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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first half of the Summer Term, it has been lovely to see some long-awaited sunshine arriving just in time for the half-term break. This point in the year always brings with it a real sense of momentum, and I would like to thank all our students, staff and families for the continued hard work and commitment shown throughout the term. After a well-earned break, we will **return on Monday 1 June** for the final half term of the year - a crucial period where it is so important that we maintain that momentum and continue to climb our 'Aspire mountain' together.

I would like to begin by reflecting on what was a hugely successful **WAT a Run Community Event** last weekend. We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout, with families, staff and members of the wider community coming together to create a truly vibrant and supportive atmosphere. There was an incredible sense of pride as we cheered the runners across the finish line following their gruelling challenge, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students giving up their time to perform, run stalls and support the event.

Opportunities like this are so valuable in developing a sense of community, responsibility and teamwork, and I **could not be prouder of how our young people represented the academy**, supported by our **volunteer staff** (special shout-out to Mrs Hulme and Mrs Thomas-Nash) and **Parent Champions**. We have received some lovely feedback from both runners and visitors, many of whom commented on the remarkable warmth of the welcome they received. I encourage you to look out for photos on our social media, with a highlights video to follow.

Our thanks must also go to the many local **partner businesses*** who offered their services; for the guest appearance from **Rock Choir**; and for the debut performance by our alumni and current student **band!** Everyone gave their time willingly and voluntarily and we simply couldn't do this with you all. I am deeply grateful. To students, alumni, staff, local businesses, Parent Champions, parents and visitors – thank you!

Finally, well done to our Clayton Hall Academy runners and for the fundraising they have undertaken for the Bed & Breakfast Campaign[†] – **Mr Johnston, Miss Jones, Mr Dunleavy and Mrs Findlater.**

* Mellors Oatcakes & More; BeeActive; Rock Choir; Rapido Coffee Services; Alex Ices; Kat Durber

† [Bed and Breakfast Campaign | Windsor Academy Trust](#)



Meanwhile, in school life this week our **Year 11 students** have continued their GCSE examinations, demonstrating commendable maturity and resilience. This was particularly evident during an unexpected incident earlier in the week, when a small, contained fire in one of our mobile classrooms caused a brief disruption to an English Literature exam. I am pleased to confirm that the situation was managed quickly and safely, no one was harmed, and students were able to continue their exam after a short delay. In line with examination regulations, appropriate adjustments were made, and a report has been submitted to the exam board. What was most striking was the calm and sensible way in which our students responded, and we are incredibly proud of them.

For our **Key Stage 3 students**, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight their upcoming Key Assessment Tests (KATs), which will take place in the weeks beginning 15 and 22 June. They take place during the normal school day, during usual timetabled lessons.

These assessments are not intended to create pressure, but rather to help us understand what students have learned so far and where further support may be needed and play an important role in building strong foundations for future success. Should you or your child require any support, subject teachers are always available to help and can be contacted via the school office[‡] or directly using the contact details on our website.

Could I please now draw your attention to our **Parent Charter**, a copy of which is included with this letter. Some of you may already be familiar with it, while for others it may serve as a helpful reminder. The charter sets out the shared expectations we have as a school community between students, parents and staff and is designed to promote mutual respect, clear communication and wellbeing for all. By working together within these shared principles, we can continue to create a positive environment where everyone feels supported and valued.

Finally, on a positive note and as we pause at the end of this half term, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the many highlights we have enjoyed together. From my *Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher* moments, to the early opportunities to get to know our incoming Year 6 students and their families, to the success of events such as WAT a Run, and the many achievements of our students both in and beyond the classroom - there is so much to celebrate.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1 June, as we begin the final half of the Summer Term with renewed energy and determination.

Warm regards



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Encs: Aspire Mountain model
 Parent/carer Code of Conduct
 Term Dates 2026-27

Dates for your diary:

w/c 1 Jun	Year 11 GCSEs continue (ending on 17.6.26)
Thurs 4 Jun	Info Evening for Parents - Switzerland trip (further info from awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Thurs 11 Jun	Year 8 Big Bang Fayre trip (further info from cashton@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 12 Jun	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (further info from www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service)
w/c 15 Jun	Years 7-9 KAT tests
w/c 22 Jun	Years 7-9 KAT tests
Mon 22 - Tues 23 Jun	DofE Bronze Practice Expedition (further info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 24 Jun	Year 11 Prom (tickets on sale in Arbor 'shop')
Fri 26 Jun	Inset Day (school closed to students)
w/c 29 Jun	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Mon 6 Jul - Tues 7 Jul	DofE Bronze Final Expedition (further info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Mon 13 Jul - Fri 17 Jul	Year 10 Switzerland trip (further info from awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Fri 17 July	Term ends