



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

19 JANUARY 2024 (SPRING TERM WEEK 2)

FROM THE OFFICE

ISI Follow Up Visit

On Tuesday we received an unannounced Quality Assurance visit from the Independent Schools Inspectorate. We were expecting it this year, just maybe not in the second week back! Such visits are at the request of the Department for Education and this one specifically arose from aspects raised in our Inspection in November 2022. As a result of last year's recommendations, we had provided DfE with our timelines for improvement so that boys and girls could follow elements of Technology previously missing from their GCSE choices.

The focus for this visit was the educational provision, curriculum and management of the segregated provision for Senior Boys and Senior Girls. The Inspectors met with the Principals, Heads and Deputies of both sites, as well as teachers and pupils from Year 10. If your child was involved in these discussions please pass on both our thanks and from the inspectors too. They congratulated us on the quality of responses given from Year 10 and for the range of evidence we were able to provide at such short notice.

A report of their visit will be passed to DfE, who in turn will determine formally the outcomes of the visit. In the meantime, the feedback given to the Principals and Heads remains confidential, but we can say that both Mr Richards and I were very happy that the visit went well.

Mr James Wilding

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.

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' and his thoughts on the start of 2024.

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 is from your son's form tutor.

Claire's Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

Please find the [Week 2 update](#) from the Claire's Court Sailing department who is fundraising for a replacement powerboat by sailing the equivalent distance from Maidenhead to Lefkas, Greece. Donations to support them can be made via their [Just Giving Page](#).

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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 afterwards.

RBWM Inclusion Summit - Wednesday 7 February

Parents are invited to attend this event taking place at Royal Windsor Racecourse (SL4 5EZ) to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough. Further information can be found [here](#) and to register your interest click this [link](#).

YEAR 7 ONLY

Year 7 Parents Evening - Wednesday 31 January

Year 7 parents and boys are invited into school on Wednesday 31 January 5.30pm - 7.30pm to meet with teachers. You do not need to book appointments, all teachers will be based in the sports hall and you can decide who you want to see on the night. The coaches should have departed by 5.30pm so please feel free to park on site after that time. Your son can remain at school and you can meet up with him when you arrive. On arrival at school please make your way to the sport hall and sign in there.

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 Reports - Friday 19 January

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

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 Parents Evening (Practical subjects) - Tuesday 23 January

Bookings for Art, Drama, DT, French, German, Music and Spanish are now open via [SchoolCloud](#) (instructions can be found in this [Booking Guidance](#)) and will close at 7am Tuesday 23 January. For Art only, there are also additional appointments available during the afternoons of Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January. The appointments will be ten minutes in school classrooms and teacher locations can be found in this [map](#).

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

In German for a great start to the spring term:

KS3: Harry N, Sam P, Eddie T, Josh N-B, Freddie B, Ben D, Kody H, Varan PA

KS4: Alex B, Tom F, Aurn P, Fin O'N, Alex R-H.

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 Tom L, Oliver W

Year 8 Vihaan T

Year 9 Josh B, Harry M

Year 10 Kairav A

Year 11 Christian B

Scientists of the Week

Sam B-S, Freddie C and Vihaan T (Year 8) - Excellent experimental skills during Planned Practical

Jacob S (Year 9) - Excellent work on chemical bonding

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.

Sickness Absence

Please report all other absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either on 01628

327600, by email seniorboys@clairescourt.com or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website 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.

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.