fantastic essay work in English
- **Toby** – for exceptional commitment in Science
- **Emily** – recognised as always producing her very best
- **Mitch** – for tremendous progress and improvement in RE.

A reminder that the **Year 9 vaccination session** takes place next week. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please ensure you have completed the NHS consent form (sent by email on 2 March). The deadline for giving consent is 10am on Wed 25 March. Also, for **all parents** to be aware that going forward, the NHS will communicate directly with you about vaccination programmes, and we will share further details in due course.

Meanwhile in staffing updates and changes from Easter, we will warmly welcome **Ms Young (Deputy Headteacher – Teaching & Learning and Science)**, **Mr Humphries (Assistant Headteacher – Student Behaviour and Science)**, and **Mr Williams (Science Teacher)**. Also, at the end of this term though, we say farewell to **Mr Pieczkolan**, who is moving to Australia, and we send our best wishes to **Ms Dixon**, who begins her maternity leave. From after Easter, **Mr Pass** will be leading on all SEND matters across the academy.

Finally, we have received a helpful flyer from **Smart School Uniform**, which includes a voucher for *10% off next week only*. With just one more week to go until we break for Easter, thank you for helping us keep students focused and positive right through to next Friday.

Warm regards



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Headteacher

Encs Smart School Uniform Flyer

Avoiding Exam Stress Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

Sun 22 Mar – Tue 24 Mar	DofE Silver Expedition (further info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 27 Mar	Year 9 NHS Vaccinations (further info in email dated 2.3.26; deadline for consent is 25.3.26 at 10am)
Sun 19 Apr – Tue 21 Apr	DofE Silver 'Final Expedition' (further info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 22 Apr	Year 10 Parents Evening (booking system now open on Arbor)
w/c 30 Mar	Easter break (school closed to students)
w/c 6 Apr	
Thurs 30 Apr	Year 10 PPEs begin (ending on Fri 8.5.26)
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Fri 8 May	Year 10 PPE's end
Mon 11 May	Year 11 GCSE's begin
Fri 26 Jun	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Fri 17 July	Term ends