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Dear Parents and Carers

What a change we have seen in the temperature outside this week! As we head deeper into November, the frosty air this week has certainly reminded us that winter is on its way. Please do take extra care on your journeys to school, as icy patches and heavier traffic can sometimes cause delays. Building in a little extra time in the mornings can help ensure everyone arrives safely and calmly.

This week, we were proud to host the first meeting of our new **Local Community Committee**. This group is part of Windsor Academy Trust's approach to strengthening links between schools and their communities. The committee's role is to provide a local voice - bringing together parents, carers, and community representatives to share ideas, give feedback, and help shape the work of our academy. While formal governance lies with the Trust's Board of Directors, the Local Community Committee ensures that the views and priorities of our families and local area are heard and valued. We're excited about the positive impact this will have and look forward to working closely with the committee in the months ahead.

Students have been focusing on **anti-bullying** across all aspects of school life this week. As part of this important focus, you may have noticed that students are now proudly wearing anti-bullying badges. These have been issued as part of our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone and act as visible reminder that we all have a role to play in standing up against bullying and supporting each other. Year 7 have also been raising awareness by wearing odd socks today and it's brought a smile to many faces around the school as we see the unique character of our students shine through!

Meanwhile, thank you to everyone who attended our **Year 8 Parents' Evening** this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents engaging in meaningful conversations with teachers about your child's progress. I always enjoy meeting so many of you in person. Your support makes these events so valuable, and we're always keen to hear your thoughts. Look out for your feedback survey which will be sent out shortly, and I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it - your suggestions help us make these evenings even better.

We were supported at this event by '**Parent Champion Kirsty**' - my thanks to her and all our Parent Champions who regularly get involved in events like this. Our Year 7 parents* can look out for an invitation very soon, to join our valued team of Parent Champions - more information coming soon!



On Monday, Mr Longshaw hosted a meeting for parents of **Year 7 students heading to Stanley Head** next week. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout and to answer your questions. Residential experiences like this are a brilliant opportunity for young people to develop independence, build confidence, and strengthen friendships outside the classroom. We hope your child is looking forward to what promises to be an exciting and memorable adventure.

Our **Year 10 students have been completing their KAT assessments** this week. These assessments help us understand individual learning profiles and ensure we provide the right support for every student as they move forward. They also give students valuable insight into their own strengths and areas for development, helping them to become more reflective learners and set personal goals for success. You are welcome to contact your child's subject teachers for any further information.

Attendance Streaks - we were thrilled this week to launch our new Attendance Streaks initiative. This is all about recognising and rewarding consistent attendance. Good attendance is vital for learning and achievement, and by celebrating those who maintain strong attendance, we hope to encourage every student to aim for their best. We're already seeing lots of enthusiasm from students!

Thank you, as always, for your support. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards



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Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

w/c 24 Nov	Year 7 residential to Stanley Head (further info from Arbor or tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
w/c 24 Nov	Year 11 Performing Arts Practical Exams (further info from amood@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 – bookings now open (further info from vstreet@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
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)

* Any parent can volunteer as a Parent Champion and invitations have been sent previously to parents of Years 8-11. You can still apply to become a Parent Champion by contacting us via: [Parent Champion Enquiry](#)