



CLAIRES COURT SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

20 OCTOBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 7)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

Internet Safety Parent Talk

Thank you to the parents that supported this talk by coming to school to listen to Paul Hay last week. Should you wish to contact him, his email address is paul.hay@pclstraining.com and he has the following information for you to access:

- [slides](#)
- [useful links](#)

Year 7 - 9 Accelerated Reader Reports

Claire's Court uses the Accelerated Reader (AR) reading development programme to engage pupils, motivate reading practice and improve reading progress. All pupils in Years 7 to 9 are enrolled in the AR programme and have individually assessed Reading Ranges to allow them to select appropriately challenging books.

For more guidance on Accelerated Reader, including your child's most recent AR STAR Reading Parent Report, see the Parent Report Portal (accessible via the [Parent Hub](#) of our website). This also includes advice on how to support book quizzing at home (available throughout the holiday) and how to access your child's AR account using the 'Home Connect' tool.

All Claire's Court pupils are readers! We expect pupils to engage with the programme independently in order to continue improving their reading ages. The school holidays provide an excellent opportunity for extra reading time which can include books in print, ebooks or audiobooks.

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 have communicated 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 has been 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.

In the morning the West Wycombe/Marlow, Lacey Green, Great Missenden and Amersham routes will continue to stop at College Avenue first to drop the Senior Girls and Sixth Form and then continue onto Senior Boys.

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 via contact@vectare.co.uk who manage all our school transport.

Halloween Information

We have been asked by our Police Liaison Officer at the Thames Valley Police to share the following information with parents and pupils about Halloween to assist in keeping our children safe.

- [Information leaflet](#)
- [Poster](#)

Catenians Annual Musical Evening

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.

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations *CONSENT DEADLINE TODAY*

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.

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.

IS IT TOO EARLY TO MENTION CHRISTMAS?!

Samaritans Operation Christmas Child - by 10 November please

We are supporting the Samaritans in their Operation Christmas Child appeal this year which provides shoeboxes filled with toys, toiletries and school supplies to children affected by war, poverty, famine all over the world. We have asked all boys to contribute items to their form group's shoe box(es) by Friday 10 November, please see [here](#) for information about what can and cannot be included.

Christmas Trees - order by 23 November

Following the Boat Club's successful sponsored row at the Fireworks on Saturday (thanks to all involved and supporting), they are now moving onto their next major fundraiser...[Christmas Trees](#)! If you wish to order your quality assured Norwegian fir tree via this [PTA link](#) you will not only be saving yourself money with a 15% discount on standard retail prices, but also supporting the Boat Club's fundraising efforts, everyone's a winner! Trees will be delivered to Senior Boys on Friday 1 December for pick up either that evening or 2 December onwards.

Copas Turkeys

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/>

Juniors Christmas Fair - Thursday 16 November

This is being held from 6.30pm - 9pm at the 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.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations - Thursday 16 November

The Berkshire School-aged Immunisations team will be in school administering the flu nasal spray to those who have provided consent on Thursday 16 November. Further information can be found in the [Flu Vaccination letter](#) and this [leaflet](#).

YEAR 7 ONLY

Year 7 Parents Workshare Evening - Tuesday 7 November 6pm-8pm

Year 7 parents are invited to school to meet your son's form tutor, look around his classrooms, speak to teachers and generally find out how he is settling in at Senior Boys. Please find shared a [map](#) to show you which classrooms teachers will be in and your son is to be your guide for the evening! There will be refreshments in the dining room with Mr Wilding so please do drop in there on your way around, and Form Tutors, Head of Year and Deputy Heads will be based in the Sports Hall. Please find shared the [Midyis Parent Information letter](#) and you will find your son's Midyis report on the Report Portal (accessible via the [Parent Hub](#) of our website) - if you have any questions about this, please speak to us on the night. In an attempt to spread numbers around the school, may we suggest you visit locations in the following order based on the first letter of your surname:

- A-G Science Block --> Main House --> Maths Wing--> Sports Hall
- H-L Maths Wing --> Sports Hall --> Science Block --> Main House

- M-O Main House --> Maths Wing --> Sports Hall --> Science Block
- P-Z Sports Hall --> Science Block --> Main House --> Maths Wing

Year 7 Winchester Science Trip - 27 November

Please find the [Year 7 Winchester Science Trip letter](#) taking place on Monday 27 November. The trip takes place within the normal school day timings, so usual drop off and pick up arrangements apply. Pupils should wear school uniform and bring a nut free pack lunch and small amount of money (optional).

YEAR 8 ONLY

Year 8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 16 November * save the date *

Further information to follow after half term.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 Options Information Evening (virtual) * save the date *

Further information to follow after half term.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Parents Evening

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from Wednesday's Parents Evening for your reference.

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

Year 11 Super Student Party

Congratulations to the following twenty Year 11 boys who have received no sanctions this half term and as such were invited to a 'Super Student' party with Miss Mirza yesterday lunchtime:

- Abbas A, Henry A, Tommy B, Humphrey B, Sam B, Oli DB, Alex B, Dylan D, Oliver F, Tom F, Ben H, Kalin I, Aidan K, Fawad M, Fergus M, Tom M, Haydn S, Tom S, Harry W and Kerim Y



B11 Online Parent Workshop

Please find shared resources from Tuesdays workshop about supporting your son during his GCSE year:

- [Recording](#)
- [Presentation slides](#)
- [Subject Directory](#)

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 French for working hard to learn vocabulary more effectively:

Maxwell M, Lachlan R and Hugo W (Year 11)

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Rory A, Reuben RT

Year 8 - Varan P

Year 9 - Harry N, Ben G, Josh NB

Year 10 - Will G, Evin S

Year 11 - George P, Sam Br

Scientists of the Week

Finlay O'N (Year 10) - best six mark question answer in end of topic test

Andrii P (Year 10) - excellent work on balancing equations

Peter A-L (Year 9) - excellent effort on CT1

Sports Results

U12 A 30 v Grey Court U12 A 0

U12 B 40 v Grey Court U12 B 0

U13 A 45 v Grey Court U13 A 15

U14 A 42 v Grey Court U14 A 28

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.