

15 SEPTEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 2)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

School Rules and Expectations

Thank you so much to the 168 parents who have already signed up to support our <u>School</u> <u>Rules and Expectations</u>. If you have not already done so, whilst the deadline was for today, if you could please complete this <u>sign up form</u> by the end of the weekend we would be very grateful. Thanks in advance for your support.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

Technology failed yesterday and the weekly Rewards and Sanctions email did not send. This will be resent tonight so if you do not receive an email with details of any rewards or sanctions your son has received in the week, please check your junk / spam folder.

Personal Details Check - Final Reminder

Please check the details we hold for you and your child on the <u>Report Portal</u> and confirm you have checked/updated your details as necessary by 15 September. To do this you need to select 'consent given' next to 'Details checked for 2023/24' which can be found under 'Other Consents'.

Tempest School Photographs

Your son's school photograph can be ordered via <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u> using the ten digit reference number that can be found underneath the barcode. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). A polite reminder that the closing date for the **Year 7 free delivery to school is Wednesday 20 September 2023**.

Chewing Gum Ban

A reminder 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

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Change to HPV Vaccination Programme

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).

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 22 September

Pupils are invited to wear denim to school (non ripped jeans, jacket) next Friday to support Jeans for Genes with a £2 donation to be handed in to form tutors. If they do not have denim, then 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 boys will be selecting additional items to wear with their jeans in their form group. There will be competitions for the form group that have ticked the most boxes and the individual wearing the most items!



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 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.



Strictly no dogs allowed.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 7 - Jacques A, Charlie C and Max J for a very enthusiastic start to History! Year 10 - Cameron P, Josh C and Nathan D for a really strong start back to IGCSE history.

Linguists of the Week

<u>In German for a great start:</u> KS3: Freddie C, Xavier T-O, Kody H, Jacob T, Joshua N-B KS4: Alex R-H, Fin G, Fin O'N, Oliver F, Tom F, Oliver K, Harry W

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Hayden D Year 8 - Taylor C Year 10 - Aarron C Year 11 - Ben S

Scientists of the Week

Nathaniel W (Year 7) for great participation in STEM Club Jackson M (Year 9) for a great start in Physics Saul H and Josh B (Year 10) for really good participation in their first lesson back in Physics Tom B (Year 11) for problem solving in Physics

Sports

Please note that it is not possible to pick pupils up early during games afternoons for rowing or sailing because pupils will be out on the water and cannot be left waiting unsupervised. If boys are in school but **unable to participate in sport, they are required to accompany their year group to games** where they can be safely supervised and therefore should bring suitably clothing with them on such occasions. Any exception to this can only be authorised by the Director of Sport, Mr Carter, or the School Nurses. Thank you for your understanding.

Results

CC U18 1st XV 20 v Emanuel School U18 1st XV 27

GENERAL INFORMATION

Medical/Dental Appointments

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

Sickness Absence

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

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.

Medication

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

REMINDER - Parking on yellow lines and on the junctions

Please DO NOT STOP AND PARK UP anywhere near the road junctions, or on the zig zags outside school, especially on Ray Park Avenue and surrounding roads. Please ask your son to walk further up as the waiting cars soon move. Also, please turn off your cars while you are waiting to minimise disruption for our neighbours.

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 <u>Vectare</u> where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. Any questions please contact vectare in the first via <u>clairescourt@vectare.co.uk</u> or our Trips and Transport Officer Hayley Morrissey can be contacted via <u>travel@clairescourt.com</u>.

Chromebooks

Please find our <u>Chromebook Provision and Policy</u> as a reminder of pupils and parents responsibility for their chromebook, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss.

School Calendar

Please check our <u>online school calendar</u> to see up to date information about events happening throughout the term.

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