



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

8 SEPTEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 1)

FROM THE OFFICE

We'd like to firstly welcome you all back to school, it's going to be a fantastic year! Secondly, we'd like to reassure you that none of our sites are affected by the recent news surrounding RAAC. We wish you all the best for the year ahead.....your place is *here*!



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An especially warm welcome to our new Year 7s, new starters in Years 8-10 and new staff at Senior Boys, faces below!



Mr Padraic Flynn - Teacher of History



Mrs Shelley Seton-Rogers - Laboratory Technician



Mrs Heather Frost - Head of Food Technology



Mr Cedol Dafydd - Rowing Coach



Ms Rebecca Donn - Gap Rowing Coach



After-School Arrangements

Please remember you need to select something for every day of the week to indicate what your son will be doing after school, whether that is 'going home', 'study' or an 'activity'. Please follow the Parent Login from our [Activities website](#) to make this selection.

Late Coaches and After-School Programme

Activities and after school study commence w/c 11 September with late coaches departing Senior Boys at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 4.30pm on Friday.

School Rules and Expectations

Please read our [School Rules and Expectations](#) with your son and sign up to support this initiative by Friday 15 September. Thank you for your support.

Personal Details Check

Please do check the details we hold for you and your child on the [Report Portal](#) and confirm you have checked/updated your details as necessary by selecting 'consent given' by 'Details checked for 2023/24' which can be found under 'Other Consents'. Thank you.

Chewing Gum Ban

Please be advised that chewing gum is banned from school for both pupils and staff and sanctions will be imposed for anyone found chewing gum. The boys have been told at assembly but may we kindly ask that you reinforce this message with your son.

Nut Free School

Can we please remind you that we are a **nut free zone** (this includes nut related products like Nutella or pesto). We do have both children and staff on site that have allergic reactions to these.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires Court SchoolTV](#), a wellbeing resource to support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. It aims to help build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

Residential Trips for 2023/24

We are delighted to share with you the [Residential Trips Brochure for 2023/2024](#). This contains a whole year view of all our planned trips away including for example skiing at Easter, rowing in October, a history trip to Auschwitz, paddlesports, PGL, CCF, rugby, netball, football and choral trips as well!

Term Dates 2023-2025

Please find shared the Claires Court [Term Dates 2023-2025](#) now agreed, which can also be accessed via our website.

Change to HPV Vaccination Programme

Please find [information](#) from the Berkshire Immunisations Team about the move from a two dose to one dose Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine schedule from September 2023 following advice by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

*** SAVE THE DATE * PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October**

Please support the school and join us for one of the PTA's key fundraisers of the year. This event takes place at Claires Court Juniors with gates opening from 5pm. This is a wonderful evening with the Boat Club's sponsored row and raffle, stalls run by Year 10 and 11 pupils, with a bar and food available.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Induction Day Follow-Up

Please find shared the [Parent Presentation](#) from this weeks' Induction day. Your son should have bought home a 'flyer' from Tempest School Photographers with details of his individual school photograph that was taken. Further details about the deadline for ordering will follow in due course.

Year 7 Coaching Morning - Saturday 9 September

A reminder of the Coaching Morning tomorrow at Maidenhead Rugby Club (SL6 1BN) starting at 9.10am, further details can be found in this [letter](#).

Year 7 Cliveden Day - Friday 15 September

Please find the [Year 7 Cliveden day](#) letter, noting the following details:

- usual drop off / collection times & locations apply
- pupils will need water bottle, snacks & nut free packed lunch (small bag to carry items in)
- Non-uniform clothing suitable for the day, walking boots/sensible trainers & waterproof/sun cream depending on weather
- epipen/inhaler if applicable

YEARS 8-11

Monday 11 September - Individual School Photographs

Full smart school uniform for Monday 11 September please as Tempest School Photographers will be taking individual photographs for Years 8 - 11. Further information can be found in our [Uniform Guide](#). CCF cadets are asked to please bring their CCF kit with them to change into after the photograph.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Macbeth Performance - Tuesday 12 September

During the afternoon of Tuesday the 12 September, our Year 11 boys and Year 10/11 girls will receive a visit from The Globe players to see Macbeth. This performance is designed to ensure that our students have seen their coursework text in performance prior to commencing the drafting of it. This will enhance their understanding of all aspects of the play in line with the Assessment Objectives of the piece. For those who are not taking Literature/have already completed this coursework, it will be an enriching experience of English in performance/discussion in general. The performance will take place at the Senior Boys site during Periods 4 and 5.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Leaving School / Returning to School during the School Day

If you are collecting your son for an appointment during the school day, he should wait in reception at the allotted time. When you have arrived outside to pick him up, please call the school on 01628 327610 and we will sign him out and send him out to you. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your son returns to school, he must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know he is back in school. Thank you.

REMINDER - Parking on yellow lines and on the junctions

Despite continued requests, cars are still causing traffic problems on the junctions, in particular Ray Park Avenue. We want to ensure that traffic flows for everyone in this area so please **DO NOT STOP AND PARK UP** anywhere near the junction or the school and ask your son to walk further up as the waiting cars soon move. Please pass this onto anyone new who may be picking up your son.

Mobile phones

Boys are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the school day. These should be locked away securely in lockers or handed into Mrs Tarr before registration. If boys need to contact home during the day for any reason, they should do so via the school office or nurses depending on the reason for contact.

Transport

For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. Any questions please contact vectare in the first via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk or our Trips and Transport Officer Hayley Morrissey can be contacted via travel@clairescourt.com.

Chromebooks

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder of pupils and parents responsibility for their chromebook, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss.

School Calendar

Please check our [online school calendar](#) to see up to date information about events happening throughout the term.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment (where possible) via email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com.

Sickness Absence

Please report all other absences to the school office before 9.30am either on 01628 327600, by email seniorboys@clairescourt.com or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website www.clairescourt.com/parents).

Term Time Absence

Please see our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#) noting that absence for holidays is not encouraged during term time and will not normally be authorised for the first or last week of any term. If you do wish the headteacher to review a request please complete the [Holiday Request Form](#) and return to the school office or alternatively complete this [google form](#) that we are trialling.

Medication

Any medication should be handed into the school accompanied with the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.