



# CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into the second week of the Summer Term, it has been wonderful to see how well our students have settled back into school life. There is a real sense of momentum across the academy, and I am delighted to take this opportunity to also **welcome new members of staff** who have joined us this term: Mrs Young as Deputy Headteacher, Mr Humphreys as Assistant Headteacher, and Mr Wilson as a Science Teacher. We are very pleased to have them as part of the Clayton Hall Academy team and know they will make a positive impact on our students and wider school community.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended **Year 10 Parents' Evening** on Wednesday. It was a well-attended and productive evening, with many positive conversations taking place between families and staff about progress, next steps and preparation for the important months ahead. Events like this are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, particularly at such a crucial stage in students' learning, and we are very grateful for your continued engagement and support.

Can I remind you about our upcoming **Community Health Fayre**, to be hosted here at Clayton Hall Academy in partnership with the Newcastle Central Primary Care Network. The event takes place tomorrow **Saturday 25 April, from 9.30am to 11.30am**, and is a free, drop-in opportunity for families to access health advice, community support and activities, with over 20 stalls available. This *"Get Summer Ready" Health & Wellbeing Event* represents an important milestone for the partnership and reflects the strength of collaboration between education, health services and our local community. By bringing community health directly onto our school site, we hope to create a welcoming space that strengthens connections and makes a real difference to the lives of the families we serve. We are proud to play our part in showcasing how schools and the NHS can work together to support pupils, patients and their wider families.

This week, I have had the pleasure of reading a **poem written by Layla in Year 9**, which she independently completed at home and shared with her English teacher. Layla's writing is deeply thoughtful, mature and carefully crafted, exploring what it is like to grow up as a girl with sensitivity and insight well beyond what might typically be expected. Her work demonstrates real talent, courage and confidence in her own voice, and it truly makes the reader stop and think.



At our academy we value creativity, reflection and the willingness to explore meaningful and sometimes challenging themes, and Layla's poem did this perfectly. She should be extremely proud of what she has achieved, and I very much look forward to seeing her talent continue to develop.

There has also been plenty to celebrate in **school sport** this week. Our Year 7 boys' football team played the first two matches of their Newcastle District League campaign. They narrowly lost their opening game 1–0 against Madeley despite an excellent performance, before going on to secure a fantastic 4–0 win against The Kings in their second match. A great team effort and a very positive start to the season, with plenty more games to come. We also congratulate **Cayden in Year 8**, who helped his team, Westlands U14s Orange, to win the Doug Brown Tournament on Sunday 19 April. This is Cayden's first season as a goalkeeper, and he is going from strength to strength - an achievement he should be very proud of.

Meanwhile, I am delighted to update you on the success of our **Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants who have now successfully completed their final qualifying expedition**. Our Year 10 students showed impressive progress from their practice expedition, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and sustained focus over 3 challenging days. Despite tougher terrain and conditions, students grew in confidence and trust in one another, with one participant memorably commenting, "I don't want spare clothes, just food!". Several students spoke with local walkers, who described it as inspiring to see young people showing such enthusiasm for the outdoors. My thanks go to Mr Longshaw, Mr Johnson and Miss Goodwin for their commitment and support, and to Sir Thomas Boughey Academy for kindly lending us their minibus. We are immensely proud of everyone involved – well done!

Finally, I am excited to share that we have recently created a **new school video**, designed to offer a warm and welcoming introduction to Clayton Hall Academy. The true stars of the video are our students, both on camera and behind the scenes, and it captures the many things that make our academy such a special place. You may begin to see this video being shared at events both in and beyond school, but we wanted our current families to be among the very first to see it. At times when the work is demanding, this video serves as a powerful reminder of why we do what we do, and what a privilege it is to serve our students and families. My thanks go to our Trust marketing team for their support, and to every student involved - every student at Clayton Hall Academy plays a part in making our school what it is. You can watch here: [https://youtu.be/g\\_RdLtz\\_xBo](https://youtu.be/g_RdLtz_xBo)

I wish you a lovely weekend in the forecast warm weather.

Warm regards



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Headteacher

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**Dates for your diary:**

Thurs 30 Apr	<b>Year 10 PPEs begin</b>
Mon 4 May	<b>Bank Holiday</b> (school closed)
Fri 8 May	<b>Year 10 PPE's end</b>
Mon 11 May	<b>Year 11 GCSE's begin</b>
Sat 16 May	<b>ALL WELCOME - Community event - WAT a Run 2026</b> (further info at <a href="#">WAT a Run 2026   Windsor Academy Trust</a> )
Thurs 4 Jun	<b>Info Evening for Parents - Switzerland trip</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Thurs 11 Jun	<b>Year 8 Big Bang Fayre trip</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:cashton@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">cashton@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Fri 12 Jun	<b>Year 8 HPV Vaccinations</b> (further info from <a href="https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service">https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-service</a> )
Mon 22 - Tues 23 Jun	<b>DofE Bronze Practice Expedition</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Wed 24 Jun	<b>Year 11 Prom</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Fri 26 Jun	<b>Inset Day</b> (school closed to students)
Mon 6 Jul - Tues 7 Jul	<b>DofE Bronze Final Expedition</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Mon 13 Jul - Fri 17 Jul	<b>Year 10 Switzerland trip</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">awhite@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Fri 17 July	<b>Term ends</b>