



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 8 September 2023 Autumn Term Week 1

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW AUTUMN TERM

We'd like to firstly welcome you 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. An especially warm welcome to our new Year 7s, new starters in Years 8/9 and new staff at Senior Girls.

Hello to all our New Year 7 Senior Girls



Please find a 'name to a face' for all our new staff at Senior Girls

Bernice Harington-Fuller (Teacher of Science & Maths)



Harriet Feguson (PE Teacher)



Heather Frost (Head of Food Technology)



Niomi Lee (Director of SG Sport & Sixth Form Girls Sport)



Rachel Wells-Soden (PE Teacher)



Rebecca Rayment (HOY 7 & Teacher of Maths)



Shelley Seton-Rogers (Laboratory Technician)



Marva Carty (Communications & Marketing Officer)



FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH - Wednesday 13 September - Individual school photographs by Tempest School Photographers for Years 8 - 11. Full winter school uniform and tidy hair for next Wednesday please. Please find our school uniform information [here](#).

After-School Arrangements

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

Late Coaches and After-School Programme

Activities and after school study commence w/c 11 September with late coaches departing Senior Girls at 5.10pm with onward school transport leaving Senior Boys at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday with a reminder of an early finish on a Friday at 4pm.

School Rules and Expectations

Please read our [School Rules and Expectations](#) with your daughter - a hard copy to bring home will be given out on Monday 11 September. Please 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.

Claire's Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claire's 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. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle.

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 Claire's Court [Term Dates 2023-2025](#) now agreed, which can also be accessed via our website.

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 Claire's Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ) with gates opening from 5pm. There will be a discount for tickets bought in advance

YEAR 7 ONLY

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

YEAR 7 - School Photograph

After induction day your daughter should have brought home with her a flyer from Tempest with her school photograph and ordering details. Further information about timings for orders will follow in due course.

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Sports Award Photographs - Monday 10 July 23

A reminder if you had a picture taken at the Sports Award Evening during the last week of summer term you are still able to purchase one. Please contact the school office.

YEAR 7/YEAR 8 ONLY - Swimming

All year 7 and 8 girls will be doing swimming in their PE lessons this term so will need their swimming kit (towel, swimming costume, goggles and swimming hat).

ALL YEAR GROUPS - Hockey

Please see the letter [here](#) regarding hockey equipment required for this term. Extra curricular sports clubs will commence on Monday 11 September.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

YEAR 8 - YEAR 11 ONLY

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).

YEAR 10/11

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. The senior girls will travel to and from school by coach and will return to College Avenue in time for study/activities/going home.

REMINDERS

CHROMEBOOKS

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder that pupils and parents are responsible for the chromebook that your daughter has been allocated, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss. Should you

require the school to source you a new chromebook please email your daughter's form tutor to authorise the cost of approx. £250 being added to your fee invoice. If you decide to purchase your own replacement **chromebook** (please note other platforms/devices are not permitted in school e.g. laptops, apple as they are not compatible with our systems), you will need the Claires Court Google licence added to the chromebook at a cost of £35, again to be authorised by emailing your daughter's form tutor.

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. Thank you.

PARKING, DROP OFF, PICK UP

Please may we ask our parents to be mindful where they are parking and to avoid blocking local residents driveways and on yellow lines/zig zags both inside and outside of the school grounds. The coach bay is reserved for school coach transport, emergency vehicles and for delivery vans unloading throughout the school day.

TRANSPORT

All of our coach information, including details on timetable, routes, costs and FAQ's, is available on our [Coach Service Booking System](#). Any questions in the meantime should be directed to Transport Manager Hayley Morrissey via travel@clairescourt.net.

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 [here](#).

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where possible via email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com we can then inform teachers ahead of any lessons that your daughter may be absent from.

SICKNESS ABSENCE

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 9.30am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

MEDICATION

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.