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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a real delight to welcome our students back for the final term of the academic year—a term I always look forward to with great anticipation. This part of the year is filled with joyful milestones and memorable moments. At one end of the school, our Year 11 students will finish their first full set of formal GCSE examinations—a significant and commendable achievement. Meanwhile, at the other end, we are excited to welcome our new intake of Year 7 students as they begin their transition from primary school, taking their first steps into our school community. It's a time of both celebration and new beginnings.

As today marks the celebration of Eid, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all students, families, and staff who will be observing this important occasion. Eid is a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness for our Muslim community, and we recognise the significance it holds.

**Year 11 and GCSEs** – exams continue in earnest this week and I hope our Year 11 students were able to fit in some well-deserved rest and enjoyment over the half-term break, while managing to balance it with their studies! Don't forget please, they are still expected to be in school and following their usual timetable of lessons, unless they have an exam. We continue to run early morning revision sessions ahead of the exams for those who want that last minute brush-up on skills, knowledge or just some motivational advice or support. Their leavers assembly will be held on Wed 11 June, then study leave begins on Thurs 12 June.

**Year 7 Parents' Evening** - It was a real pleasure to welcome so many families to our Year 7 Parents' Evening this week. The event was very well attended, and it was wonderful to see such engaging and constructive conversations taking place between parents, carers, and staff. These moments of collaboration are so valuable in supporting our students' progress and wellbeing. A special thank you goes to our fantastic Parent Champions, whose support and warm welcome helped make the evening run smoothly and feel so inviting. Year 7 parents can provide feedback via the survey link emailed to you on 5 June.

**Year 10 assembly** - Miss White led an assembly for Year 10 this week, as part of our Rise Up careers programme, aimed at helping them prepare for the next steps in their educational and career journeys. The session provided students with the upcoming timeline of events which will run during Form Time, eg what effective revision looks like, and how to make the most of the time leading up to their PPEs, which begin on 16 June. The PowerPoint presentation and a helpful revision checklist have also been uploaded to the student's Year 10 Microsoft Teams page for easy access.



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**Celebrating success...**

- ... **Year 11 Boys' Football Team – County Cup Finalists** - this week, our Year 11 boys' football team proudly represented the school in the County Cup Final. Although they narrowly missed out on victory against a strong opposition, their journey to the final has been nothing short of remarkable. This is the furthest our school has ever progressed in this competition, and the team's dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season have been truly inspiring. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they have represented the school with pride and determination. Thank you to our hugely supportive family and friends who travelled to Stafford to cheer them on!
- ... **WAT Olympics** – our congratulations to all who took part in this week's WAT Olympics! We took a strong team of athletes to this track and field event held at the prestigious Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, the largest of its kind in Britain (and host to the Commonwealth Games 2022!). Many brought home medals and gave outstanding performances, but a special mention goes to our **Year 9 team, who came 1st in their age group**—an incredible achievement!
- ... **WAT an Orchestra** – we are hugely proud to have many of our young musicians featured in this visionary music project. Over 200 students from 15 schools have created a breathtaking, student-powered production of *Eve of the War*, showcasing the creativity, confidence and personal potential of our young people. Watch it here or visit Facebook: [WAT an Orchestra](#)

**Year 8 Immunisations** – next week sees the NHS Immunisation Team in school and you are encouraged by them to provide consent for these immunisations for Year 8 students. They have provided an electronic consent form for you to complete. The NHS strongly encourage every Year 8 student to receive this vaccination. See email dated 4.6.25 for further information.

**Finally...**

This has been national Volunteers' Week 2025<sup>1</sup> across the UK. It's an annual celebration that recognises and thanks the millions of people who give their time, energy, and skills to help others through volunteering. I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, in the many roles they do. Our Governors, Parents Champions, ex-students and all the external partners who help deliver clubs, trips and enrichment activities for our students. We couldn't do it without you, and we are all sincerely grateful!

Kind regards



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<sup>1</sup> <https://volunteersweek.org/>

**Dates for your diary:**

Fri 13 June	<b>Year 8 Vaccinations</b>
Mon 16 June	<b>Year 10 PPE Exams begin</b>
Fri 20 June	<b>INSET Day (school closed to students)</b>
Mon 23 – Tues 24 June	<b>DofE Bronze Practice Expedition</b> (more info from <a href="mailto:tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">tlongshaw@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Wed 25 June	<b>Year 11 Prom</b> (Tickets £45/£30; available from Arbor 'school shop'; more info from <a href="mailto:cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">cdunleavy@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
w/c 30 June	<b>Year 10 'Rise Up &amp; Work Experience Week'</b>
Tue 15 – Fri 18 July	<b>Years 7-9 Lower School Camp</b> (further info from <a href="mailto:edale@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">edale@claytonhall.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a> )
Fri 18 July	<b>Term ends (at 12.55pm)</b>