



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

29 SEPTEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 4)

FROM THE OFFICE

CCF News

We held our Biennial Inspection of our Combined Cadet Force this week and it was a wonderful occasion! Please [click here](#) to read the full news story and see the pictures from the day.



Home to School Coach Transport

We apologise for the delay in distributing coach passes and rest assured there will be a grace period where your son just needs to give his name when he boards the coach. Please note new coach users only are due to receive a pass, existing users should already have theirs. If this has been misplaced/lost, you can order a new swipe card via the [Vectare website](#). Any queries about Home to School coaches should be directed to Vectare via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out last night so if you did not receive it please check your junk/spam folder. The email will come from your son's form tutor.

Jeans for Genes Day

The grand total raised for Jeans for Genes is a fantastic £783.73, thank you so much. The form wearing the most items from the [bingo poster](#) was 8D sporting 22 items between them, great effort!



Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations

Please find shared a [Flu Vaccination letter](#) from the Berkshire School-aged Immunisation Team about the nasal spray being offered to all pupils in Years 7 - 11 in school on Thursday 16 November. Further information can be found in this [leaflet](#). Please complete the [electronic consent form](#) to either **provide or withhold consent** using school code BK110153B **by Friday 20 October** as requested by Mrs Levi. All completed consent forms (yes or no consents) will be entered into a prize draw for the opportunity to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Internet Safety Parent Talk - 6.30pm Monday 9 October

Please join us in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys from 6.15pm on Monday 9 October for light refreshments followed by an [Internet Safety talk](#) for parents starting 6.30pm. The talk will be delivered by Paul Hay, an expert in Internet Safety, who will cover childrens' use of the internet and how you can help to keep them out of danger. Please [reserve your seat](#) by Thursday 5 October.

PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October 5pm - 9pm

REMINDER - purchase your tickets for Fireworks in advance via [ccpta.org.uk](#) in order to:

- Receive discounted ticket price
- Secure earlier access to food
- Avoid the queues on the gate

Advance ticket purchase will be available until 9 October, so don't delay, order today!

A vertical poster for a PTA event. The background is dark blue with colorful firework streaks. At the top center is a crest with a shield and the letters 'CC'. Below the crest, the title 'PTA FIREWORK AND HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR!' is written in large, bold, orange letters. The event details 'Saturday 14 October, 5pm-9pm at Claires Court Juniors' are in white. Ticket prices are listed in orange and white. A pumpkin carving competition is mentioned in white. At the bottom, a pumpkin illustration is on the right, and ticket information and rules are in white text on an orange background.



PTA FIREWORK AND HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR!

**Saturday 14 October, 5pm-9pm
at Claires Court Juniors**

Online Ticket Price (at ccpta.org.uk)
Adult: £9 Child: £5 Family (2 adults, 2 children): £25

On the Gate Ticket Price
Adult: £10 Child: £6 Family (2 adults, 2 children): £30

Ticket includes one burger or one hotdog
Vegetarian burger available

CCSBC Sponsored Ergo and raffle
Slideshows & stalls by Year 10 & Year 11

Pumpkin carving competition
Bring your spooktacular entry on the night
Prize for best pumpkin!



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.

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Kew Geography Trip - Tuesday 17 October

Please find shared the [Year 9 Kew Gardens Geography Trip letter](#) which takes place within the normal school day timings on Tuesday 27 October. Please pay £14.50 via the [Payment Portal](#) to cover the cost of transport and booking fee. Pupils will need to bring the following items in a small rucksack/school bag:

- nut free packed lunch and drinks
- writing equipment & clipboard
- small amount of money
- full school uniform
- coat or waterproof

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Parents Evening - Wednesday 18 October

Please join us in the Senior Boys Sports Hall from 6pm - 8pm to discuss your son's progress with his teachers. No appointment booking is required, just turn up and choose who you want to speak to when you are here. As coaches will have departed at the earlier time of 4.30pm, please feel free to park on site when you arrive. Boys who usually travel home via coach can stay at school and meet up with you on site.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Study Skills - Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 October

Selected boys have been invited to attend a Study Skills session with our external consultant Linda Greetham to help them prepare for their mock examinations in November. A reminder that boys should bring with them revision materials and exam papers from Year 10 summer exams, stationery, charged chromebook, exercise books and textbooks.

B11 Healthy Relationship Workshop - Monday 9 October

The DASH charity will be running a workshop for our Year 11 boys during the afternoon of Monday 9 October facilitating discussion about healthy relationships.

B11 Online Parent Workshop - Thursday 12 October

Miss Mirza (Head of Year 11) and Dr Loughran (Deputy Head Academic) welcome you to join them online at 6pm on Thursday 12 October for a virtual parent workshop on supporting your son during his GCSE year. The workshop will cover the following themes:

- A timeline of the guidance and resources your son has/will be given over the course of the year leading up to their exams
- What revision/study techniques he should be using and when
- How you can support him in his revision plans right now and after the mock exams
- How to deal with exam stress and any other worries in this important year

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Euan S (Year 9) for an excellent WW1 recruitment poster and great class contributions.

Dylan D, Henry L, Will S and Harry W (Year 11) for really good collaborative working in class.

Linguists of the Week

In French for a great start:

KS3: Flynn S, Jacques A, Shayan P, Jonny D, Seb B, Sam B-S, Varan P-A, Ewan G, Caius B, Jacob T

KS4: Spike S, Milan T, Jack H, Josh L, Ben G, Tom H

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Max J

Year 8 - Sam H

Year 9 - Seb S, Sam R

Year 10 - Zac P, Rupert H

Year 11 - Hugo W, Harry Wa

Scientists of the Week

Ollie S (Year 8) for enthusiasm with digestive system model

Xavier T-O (Year 8) for excellent practical work on food tests
Freddie C (Year 8) for the best ever 'Gums to Bums' story
Felix G and Ben D (Year 8) for excellent presentation and group work on deficiency diseases
Dylan H (Year 9) for outstanding homework on Energy Stores and Transfers GCSE questions
Josh McG (Year 9) for excellent attitude and work on magnification calculations this week
Henry A (Year 10) for excellent revision for end of topic test
Gareth W (Year 10) for asking interesting questions in Physics
Harry Wi (Year 11) for excellent work in class

Sports Results

CC 1st XV 52 v LVS 1st XV 0
CC U12 A 20 v LVS U12 A 10
CC U13 A 40 v LVS U13 A 15
CC U14 A 52 v LVS U14 A 12
CC U14 A 56 v St James Boys U14 A 17
CC 1st XV 17 v Hayes School 1st XV 22

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 on yellow lines and on the junctions

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.