



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

13 OCTOBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 6)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October 5pm - 9pm

PTA FIREWORK AND HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR!

**Saturday 14 October, 5pm-9pm
at Claire's 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.

Bar opens at 3.30pm for those coming to watch the Wales vs Argentina rugby which will be in the Sports Hall, with the main gate opening at 5pm when stalls etc. will be up and running.

If you have purchased tickets in advance thank you & these will have come home with your (oldest) child today or yesterday. Tickets are in the form of wristbands, so please ensure you wear these and then you will not need to queue at the gate....simply show your wristband for quick and easy entry. May we recommend you go for food prior to 6.30pm to ensure availability.

If you haven't purchased yet, tickets will be available at the gate on the night (card payment accepted) although you will not be able to access food until 6.30pm.

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 departing 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. All activities will continue to operate with the obligation for parents to collect from school if their specific school-home bus service is running early. Please note there are no changes to the school day timings or timings for activities this week.

Transport schedule after half term & changes to school day timings

After half term, the school day will finish ten minutes earlier at 3.50pm for all Senior Boys, with activities starting at 4pm and ending at 4.55pm. Boys can be collected at these earlier times, or if parents are unable to collect until 5.30pm boys will be supervised at school.

All coaches, apart from the Twyford coach, will depart Seniors Boys at 5.05pm Mondays to Thursdays and 4.30pm on Fridays and during 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.

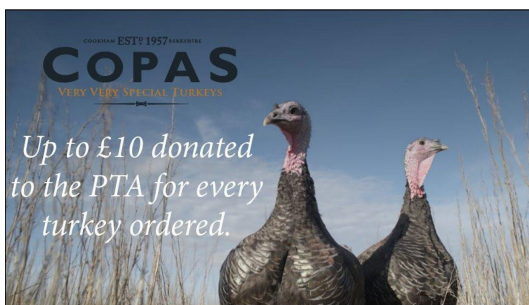
Those pupils needing to wait at Senior Boys may of course do so, and we will look after them as usual from 5pm until parents collect circa 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 4.30pm on Fridays.

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.

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/>



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.

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 have come from your son's form tutor - to stop it going to spam, try adding them as a contact or VIP.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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 Juniors - Thursday 16 November

This is being held from 6:30pm - 9pm at the Juniors 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.

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.

B10 Mock English Examination - Tuesday 21 November

Year 10 boys will be sitting their English mock examination the morning of Tuesday 21 November. Please find the [Rules and Regulations Booklet](#) containing important information which we kindly ask that you read carefully and retain for future reference for the summer GCSE examination.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Healthy Relationship Workshop

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



B11 Online Parent Workshop Postponed to 6pm Tuesday 17 October

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the workshop being postponed to next week. The Google MEET link remains the same and has been emailed out. The session will be recorded for those unable to attend and shared in next week's Bulletin. A reminder that this workshop with Miss Mirza and Dr Loughran is about supporting your son during his GCSE year and 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

Year 11 Mock Examinations w/c 20 & 27 November

Please find the Year 11 Mock Examinations [Timetable](#) commencing 20 November, along with the [Rules and Regulations Booklet](#) containing important information which we kindly ask that you read carefully and retain for future reference for the summer GCSE examinations.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for excellent work in lessons:

KS3: Dexter H, Rory A, Oliver Will W, Harrison M, Taylor C, Luke B

KS4: Josh B, Michael C, Leon C, Luke R, Noah F-R, Finn G

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - George N, Deven S, Shay P

Year 8 - Laurence McM

Year 9 - Theo A, Akhil V

Year 10 - Alex J, John Ross A

Year 11 - Charlie O, Archie L

Scientists of the Week

Finlay M (Year 7) for his enthusiasm and excellent recall of knowledge from one lesson to the next
James W and Olli DB (Year 11) for great work during Physics practicals this week

Sports Results

U13 A 45 v Dr Challenors 15

U16 A 41 v Windsor Boys 12

U12 A 50 v Dr Challenors 15

U14 A 39 v Bradley Stoke 17 (Tour)

U14 A 31 v Gordano RFC 17 (Tour)

U14 A 31 v Bath RFC 17

U12 A 35 v Burnham Grammar 5

U12 B 25 v Burnham Grammar A 10

U16 A 12 v Halliford U16 A 22

U14 A 19 v Dr Challenors 26

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.

Claire's Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claire's 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.