

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 15 September 2023 Autumn Term Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Please do read Mr Wilding's blog '<u>A Principled View</u>'.

FROM THE OFFICE

JEANS FOR GENES - Friday 22 September

Pupils are invited to wear something denim to school (non ripped jeans, denim skirt - not too short, denim jacket) next Friday to support Jeans for Genes with a **£2** donation to be handed in to form tutors. If they do not have any denim, then a full school uniform should be worn. Please note jogging bottoms are not permitted. If you do not have cash please donate via the <u>Payment Portal</u>.



For those participating, this is a full non-uniform day and girls can select additional items to wear with their denim item. There will be a treat prize for the form group that have managed to wear the most **different** additional items - although no 'killer heels' and possibly no 'flippers' if choosing the snorkel to wear!

PTA Fireworks - Saturday 14 October

Please support the school and join us for the PTA Firework and Halloween Spectacular on Saturday 14 October. This event is one of the key fundraisers of the year and takes place at Claires Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ) with gates opening from 5pm. Please purchase your tickets in advance via <u>ccpta.org.uk</u> to secure a discounted ticket price and guarantee food. Advance ticket sales are available until 9 October.



Online ticket on sale at ccpta.org.uk and available until 9/10/23 .Tickets bought on the gate do not guarantee food. Strictly no dogs allowed.

School Rules and Expectations

Thank you so much to the parents who have already signed/returned the <u>School</u> <u>Rules and Expectations</u> document. If you have not already done so, whilst the deadline was for today, please can you do so this weekend and return the signed leaflet on Monday 18 September. Thank you in advance for your support.

ALL YEAR GROUPS INFORMATION

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

A reminder that the following items are compulsory for all pupils (Years 7 - 10) taking hockey in their games lesson, as well as those in the hockey squad:

Gumshield Shinpads Hockey Stick

Appropriate PE Kit: Pupils should wear the senior girls uniform PE kit only.

This includes: White Shirt Skort Navy Shorts Base Layers Zip up Sweatshirt Tracksuit Bottoms Navy cycling shorts (permitted for gymnastics and dance (Y7/8 only) or athletics squad (summer term) only. Other styles such as black Nike Pro cycling shorts are not permitted at any time.

Also please ensure trainers are suitable for exercise rather than fashion trainers e.g. Air Force 1s. Earrings have to be removed in PE/Games and taping is NO longer permitted in line with AfPE guidance.

Fixtures and Team List information is available to view (<u>team list link here</u> and <u>sports page here</u>) the password for you to access team lists has been emailed home separately to parents.

YEAR 7 - 11

Relationship and Sex and Education Lesson Dates

Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. This is why Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is compulsory in all secondary schools.

We are pleased to share the <u>RSE programme here</u> that our senior girls nurses will be delivering to Year 7-11 throughout the course of the year.

YEAR 7 ONLY

School Photograph - taken on Induction Day Wednesday 6 September Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Wednesday 20 September 2023. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

YEAR 8 - YEAR 11 ONLY

Please find <u>information</u> 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).

Tempest School Photo - take on Wednesday 13 September

Your daughter should have brought home a flyer from the school photographer with details on how to order her school photo. You will need to go to their website <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u> and enter your 10 digit reference number listed on the flyer (you will find this underneath the barcode).

REMINDERS

CHROMEBOOKS

Please find our <u>Chromebook Provision and Policy</u> 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.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at <u>Claires Court SchoolTV</u>, 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.

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 <u>Coach Service Booking System</u>. Any questions in the meantime should be directed to Transport Manager Hayley Morrissey via <u>travel@clairescourt.net</u>.

TERM TIME ABSENCE

Please see our <u>Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where

possible via email to <u>seniorgirls@clairescourt.com</u> 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 <u>seniorgirls@clairescourt.com</u>

MEDICATION

Any medication must be handed into the school accompanied with the <u>CC Administration of Medicine Request Form</u> for nurses to administer.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our <u>online school calendar</u> to see what is happening throughout the term.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.