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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we begin the second term in our Spring academic calendar, we welcomed back our students this week (along with the brighter mornings!) and have much to look forward to over the coming term.

We have a new member of staff recently joined our valued Reception team – please extend a **welcome to Mrs Plumley** as and when you cross paths - we are delighted to have her on board. Mrs Plumley has replaced a long-standing member of staff, Mrs Locker, who for many years was a part of our team of Teaching Assistants and laterally worked on Reception. Many of you will have met **Mrs Locker over her 20 years of service** to our students and I'd like to pass on our thanks to her as she sails off into retirement.

This week, we hosted our **Careers Fayre**, for our Year 9 and 10 students. We were thrilled to welcome a variety of external visitors, including representatives from local and national businesses, post-16 providers, colleges, the Army, Navy and NHS, amongst others. Our students had the opportunity to speak with these professionals, ask questions, and gain valuable insights into various career paths and opportunities. We are incredibly grateful to all the visitors who made this event a success and helped our students think about their future careers.

School Nurse Sessions - A reminder that our school nurse is available for confidential health sessions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Students can book appointments via their Head of Year or simply drop in during morning break time. This resource is there for all, and students are warmly encouraged to use the service when needed.

Coming up soon...

... **Year 11 PPEs** - our Year 11 students will be starting their final set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) next week. We encourage them to keep up the hard work and stay focused. The effort they put in now will be worth it in the end. Good luck to all our Year 11 students!

... **Key Assessment Tasks (KATs)** - Over the next 2 weeks, all students will be participating in KATs. These assessments are an essential part of our framework to measure students' progress and understanding of key concepts. Please encourage your child to prepare and do their best; this is a step on the road to their success.



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... **Charity Roller Disco** - as part of their Social Action project, some of our wonderful Year 11 students have organised a Roller Disco to support Animal Lifeline. The event will take place on Sunday 2 March 2025, from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm at MyActive Biddulph. They hope to see many of you there to support this great cause.

Celebrating Success...

... **Entrust Battle of the Bands** - we are proud to announce that out of the five bands competing in the final of the Entrust Battle of the Bands, two of them are from our Academy – ‘The Nines’ and ‘Spontaneous Combustion’! This is a fantastic achievement, and we wish our talented musicians the best of luck in the final later this month. Let's cheer them on and celebrate their hard work and dedication.

Finally...

Newcastle (Staffs) Rugby Club are a valued supporter of our Academy and have often given up the time of their volunteers to work with our Academy and students, for which they have our sincere thanks. In return, we believe passionately that fostering strong positive relationships with our community develops a sense of belonging and pride among students. The club are now inviting you and your child to come along and ‘try’ it out! Any age, gender or ability is welcome to a free month-long trial. They have provided the attached information specifically for you and your child – why not ‘try’ something new?

Thinking of new, I am very much looking forward to this exciting term ahead. Spring arrives in earnest this weekend and is a wonderful time of renewal and growth. It's a season that brings a sense of hope and new beginnings. I hope it will lift all our spirits and fill us with positive energy for the term ahead.

Warm regards



CATY REID
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary:

Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day
Thurs 27 or Fri 28 Feb	Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip Consent Forms need to be completed by parents/guardians (more info from agraham@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
w/c 3 Mar	Year 11 PPE Exams (more info from cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Mon 17 - Wed 19 Mar	Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Practice Expedition (more info from tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)
Wed 26 Mar	Deadline for Year 9 immunisations e-consent form (more info from NHS on tel no 0300 124 0366)
Fri 28 Mar	Year 9 Immunisations
Mon 31 Mar – Wed 2 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Final Expedition
Wed 25 June	Year 11 Prom