



CLAIRE'S COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

17 November 2023

Principal's Blog

This week Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, invites our children supported as appropriate by their parents to contribute to her national survey "The Big Ambition", to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Further information in Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)'.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

All bookings whether regular or ad hoc must be made via [Vectare](#) here you will find information on routes, costing and how to book. Current users - We have been informed that all bus passes have now been distributed. These must be presented to the driver's handset when boarding to ensure a quick and efficient departure.

If you have any questions relating to a pass please contact Vectare at clairescourt@vectare.co.uk who will be happy to assist.

CHRISTMAS - information for parents

CHRISTMAS TREES - order by midnight Wednesday 22 November

The Claire's Court School Boat Club are now fundraising via their [Christmas Tree Sale](#). If you haven't ordered one before, the trees are very reasonably priced and are fantastic quality (and if there is an issue they can be replaced providing they are told within the first 48 hours). You can order via the [PTA website](#) with the deadline for orders being the end of next Wednesday 22 November. The trees will be delivered to Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) on Friday 1 December, for pick up either that evening or the morning of Saturday 2 December at the Boat Club's festive morning with mince pies, mulled wine and second hand kit sale.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Thursday 7 December

Christmas Lunch (and Christmas Jumper Day) for Sixth Form will be held on Thursday 7 December in our No 6 Bistro.

If your son or daughter would like to have Christmas Lunch, please can you complete the form [here](#) by **9am on Wednesday 29 November**.

The cost of lunch is £5.50 which will be deducted from the payment portal.

Please note that hot breakfast will be available at 1st break and snacks at business break, but no other food will be available from No 6 at lunchtime on that day.

There will be a £2 donation food wearing a Christmas jumper which will be collected at registration on the door,

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:

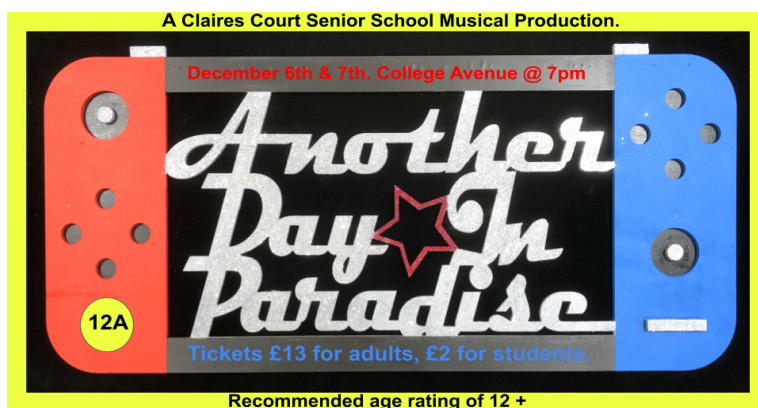
Christmas Chocolates & sweets
Selection Boxes
Advent Calendars
Christmas biscuits etc

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

Help - PTA parent Representative required

If you are a Year 12 parent who would be interested in joining the PTA committee, please can you email Mr Hope on gth@clairescourt.net

"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.

NHS National Work Experience Applications Open

Applications for the free National NHS Virtual Work experience programme have now opened for 2023-2024! This programme has supported over 30,000

secondary school students obtain free work experiences last year. Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements. This programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor, and it is completely free. Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals. Students can apply for a placement, for free at this link:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

Registering for these programmes is simple—students just need to complete the free online application form:

<https://airtable.com/appuQX2ouadvjQUSU/shrroljLczgdg9uLw>

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.

Online Lectures

On Tuesday 21 November there will be a lecture on university 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 @ 4.30pm - 5.15pm HE Guidance: Student Finance, Scholarships & Budgeting - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)
- **December 7 @ 4.30pm - 5.15pm HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? - UEA (KS5)** [Find out more »](#)

On Monday 27 November, we have an excellent opportunity to enrich Biology students' studies of the Human Skeleton. Dr Sophie Newman will introduce the human skeleton, discussing its function and properties, including its malleability and adaptability to the internal and external environment, and looking at the expression of these characteristics in relation to genetics, age and sex, and lifestyle factors. Exploring the range of skeletal morphologies exhibited across vertebrate species, Sophie will then focus on how we can use detailed knowledge of the human skeleton and osteological profiles in the fields of archaeology and forensic science.

- **November 27 @ 4.15pm - 5pm Biology/Archaeology/Forensic Science: The Human Skeleton - Edinburgh (S5/S6/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, 5pm-5.45pm [Book your place.](#)



Careers within the UK Government / Civil Service with AWE - The Atomic Weapons Establishment

Tuesday 21st November, from 5pm - 6pm!

This lecture will allow you to learn a lot more about the organisation as well as the defence industry, and you will have the opportunity to take part in a hands-on top-secret workshop. AWE will also be launching some brand new apprenticeships, so if you have an interest in working for the government and would like a future career in this sector then this will be ideal for you. Places are strictly limited due to the workshop element so if you'd like to apply please do so ASAP.

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5FPQYM3>

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.

Subject Webinars from UEA

Taster lectures can be a great way to discover new subjects or demonstrate your interest on your personal statement. Upcoming subject webinars include :

21 November: [International Relations](#)

23 November: [Healthcare](#)

27 November: [Economics](#)

27 November: [Art History](#)

28 November: [Chemistry](#)

30 November: [Sociology](#)