



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**1 DECEMBER 2023 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 11)**



## FROM THE OFFICE

### Summary of Key Dates

- Sunday 3 December - deadline to order CC Sport coat
- Monday 4 December - deadline to return overdue library books
- Wednesday 6 December - deadline to book lent term after school schedule (activity/study/home)
- Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 December - Another Day in Paradise Musical
- Friday 8 December - Christmas Jumper Day (£2) & Christmas Lunch
- Friday 8 December - last day for hamper donations
- Friday 8 December - Year 7 language choice deadline
- Friday 8 - Sunday 10 December - St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival
- w/c 11 December - no after school study or activities
- Wednesday 13 December - Carol Concert (10am Y7-9, 11.20am Y10-11)
- Thursday 14 December - last day of term, 3.50pm finish
- Friday 15 December - Grade Cards/Reports emailed home (B7-10)

## After School Activities & Study Programme (Lent Term)

Booking for the Lent Term after school activities and study [programme](#) is now open via the Report Portal, accessible from the [Parent Hub](#) on our website, and will **close on Wednesday 6 December**. Please note you **must book something for every night of the week Monday through to Thursday**, whether that is an activity, study or 'going home' so that we know where your child should be on any given day. The after school activities and study programme, along with late coaches, will commence on the first day of the Lent term i.e. Monday 8 January 2024. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: [Activities Guide](#) and any queries should be directed to [activities@clairescourt.net](mailto:activities@clairescourt.net).

## Clares Court Sport Player/Sub/Supporters Coat

By popular request the PE department are organising an order of player/substitute/supporters coats similar to those worn by the games teachers. The coats will be navy with the school crest on the front and 'Clares Court Sport' on the back and are ideal for warming up, waiting to play or watching from the sideline. The coats need to be **ordered by Sunday 3 December** using this link: [Player/Supporter Coat order form](#) where you can find sizing & pricing information. Please put the name of your son in the notes box on the order page of your cart (not at the checkout). Orders will be delivered to school and distributed via pupils or you can arrange to collect them.

## Christmas Hamper Collection

We will be collecting Christmas food items to make up hampers to distribute to local families in need, as well as donating to [Maidenhead Foodshare](#). Form Tutors will arrange with boys which items to bring in to ensure there is a good variety of food items ([item list](#)). There will be a competition amongst form groups for the best themed hamper! Last day for donations is Friday 8 December and items should be taken to form rooms.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone for your kind gifts to the Samaritans shoebox appeal. A car full of wrapped shoe boxes were delivered to the Samaritans last week and received with thanks to ultimately bring Christmas joy to children in need around the world. Thanks for your support and generosity.



Samaritan's Purse sends special thanks to

Clares Court School.

for packing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and sending love, hope and joy to precious children around the world.

Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK

## Ray Mill Road East Temporary Closure

CityFibre/Volka highways are closing the Boulters Lock end of our road, Ray Mill Road East, between the hours of 9am and 3pm from Monday 4 December to Friday 15 December inclusive for the purposes of optic cable renewal. We have not been consulted on the matter prior to receipt of the road closure, which unfortunately cannot be delayed until after the school breaks from Christmas. Car traffic will still be able to navigate from the A4094/river road to school through the adjacent side roads of Woodhurst and Derek Road during the period of closure. We are making appropriate arrangements for our coaches to access the school site of course. For further information on the closure, please refer to this public notice - <https://publicnoticeportal.uk/notice/traffic-and-roads/6556084bd4eebf46b8c09650>.

## Reminder from the Library

Make room for new books and return your overdue loans to the school library! Pupils with loans overdue by more than a school term have now received three email reminders from the school Library. **Lost/unreturned items will be invoiced with a token replacement charge if the books are not returned by Monday 4 December.** Please note this only applies to loans from the Lent and Summer Terms. Please encourage your child to check their email for library loan reminders! Remember, Santa's watching... ;0

## End of Term Arrangements

There will be no study or activities during the last week of term Monday 11 - Thursday 14 December. The school day will finish at 3.50pm for all with coaches departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm. The last day of term is a normal full school day. End of term letters will be emailed home on Thursday 14 December and Grade Cards (Year 7, 8 & 10) or Reports (Year 9) will follow on Friday 15 December.

## Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent last night 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.

## 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](#)'.

## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

### ALL YEAR GROUPS

**School Musical Production "Another Day in Paradise" 7pm-9.30pm  
Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 December @ College Avenue SL6 6AW**





**Don't forget** to get your tickets (£13 per adult, £2 per child). Please pay via our [Payment Portal](#). May we also ask you to complete the [google form](#) as this automatically updates a spreadsheet so we know the seating capacity for the hall for each performance. Songs being performed by pupils are from hit Broadway Musicals 'Hamilton' and 'Waitress' together with songs from iconic pop stars Adele and Phil Collins amongst others. A great toe tapping evening for all.

### **Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch - Friday 8 December**

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 8 December for a £2 donation to [Save the Children](#) to be handed in to form tutors in the morning. Please note that there will be no other food served at lunchtime this day, so if your son is opted out then he will need to bring his own lunch.

### **St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 8 - Sunday 10 December**

Please pop along to [St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#) (Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX) to view all the trees on display which are decorated and sponsored not only by Claires Court Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Juniors, but also other local schools, businesses and community groups. Vote for your favourite tree by making a donation to support Number 22 community counselling services and St Luke's. The church is open to view the decorated trees, with stalls, raffle & refreshments Friday and Saturday 10am - 7pm and Sunday midday until 6pm. You can also [view the trees online](#) and donate/vote for your favourite. Please join St Luke's for their 'Christmas Tree' service 6pm Sunday 10 December.

**St. Luke's Church**  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**8th—10th December**



Friday and Saturday:  
10 am - 7 pm  
and  
Sunday:  
midday - 6pm  
*Closing service at 6pm*

Refreshments daily  
Stalls and Raffle  
Supporting  
Number 22  
community counselling services



Also available to view online  
[www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk)

### **Seniors Carol Concert - Wednesday 13 December**

Parents are invited to attend our Claires Court Seniors Carol Concert at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX on Wednesday 13 December for the following services:

- **10am** Years 7-9
- **11.30am** Years 10-11



**St Luke's Church**  
Maidenhead



## YEAR 7 ONLY

### Year 7 Language Choice - deadline Friday 8 December

We hope your son has been enjoying the MFL carousel through which he has been introduced to French, German and Spanish. He will now need to choose the two languages he would like to continue with from January 2024 onwards by completing the [Year 7 Language Options Form](#) by **Friday 8 December**. If he has no strong preference or we do not receive a completed form by the deadline, we will allocate him to either French, German or Spanish, as necessary.

## DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

### Linguists of the Week

In German for excellent results in the Common Task

Year 9: Harry N, Joshua L, Joshua N-B, Josh B-P, Tom F, Tom H, Eddie T

Year 10: John Ross A, Fin G, Fin O'N, Alex R-H, Adam S, Freddie L, Daniel P

### Mathematicians of the Week

Year 9 - Myles B, Harry R

Year 10 - Callum S, Saul H

### Scientists of the Week

Space Day Costume Winners:

Year 7: Deven S, Albert H, George N, Jacques A, Rahul M

Year 9: Owen T, Akhil V, Sam P

### Sports Department

As communicated by the games department, all U12, U13 and U15 fixtures this weekend are cancelled due to frozen pitches. The only fixture that remains on is the U14s being played at Maidenhead Rugby Club, Braywick.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com) or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website [www.clairescourt.com/parents](http://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](mailto: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.