



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

12 January 2024

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](#)'.

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.clairescourt.com). In addition, communication will be via text message and supporting email, as well as Facebook (www.facebook.com/clairescourt) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/clairescourt>). 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.

SWIMATHON MAIDENHEAD LIONS - Sunday 14 January 1pm-2pm

Please pop along to support our Claire's Court swimmers and Maidenhead Lions Swimathon event at [Braywick Leisure Centre \(SL6 1BN\)](#) from 1pm-2pm on Sunday. The event is a fund-raising opportunity for the school and for the Lions Club of Maidenhead. Half of the funds raised will go to the Lions Club of Maidenhead and the other half we will pledge to the school's Ukrainian fund. We send best wishes to all our Sixth Form participants. If you would like to donate money the easiest way to do this is through the just giving page we have set up:

- Main School:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/clairescourt2024>

SIXTH FORM MOCK EXAMS TIMETABLE

Sixth Form mock exams will take place over the two week period immediately after the half term holidays, from Monday 19 February - Friday 1 March. All exams will take place under exam conditions. Lessons will continue at this time and students will attend exams as per the [timetable](#).

YEAR 11 - YEAR 13 SPANISH THEATRE TRIP

A Mesmerizing Journey into Spanish Culture at Teatro Cervantes in London



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!

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR YEARS 12 & 13

UCAS Application deadline

A reminder that the UCAS application deadline is **Wednesday 31 January**.

University of East Anglia - Online subject taster lectures

Join our friendly online taster sessions to discover what it's like to study your chosen subject at university. Take a look [here](#) at the full programme of subject taster sessions available, webinars and MOOCs.

Oxford Brookes University Taster days

Join our Subject Taster Days to gain first hand experience of studying at university level and student life. Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give insight into a range of courses within a subject area from one of our four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology, Design and Environment:

Entrepreneurs in the Making - 11 March 2024

Subjects: Digital Marketing, Marketing Management, Business and Management, Hospitality and Events Management.

Power and Privilege - 27 March 2024

Subjects: Law, Criminology, Philosophy, History, Politics and English.

NutriGuess Challenge - Decoding Fat & Sugar - 30 April 2024

Subject: Nutrition

Exploring Adult Nursing - 30 April 2024

Subject: Adult Nursing

Discover Occupational Therapy - 1 May 2024

Subject: Occupational Therapies

Engineering - 8 May 2024

Subjects: Motorsport, Mechanical and Robotics Engineering

Computer Science - 9 May 2024

Subjects: Computer Science

Art & Design 15 May 2024

Subjects: A range of Art & Design courses with an exploration into the undergraduate exhibitions.

Architecture 22 May 2024

Subjects: Architecture exploring the undergraduate exhibition.

For more information and descriptions of what each day entails please visit the [website](#).

Research Methods online session for Psychology, Sociology & EPQ students

Katrina Lueddeke is the Academic Skills Manager for the *Learn with US Transition programme* at University of Southampton and joins us on Wednesday 17 January to lead a skills workshop on Research Methods. She will provide an interactive overview of different research methods which can be used to collect and evaluate primary and/or secondary sources. We will look at primary and secondary approaches to research, evaluating qualitative and quantitative data, and will explore techniques for collecting data (self-reports, observations,

experiments).

This session will particularly benefit students who are studying qualifications such as the EPQ, Sociology and Psychology.

January 17 @ 14:00 - 14:45 EPQ/Sociology/Psychology: Research Methods - Southampton [Find out more](#)

CAREERS INFORMATION

Virtual Law Work Experience with TLT LLP

Are you looking to get into law? Would you like to hear from the Number One Law Firm of the Year across various awards in 2021, 2022 & 2023?

We are incredibly excited to share the news with you that we have partnered up with TLT LLP, a Top 50 UK Law Firm, for an upcoming Insight to Law with TLT on Tuesday 16 January 2024, from 5pm - 6.30pm.

TLT LLP is a UK Law Firm headquartered in Bristol, who recently was ranked within the top 50 law firms in the UK. TLT LLP have offices all across the UK, in locations such as London, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Belfast, so wherever you are around the country there will be a nearby office! TLT LLP are looking for their next pool of lawyers and you could be one of them! This event will provide you with a clear insight into who they are, what they do and what they can offer to you as a law student. Senior lawyers and apprentices will also be on the call to share their experiences at this incredible law firm.

We also have 2 in-person Work Experience Days in Bristol and Manchester with TLT which will be shared at the virtual introductory event. We know how great in-person opportunities are to put on your CVs.

So, are you ready to take your first steps into the legal world? Well if so, make sure to apply through the link below!

Application Link: [here](#)