



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

10 NOVEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 8)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

A Reminder about changes to the School Day Timings and Coaches

Apologies for any delays and hiccups with arrangements this first week back after half term. Just a reminder of the following changes to timings for the remainder of this term:

- Academic school day finishes at 3.50pm
- Activities and study 4pm - 4.55pm
- Coaches depart 5.05pm Monday - Thursday, apart from Twyford which departs approx. 5.15pm
- All coaches depart 4.30pm on Fridays and the last week of term

Catenians Annual Musical Evening

Maidenhead Catenians invite you to their [Annual Musical Evening](#) 7.30pm Saturday 11 November 2023 to be held at Claire's 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.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email will be sent tonight so if you did not receive it please check your junk/spam folder. The email will come from your son's form tutor - to stop it going to spam, try adding them as a contact or VIP.

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the Samaritans Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Here are 8D with their 14 shoe boxes, wrapping in progress!



Clares Court 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.

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/>

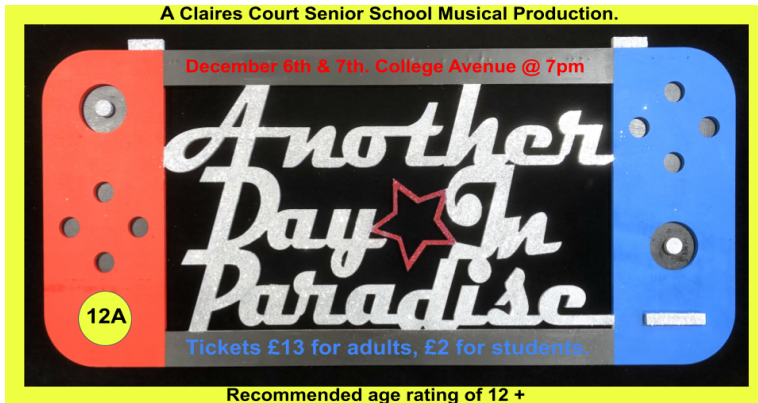
FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Seniors PTA Meeting - Wednesday 15 November ***POSTPONED - NEW DATE TBA***

School Musical Production "Another Day in Paradise"

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 December 7pm - 9.30pm @ College Avenue SL6 6AW



We would like to invite all our parents, grandparents and guardians to our senior production with a cast of some of our Year 9 - Year 11 Senior Boys and Girls and also a small number of Sixth Form students who are currently in rehearsals to present this to you.

Tickets (£13 per adult, £2 per child) are available to pay via our Payment Portal now. May we also ask you to complete the [google form](#) so we know which performance you would like to attend. Tickets will be issued upon receipt of payment. Just to mention that due to some of the content in the show it is really only suitable for Year 7 and upwards.

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations - Thursday 16 November

The Berkshire School-aged Immunisations team will be in school on Thursday 16 November to administer the flu nasal spray to pupils in Years 7 - 11 who have provided consent. Further information can be found in the [Flu Vaccination letter](#) and via the following links:

- [Protect yourself against Flu](#)
- [Question and Answer information leaflet](#)
- [5 reasons to vaccinate](#)
- [Easy read booklet](#)
- [Flu Heros Video](#)

YEAR 7 ONLY

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 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 8 parents are invited into school next Thursday evening to meet with teachers and discuss progress. On arrival at school, please make your way to the Sports Hall and sign in. Refreshments will be available in the Sports Hall. Boys can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive rather than travel home and back again. There is no need to book appointments, all the teachers will be in the Sports Hall, so you can decide who to speak to on the evening. Due to the earlier coach departures, the evening will start from 5.30pm with a 7.30pm close. Please do not drive into school prior to 5.30pm after which time the coaches will have safely departed.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening (virtual) 7pm Tuesday 21 November

Year 9 Parents are invited to join the Senior Boys leadership team for a virtual Information Evening at 7pm on Tuesday 21 November (MEET link to follow). The presentation will outline the core GCSE subjects and offer guidance on selection of GCSE optional subjects including the introduction of new subjects your son may wish to study.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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 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

Historians of the Week

Year 7 Harry N-B for a fantastic skills test

Year 9 Cole K for excellent contributions

Linguists of the Week

In German for excellent results in the Common Task

Year 8: Ben D, Kody H, Caius B, Xavier T-O, Ollie W, Seb B, Freddie C, Cole G, George L, Harrison Mc, Michael O'F, Vihaan T and Anton Z

Scientists of the Week

Charlie DS (Year 10): Superb independent revision notes on Radioactivity

Ollie F (Year 11): Absolutely amazing Physics notes in preparation for the mock

Leon C (Year 11): Excellent Physics Revision Booklet

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.

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.