



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

13 October 2023

PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October

*** THE 4PM RUGBY MATCH (Wales vs Argentina/Japan) WILL BE SHOWN AT THE FIREWORKS ON SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER ***

The bar will be open from 3.30pm, although it is unlikely that other stalls will be up and running until the official event start time of 5pm. Your wristbands will have been sent home with your (oldest) child on Thursday/Friday so all you will need to do is show them on the gate for easy access.

It will take place at Claire's Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ) with gates opening from 5pm.



Coach Transport w/c 16 October only

As previously confirmed in this [letter](#), with the closure of Cookham Bridge from 16 October, we will be running all coaches (with the exception of Twyford and Windsor) at the earlier time of 4.15pm departing Senior Girls (College Special, Holmer Green) with the onward links homeward bound from Senior Boys at 4.30pm to allow for increased road congestion and thereby ensuring the day is not too long for our pupils and drivers.

TRANSPORT SCHEDULE from Mon 6 November & changes to school day timings

After half term, the school day will finish ten minutes earlier at 3.50pm for all Senior Girls and Sixth Form, with activities starting at 4pm and ending at 4.45pm. Students/pupils can be collected at these earlier times, or if parents are unable to collect until later, children will be supervised at school. Those on coaches home will be transferred at 4.50pm for onward coaches at Senior Boys.

The Holmer Green (College Special) coach will depart from College Avenue at 5.05pm. All other coaches, apart from the Twyford coach, will depart Senior Boys at 5.05pm Mondays to Thursdays and 4.30pm on Fridays and the last week of term. The Twyford coach will complete the late after activity link from Juniors to College and then to Senior Boys for the local pick-up families, and therefore will leave Senior Boys around 5.15pm.

There are some specific arrangements for individual passengers on the routes which Vectare will communicate directly to the families involved. These include for example, waiting on the other side of the road on the Bourne End pick-ups as the coaches are travelling out from Bourne End to the Marlow by-pass. Finlan Travel are collecting our Cookham passengers in the morning, and our own minibus drivers taking them home in the evening. This will be further explained in communication from Vectare.

Those pupils needing to wait at Senior Boys may of course do so, and we will look after them as usual from 5pm until parents collect circa 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 4.30pm on Fridays.

We would like to reassure parents that each week we will review the arrangements in the light of the emerging traffic situation and adjust as best we can. We thank you in advance for your support whilst we adapt to this. Please send any feedback or concerns to Vectare who manage all our school transport, on contact@vectare.co.uk

CATENIANS ANNUAL MUSICAL EVENING - Saturday 11 November

Maidenhead Catenians invite you to their [Annual Musical Evening](#) 7.30pm Saturday 11 November 2023 to be held at Claires Court School College Avenue, SL6 6AW. The evening features four professional Opera performers singing a selection of operatic arias followed by a lighter medley of non-classical popular songs. The performers have performed with various British companies including the ENO, WNO and Opera North as well as foreign opera companies. The accompanist, Janet Haney, has performed with such singers as Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. The hall gives an intimate setting, allowing for a wonderful rapport between the singers and the audience. Please contact Jonathan Holder on manorcott@outlook.com to purchase tickets priced £25.00 per person.

CHRISTMAS FAIR CLAIRES COURT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 16 November *SAVE THE DATE*

This is being held from 6:30 - 9pm at our Junior Sports Hall (SL6 44Q). Please come along and feel free to bring a friend with you! We'll be serving mince pies and mulled wine while you shop.

Copas Turkeys

Yes it is VERY early! However, Copas is a great local company and alumni of the school and they are offering their PTA cashback scheme again this year. Our PTA can earn up to £10 per turkey, just add "PTA Turkey Cashback" to the basket when you place your order.

<https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/christmas-2023/>



Important Information

Absence reporting - Please report all absences to the school office before 8.45am either on 01628 327560, or by email to

sixthform@clairescourt.com

Information on what to wear in Sixth Form may be found [here](#)

The Key Information booklet on Sixth Form can be found [here](#)

Principal's Blog

Please do read Mr Wilding's blog A Principled view [here](#)

National Study Skills Initiative

In order to enhance student confidence and address inequalities in academic attainment and exams this year, we have launched a FREE initiative to support students with study skills and exam technique mentoring.

We invite ALL students to take part in a Live Free Virtual Study Skills and Exam Technique Webinar. If students are unable to attend the webinar live, they can register to receive a recording along with some excellent free handouts

describing study techniques that are underpinned by evidence-based-research.

We are also happy to distribute free resources tailored to different exam boards to conference attendees to assist with exam technique.

Places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served basis', and students can register for free with this conference registration form:

<https://airtable.com/appaypcxGI0Xqbp5C/shrHPWt01RPcs3d9g>

We have capacity for over 10,000 free registrations, and there will be further webinars later in the academic year.

Conferences Dates:

Sunday 5 November 11am-1pm

Saturday 11 November 11am-1pm

Conference Agenda:

Introduction: Unlocking Academic Excellence - The Importance of Study Skills & Exam Techniques

Section 2: The Power of Effective Study Habits

Interactive Session: "Study Styles: Which One Are You?"

Section 3: Memory Boosters for Exam Prep

Section 4: Conquering Exam Anxiety

Section 5: A Day Before the Exam

Section 6: Exam Techniques specific to Exam Boards

During the conference, we will help students identify what style of learner they are, and how to employ memory and study techniques that suit them most. We will explore active recall, spaced repetition, the pomodoro technique and how to make use of the most appropriate revision methods and resources such as mind mapping, flashcards and practice questions.



Uni Taster Days - information

Tune into The Uni Guide Podcast; the latest episode, released today, is timely with the upcoming deadlines at the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge next week. It features expert tips from Oxbridge graduates Ishan, Nicola, and Victoria. Listen to this and [all 20 episodes so far HERE](#).

Start your event search. Discover [658 exciting events just for students considering university](#) on UniTasterDays, with more being added daily. From open days at the [University of Chichester](#) to [Sheffield Hallam University](#) and a special shoutout for global explorers – check out the [Study in Australia Fair](#) in London, featuring over ten Australian universities and providing a unique opportunity to speak to them in the UK.



Online Events at the University of Hertfordshire

Sports Science Taster Lecture: Bony anatomy on a real human skeleton: Are you interested in the human body? Ever wondered what a "real" human skeleton

looks like? Come along to this session and start to explore human anatomy to a new depth. Tuesday 17 October, 16:30-17:15. [Book your place.](#)

Geography and Environment: Join Dr Phil Porter for an interactive visual talk outlining why Geography and Environment are two of the most rewarding and employable subjects to study at university. Thursday 26 October, 17:00-18:00. [Book your place.](#)

Trick or Treat? The Psychology of Paranormal Belief: You've heard of the paranormal, but have you ever wondered why some people believe and others don't? We'll discover what contributes to belief in the paranormal, and how these beliefs influence the way we understand and interact with the world around us. Whatever you do, don't fall asleep... Tuesday 31 October, 16:30-17:15. [Book your place.](#)