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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it's been a short term indeed and today we find ourselves at the end of our first summer term and with the half-term break upon us. Although short, it's been an important term with milestones for many along the way. We've seen the smooth running of Year 11 exams with resilience shining in abundance from our students, some amazing lessons taking place, lots of sports fixtures, trips, WAT-a-run and the list could go on! I am so proud to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school.

Year 11 and GCSEs – I want to take a moment to thank our Year 11 students for their wonderful resilience and mature attitude to their exams. As you know, we ask that students remain in school during the exam season, and to follow their usual timetable. This helps to keep a sense of normality, offering routine and allows for extra tuition and study focus with their subject teachers. So many of our students are finding this approach hugely beneficial and all credit must go to them for the way in which they are conducting themselves. Half term will, hopefully, bring some rest and recovery time for them – it is important to build this in – but also allow them to 'reset, revise and get ready to go again' after half-term.

Please do reach out at any time for support, help or advice. At this particularly crucial time of year, you can email subject teachers, Heads of Year and our office team, even during the half-term break. Remember though, that I do also advise our staff to 'rest, revise and get ready to go again', so please be patient in awaiting reply.

WAT a Run – I am pleased to tell you that last Saturday's WAT a Run event was a huge success – we couldn't have done it without you! Not only did the distance runners make it over the line in some style, but our community event was well attended, much fun was had and significant funds raised towards the Bed & Breakfast campaign¹, all while the sun shone. We are still receiving monetary donations towards this and look on track to making a significant contribution towards the Trust-wide target of £50,000! My **thanks to everyone involved; students, staff and our team of Parent Champions**, who played a hugely successful role in ensuring the smooth running of the community event.

¹ The Bed and Breakfast Campaign by Windsor Academy Trust (WAT) is a charitable initiative launched through the WAT Community Foundation. Its mission is to tackle bed poverty and ensure that every child across the Trust's 15 schools has:

1. A bed to sleep in at night.
2. A nutritious breakfast each morning.

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Daily Mile – contributing also to the Bed & Breakfast Campaign, has been this week's Daily Mile. Years 7-10 have been taking part in this running or walking challenge all week, where each morning they began the day with a brisk walk (or jog) around our school site, to the tune of one mile! Not only has this helped raise extra funds for the campaign but can be a contributor to positive mental health – getting some light exercise and some fresh air has set each of us up for the day ahead.

Year 8 Immunisations – look out for your email about upcoming immunisations for Year 8 students (taking place on Fri 13 June). The NHS need your consent to administer this vaccination and have provided an electronic consent form for you to complete. The NHS strongly encourage every Year 8 student to receive this vaccination.

Celebrating success...

... **Year 9 poet, Keza** - inspired by a history lesson with Mrs Johnson, Keza wrote a powerful and moving poem about Rwanda that deeply impressed us all. Her thoughtful writing captured the emotion and significance of the topic beautifully. We're proud to share that Keza's poem has now been entered into a young poet's competition and we've got everything crossed for a 1st place win!

... **Year 11 boys' football team** - a massive congratulations to our students who have booked their place in the Staffordshire Schools County Cup Final after a dramatic win last Friday! Reaching the final caps off an unforgettable year for the team:

- Sentinel Cup Semi-Finalists
- League Runners-Up
- Unforgettable tour to Barcelona, taking on top Spanish opposition.

The final will take place on Monday 2 June at Stafford Town FC (5pm kick off) and all are welcome to support them.

... **Year 8 Player of the Season, Charlie K** – our congratulations to Charlie for being crowned Stockport County FC Player of the Season, we hear you've had a brilliant season!

... **1500m success for Lily R** – what an amazing performance by Lily in Year 7 who came 2nd in the 100m at last weekend's Heart of England Athletics League fixture.

I never fail to marvel at the talent we have amongst our young people and am always delighted to share their successes with you. Please feel welcome to let me know of any notable successes.

Finally...

I wish you all a restful half-term break.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

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Dates for your diary:

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)
Fri 18 July	Term ends