



**CLAIRES COURT**  
**SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**12 JANUARY 2024 (SPRING TERM WEEK 1)**

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **Local Flooding Chaos**

The very serious flooding that has taken place in the Cookham/Maidenhead area has for our local area caused some significant problems and delays; families in Cookham village itself have had only one route out, with the river road to school and the route over Winter Hill to Marlow both closed as a consequence. Very local to Senior Boys, Ray Mill Road West has three way traffic lights installed to cover gas pipe replacements too, as well as the excitement of river water brimming its edges. Hopefully next week these conditions will all ease!

### **Emergency School Closure**

Given the time of year and attempt at snow this week, please find shared guidance should school closure be required - <http://schl.cc/1A>. The school will endeavour to inform parents of closure as soon as possible and details will be posted on our website ([www.clarescourt.com](http://www.clarescourt.com)). In addition, communication will be via text message and supporting email, as well as Facebook ([www.facebook.com/clarescourt](https://www.facebook.com/clarescourt)) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/clarescourt>). Communication with pupils will be via Google Classroom where work will be set.

### **Catering Food Price Increase**

Due to price increases from our suppliers over the last year, we have put a five pence increase on our drinks, crisps, snacks and salad items. There will be no change to the cost of our main meal, desserts, sandwiches and wraps.

### **Rewards and Sanctions weekly email**

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent yesterday so if you did not receive it please check your junk/spam folder. The email will come from your son's form tutor.

### **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](#)'.

## Cast Photos 'Another Day in Paradise' **\*Don't forget to order\***

You can still order from Class Picks the fun portrait shots of participants - all parents of cast members have been emailed the link and access code to view the photographs taken. If you have any queries, please contact [info@classpicks.co.uk](mailto:info@classpicks.co.uk)

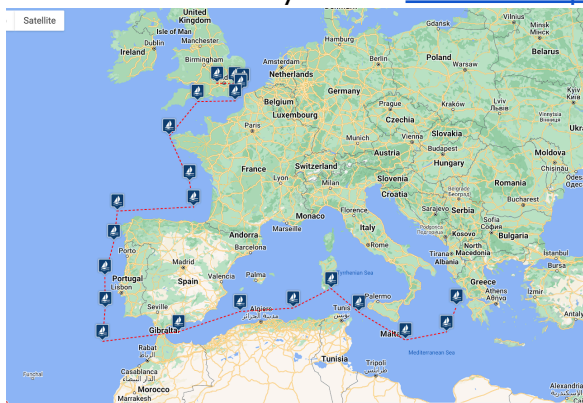
## Year 11 13 Spanish Theatre Trip - A Mesmerizing Journey into Spanish Culture at Teatro Cervantes

On Thursday 11 January our students embarked on a cultural adventure to London's Teatro Cervantes, where they had the privilege of witnessing Federico Garcia Lorca's captivating play 'La casa de Bernarda Alba' in Spanish. Despite the linguistic challenge, the experience was truly unique. The talented actresses brought the play to life, leaving us in awe of their skill. What made it even more unforgettable was our proximity to the stage – we were so close that the intensity of the performance enveloped us, making it feel as though we were integral to the unfolding story. It was undeniably a great and immersive experience for all!



## Claire's Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

The Claire's Court Sailing department is fundraising for a replacement Powerboat by sailing the equivalent distance from Maidenhead to Lefkas, Greece. Further information can be found on the [website](#) and donations made to their [Just Giving Page](#). The total distance is nearly 4000 nautical miles and you can [track their progress](#) every nautical mile of the way!



## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

### ALL YEAR GROUPS

#### Maidenhead Lions Swimathon - Sunday 14 January

Claire's Court will be swimming from 1pm - 2pm this Sunday so please pop along to [Braywick Leisure Centre](#) (SL6 1BN) and support them. The event is a fund-raising opportunity with half the funds going to the school's Ukrainian fund and half for the Lions Club of Maidenhead. Donations very gratefully received via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/clairescourt2024>.

## **Parent Drugs Awareness Talk - Wednesday 24 January**

All parents are invited to this important talk from Bob Tait of Drug Education UK in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys (SL6 8TE). Please complete this [form](#) if you wish to attend and arrive from 6.15pm for light refreshments and a 6.30pm start. Further information can be found in the [letter](#) emailed earlier this week. Please note that pupils in Years 7 and 9 will be having talks from Bob Tait earlier in the day. We regret we are not able to record/broadcast this session for those unable to attend, but will share any information/website links from the talk via the Bulletin in due course.

## **YEAR 7 ONLY**

### **Year 7 Parents Evening - Wednesday 31 January**

**\* save the date \***

## **YEAR 9 ONLY**

### **Year 9 Meningitis ACWY/Td/IPV Vaccinations**

Please find shared a [letter](#) from the Berkshire Immunisation Team about the Meningococcal ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio booster immunisations taking place in school on 13 March 2024. Please complete this [consent form](#) using school code BK110153B to either give or withhold consent for your child to be vaccinated. Please note you will need your son's NHS number to complete the form, which can be requested [here](#) if unknown. Further information can be found in this [guide](#) and [leaflet](#) and more general information about immunisations for young people [here](#).

### **Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 8 February**

**\* save the date \***

## **YEAR 11 ONLY**

### **Year 11 Subject Support Sessions**

Please find shared details of the [Subject Support sessions](#) available to pupils which will run this term on a weekly basis. In some instances pupils will be asked to attend a specific session by their teacher, but all sessions are also available for anyone to drop into any week.

### **Year 11 Reports - Friday 19 January**

Year 11 reports will be emailed to parents on Friday 19 January and placed on the Report Portal, accessible via the [Parent Hub](#) of our website.

### **Year 11 Parents Evening (Practical subjects) - Tuesday 23 January**

Parents are invited into school on Tuesday 23 January to meet with teachers in the following subjects: Art, Drama, DT, French, German, Music and Spanish. Appointments will be bookable next week via schoolcloud and details will be sent via email. A further Parents Evening will follow for all remaining subjects on 12 March.

### **Year 11 GCSE & Summer Term Dates**

Pupils will receive their personalised GCSE timetable after entries have been submitted February half term. If you are planning any holidays please be aware of the following dates:

- Thursday 20 June - possible day trip to Thorpe Park (TBC)
- Wednesday 26 June - Contingency day - pupils need to be available for the full day
- Thursday 27 June - Year 11 Prom

## DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

### Linguists of the Week - French

All of Mrs Wadsworth's Year 11 class for a focused and enthusiastic start to the Spring Term!  
Max M, Hugo W, Lachlan R, Finley T, Zack S, Harry W, Fergus M, Ed S, Josh S and Alex B.

### Scientists of the Week

Arjun M (Year 11) - excellent hard work both in and out of lessons in Science  
Ollie F (Year 11) - excellent start to the Science Past Paper Tracking document  
Lawrence M (Year 8)- asking really in depth questions about combustion

## 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 327600 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

Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the school day. Years 7 and 8 will be required to hand their mobile into their Form Tutor during morning registration. Pupils in other year groups should lock their mobile securely in their locker or hand it in to 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.

## **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.