



CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 10 November 2023 Autumn Term Week 8

Principal's Blog

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

FROM THE OFFICE

"Welcome back to the last few weeks of the Autumn term".

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 at Senior Girls is from 4pm - 4.40pm
- Coaches depart Senior Girls at 4.50pm with onward coaches departing Senior Boys at 5.05pm Monday - Thursday, apart from Twyford which departs approx. 5.15pm
- All coaches depart from Senior Girls at 4.05pm on Fridays with onward coaches departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm (please note this also applies to 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.

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

IS IT TOO EARLY TO MENTION CHRISTMAS?

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - National Collection Week 13-20 November

We have decided to bring back Operation Christmas Child, a project of the Samaritans which aims to provide shoeboxes filled with toys, toiletries and school supplies to children affected by war, poverty, famine all over the world. We ask that your daughters can create a shoebox and bring it into school on the 13 - 20 November. Here is a link to what can and cannot be included:

<https://cdn.samaritans-purse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Gift-Suggestions-and-FAQs-2022-2.pdf>

CHRISTMAS FAIR CLAIRES COURT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday 16 November

This is being held from 6.30pm - 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.

CHRISTMAS TREES - order by 23 November

Following the Boat Club's successful sponsored row at the Fireworks (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, so 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

Yes it is still a bit 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.

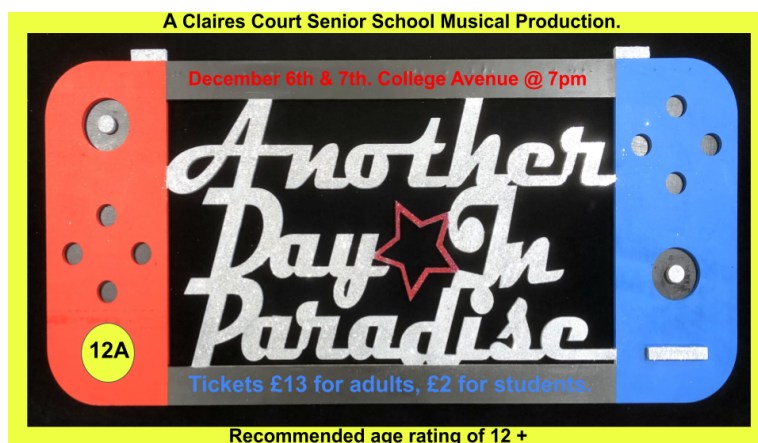
<https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/christmas-2023/>

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

"ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE" YEAR 9-11's Musical Production

Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 December 7-9.30pm 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

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

Parents' Evening - Tuesday 14 November 6pm-8pm

Your daughter has been given access to the appointment sheet so she can start to make the timed appointments for you to meet with her subject teachers.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 22 November 6pm-8pm *SAVE THE DATE*

Further information to follow.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Mock Exams w/c 20 November - Friday 1 December

Please find the Year 11 Mock Examinations [timetable](#) 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.

REMINDERS

CHROMEBOOKS

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder that pupils and parents are responsible for the chromebook that your daughter has been allocated, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss. Should you require the school to source you a new chromebook please email your daughter's form tutor to authorise the cost of approx. £250 being added to your fee invoice. If you decide to purchase your own replacement **chromebook** (please note other platforms/devices are not permitted in school e.g. laptops, apple as they are not compatible with our systems), you will need the Claires Court Google licence added to the chromebook at a cost of £35, again to be authorised by emailing your daughter's form tutor.

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. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can we please remind you that we are a **nut free zone** (this includes nut related products like Nutella or pesto). We do have both children and staff on site that have severe allergic reactions to these. Thank you.

PARKING, DROP OFF, PICK UP

Please may we ask our parents to be mindful where they are parking and to avoid blocking local residents driveways and on yellow lines/zig zags both inside and outside of the school grounds. The coach bay is reserved for school coach transport, emergency vehicles and for delivery vans unloading throughout the school day.

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.

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 holiday request form [here](#).

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where possible via email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com we can then inform teachers ahead of any lessons that your daughter may be absent from. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

LEAVING SCHOOL / RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you are collecting your daughter for an appointment during the school day, she should wait in reception at the allotted time. We do require parents/guardians to collect and sign your daughter out of school - we will not let a pupil leave school on their own to go to an appointment. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your daughter returns to school, she must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know she is back in school.

SICKNESS ABSENCE

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 9.30am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

MEDICATION

Any medication must be handed into the school accompanied with the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.