



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS**

Weekly Bulletin

22 SEPTEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please do read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)'.

Cashless Catering

At the present time we are having technical problems with our Cashless Catering system. Apologies but this means we are currently not able to check balances or spend limits. The problem will be rectified as soon as we can.

Tempest School Photographs

Your son's school photograph can be ordered via www.tempest-orders.co.uk 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).

Home to School Coach Transport

We apologise for the time taken to receive coach passes, but we will give these out as soon as we have them. Please rest assured there will be a grace period where your son just needs to give his name when he boards the coach until we know all the passes have been distributed. Please be aware that it is only NEW coach users that will be receiving a pass, any existing users should use their pass from last year. If this has been misplaced/lost, you can order a new swipe card via the [Vectare website](#). Any queries about Home to School transport should be directed to Vectare who manage all our coaches (clairescourt@vectare.co.uk).

REMINDER - School Rules and Expectations Sign Up

Thank you to the 219 parents who have signed up to our [School Rules and Expectations](#). If you have not already done so please complete this [sign up form](#) as soon as possible, otherwise we will email you directly next week with a reminder. Thank you for your support.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email is scheduled to be sent out tonight. If you do not receive it please check your junk/spam folder. The email will come from your son's form tutor.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for your efforts today in supporting Jeans for Genes which raised a total of £679.73 and counting! We doubled our total from last year so well done to everyone. If you have not yet donated, please do so via the [Payment Portal](#), thank you so much. The form wearing the most different items from the [bingo poster](#) was..... to be announced at assembly on Monday morning! In the meantime here's a selection of cowboy hats, Hawaiian shirts and snorkels:





FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Kew Geography Trip - Tuesday 17 October

For Information with further details to follow in due course.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Parents Evening - Wednesday 18 October

Save the date, further information will follow.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Geography Trip - Tuesday 26 September

Please find the GCSE Geography Field Trip to Reading [letter](#) taking place during the normal school day. Please provide permission for your child to attend by making the £11 payment via the [Payment Portal](#) at your earliest convenience. Pupils will need to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof, writing equipment, clipboard and nut free packed lunch inside a small rucksack, as well as a small amount of money if desired.

B11 Study Skills - Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 October

Those boys selected will be invited to attend a Study Skills session with our external consultant Linda Greetham to help them prepare for their mock examinations in November. You will have received a letter to let you know your son's appointment time and the materials he needs to bring.

B11 Online Parent Workshop - Thursday 12 October

Save the date - further information will be provided.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 10 Danny J, Alex R-H, Zac T and Ben O for contributing to a great history debate!

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for a great start:

KS3: Hayden D, Henry P, Ollie W, Taylor C, Jonah V. Matthieu M

KS4: Noah F-R, Finley G, Danny J, Luke R, Luke D, Leon C, Leo K, Ed S

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Thomas L, Oliver G

Year 8 - Freddie C

Year 9 - Myles B, Jacob S

Year 10 - Josh B, Harry C, Spike S

Year 11 - Thomas S, Tom M

Scientists of the Week

Piers B (Year 9) for asking interesting questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 daily 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 [Online Holiday Request Form](#).

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.

Medication

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

Parking near School

Please do not stop on the double yellow lines at the crossroads of Ray Park Avenue and Ray Mill Road East, or on the zig zags outside school. 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 [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.

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.

Clares Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Clares 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.