



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

10 November 2023

Maidenhead Foodshare

We will be collecting Christmas items for Maidenhead Foodshare and we hope that you will be able to help. We would like to collect the following items:

Christmas Chocolates

Selection Boxes

Advent Calendars

Christmas Chocolate biscuits

Items can be donated at the Sixth Form Entrance from Monday 13 November until Friday 8 December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Permission to Drive

If your son or daughter has recently started driving to school, please can you remind them to come to the Sixth Form office to collect and complete a "permission to drive" form. The form will also need to be authorised by a parent.

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 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.

Christmas Fair - Thursday 16 November

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.

CHRISTMAS TREES - order by 23 November

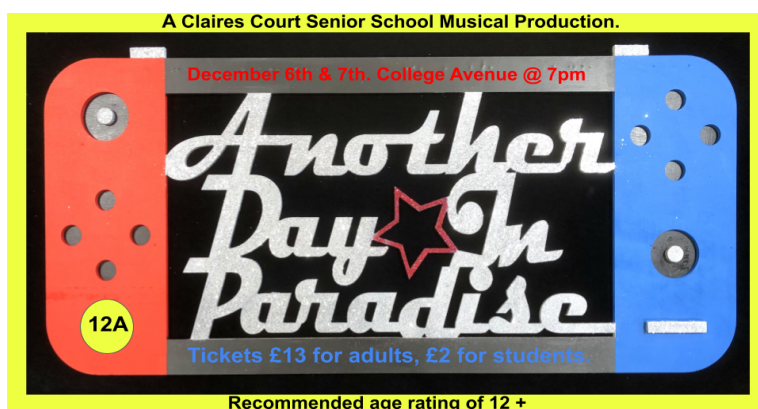
Following the Boat Club's successful sponsored row at the Fireworks (thanks to all involved and supporting), they are now moving onto their next major fundraiser...[Christmas Trees](#)! If you wish to order your quality assured Norwegian fir tree via this [PTA link](#) you will not only be saving yourself 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 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/>

"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.

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)

Principal's Blog

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

UCAS - New Apprenticeship Opportunities

For the first time, students will now be able to see their options side-by-side and in one place. As of this week, apprenticeship opportunities are now showcased directly alongside degree courses on [UCAS' search tool in the Hub.](#)

This milestone comes as new UCAS data shows record interest in apprenticeships. Currently, more than 40% of all UCAS undergraduate applicants are interested in an apprenticeship role – about 430,000 potential apprentices –

and views of apprenticeship roles increased by 85% over this year's results period.

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.

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>

Saturday 11 November 11am-1pm

Online Lectures

Medical Imaging & Natural Sciences

This session will be presented by Dr Chris Brignell, Director of Natural Sciences at University of Nottingham and representing the Society for Natural Sciences. Chris will look at how advances in medical imaging are dependent on interdisciplinary science, and how we have used them to improve human health and scientific understanding. Tuesday 14 November @ 13:00 - 13:45 Society for Natural Sciences: Medical Imaging & Studying Natural Sciences (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

For those still working on their application and personal statement, Tuesday 14 November will focus on writing a standout personal statement and is suitable for students at various stages of the process, including those that are perhaps struggling to finalise their statement and need some further impetus, as well as advisers and parents/guardians.

- **November 14 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Making Applying To University Easy - Writing A Standout Personal Statement - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

We then move on to Finances with a two part series. On Tuesday 21 November we will concentrate on paying for university through loans, bursaries and scholarships with a step by step guide. The session on Thursday 7 December continues the theme but looks more specifically at managing your money whilst at university. Again, the sessions are ideal for students, parents/guardians looking to start university in 2024.

- **November 21 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: Student Finance, Scholarships & Budgeting - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)
- **December 7 @ 16:30 - 17:15 HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

Preparing for Healthcare course interviews

Find out more about how to prepare for healthcare courses at the University. The session will give advice on what to expect at interview as well as an opportunity for Q&A.

Wednesday 29 November, 17:00-17:45. [Book your place.](#)

Are you a future engineer?

Virtual Open Week
14th - 16th November

The Programme | Tuesday 14th November, 16:30
Student Support and Undergraduate Q&A | Wednesday 15th November, 16:30
The Dyson Career | Thursday 16th November, 16:30

Come and discover updates to the Dyson Institute's undergraduate engineering degree programme - and more. We will be hosting three virtual open evenings exploring all aspects of an updated engineering programme, including opportunities to talk to current undergraduates and Dyson Institute alumni. When applying, please indicate that you learned about this opportunity through Upskill Me.

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You can apply [here](#)

Calling all aspiring lawyers!

We are thrilled to announce Fragomen's 2023 UK Immigration Law School - Applications are now open! Fragomen are the world's largest corporate immigration lawyers and they are excited to invite you to their law school which will take place across 2 evenings in November!

Have you ever wondered how global firms like Uber, HSBC or Netflix relocate hundreds of their staff globally? Want to find out how some of the world's highest profile sports people get their visas to work all across the globe? Well now is your chance to hear all about Immigration corporate Law, a new area of law you might not have heard much about in the past. Fragomen's immigration school has been hugely successful in the previous three years and is packed full of content, amazing senior speakers from the law industry as well as providing you with lots of networking opportunities.

If a first-hand account of the inner workings of a law firm sounds interesting to you, you will enjoy the legal immigration school. Not only will Fragomen have speakers from the legal profession, but also clients that they work with, global professionals and charities.

The school will run over two evenings, Tuesday 14 November and Tuesday 21 November 6pm - 8pm. Once you have registered, we will send over the school schedule and log in details, and you will be able to join online.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FragomenLawSchool>

Young Pioneer Accelerator

We are pleased to inform you about the Young Pioneer Accelerator on Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November.

It features award-winning lecturers from LSE, Oxford and UCL, leading students through Computing, Engineering and Economics & Finance, with an additional course in Entrepreneurship for the students that want to translate their academic knowledge into real innovation. We also have some incredible guest speakers who will be sharing their advice: such as a BlackRock Aladdin engineer, an ex-Goldman Sachs Private Equity Associate at Advent International, and a serial entrepreneur and investor who has hosted podcasts with internet sensations such as Iman Gadzhi and JJ Olatunji (KSI). Students can find more info at <https://www.kensingtoneducation.com/accelerator> and I've also given Claires Court students a discount with code CLAI57723.

Uni Taster Days - information

Tune into The Uni Guide Podcast. It features expert tips from Oxbridge graduates Ishan, Nicola, and Victoria. Listen to this and [all episodes so far HERE](#).

Start your event search. Discover [658 exciting events just for students considering university](#) on UniTasterDays, with more being added daily.