



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 12 January 2024 Spring Term Week 1



A (belated) Happy New Year to all our parents, pupils and staff!

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 Claires 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. 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/claurescourt2024>

PTA UNIFORM SALE SENIOR GIRLS - Tuesday 16 January 8.15am - 9am

A reminder that the sale is held on the stage of the main hall - to enter, walk towards the swimming pool gates (lower end of the car park) and on your right hand side you will see a door which takes you directly up a small flight of steps to the stage area.

Please do not use the Atrium or School Office entrance as they are quite busy with pupils, staff and deliveries arriving at that time of the morning. Due to the limited car parking on site we would advise parking on the nearby roads. May we also mention that the coach bay is reserved for school transport only in order for pupils to alight safely.

All items purchased are to be made via card and not by cash/cheque – thank you.

DRUGS AWARENESS TALK FOR PARENTS - Wednesday 24 January

Please find att'd [letter here](#) regarding the drugs talk being held for parents in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys, Ray Mill Road East, SL6 8TE starting at 6.30pm to 8pm (light refreshments will be available from 6.15pm). We would appreciate completion of the confirmation of attendance [form](#) by Friday 19 January so that we can accommodate numbers accordingly. Thank you.

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE - Cast Photos **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

FROM THE PE OFFICE

Please see further information [here](#) about the Senior Girls PE Kit.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7 ONLY

Parents Evening - Thursday 1 February 2024 **Save The Date**

Information to follow.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Parents Evening - Tuesday 6 February 2024 *Save The Date*

Information to follow.

**Meningitis ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations
Wednesday 28 February 2024**

Have you completed the consent form yet?

- Berkshire Immunisation Team [letter](#)
- Complete the [consent form](#) using school code **BK110153G** either **giving/withholding** consent for your child to be vaccinated
- If you need your child's NHS number please find the NHS [online form](#)
- Further information can be found in this [guide](#) and [leaflet](#) and for parent [questions answered about immunisations for young people](#)

YEAR 11 ONLY

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 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

GCSE YEAR 11 Support Clinics

A reminder of the [GCSE Support Clinics](#) that are available for your daughter.

Year 11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 13 March *Save The Date*

Information to follow.

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!

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHROMEBOOKS

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder that pupils and parents are responsible for the chromebook that your daughter has been allocated, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss. Should you require the school to source you a new chromebook please email your daughter's form tutor to authorise the cost of approx. £250 being added to your fee invoice. If you decide to purchase your own replacement **chromebook** (please note other platforms/devices are not permitted in school e.g. laptops, apple as they are not compatible with our systems), you will need the Claires Court Google licence added to the chromebook at a cost of £35, again to be authorised by emailing your daughter's form tutor.

PE/GAMES

Please be advised if pupils are well enough to be in school they are expected to attend PE/Games lessons as normal. If pupils are feeling unwell they should visit the nurses who can administer medication where necessary or sign them off games if appropriate. Pupils will be expected to join the lesson as normal in their PE kit and will be given alternative roles. Pupils are able to take rest breaks if they are feeling under the weather. Please see further information [here](#).

SICKNESS ABSENCE

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 9.30am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

MEDICATION

Any medication must be handed into the school accompanied with the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where possible via email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com we can then inform teachers ahead of any lessons that your daughter may be absent from. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

LEAVING SCHOOL/RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL

DAY If you are collecting your daughter for an appointment during the school day, she should wait in reception at the allotted time. We do require parents/guardians to collect and sign their daughter out of school - we will not let a pupil leave school on their own to go to an appointment. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your daughter returns to school, she must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know she is back in school.

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 holiday request form [here](#).

PARKING, DROP OFF, PICK UP

Please may we ask our parents to be mindful where they are parking and to avoid blocking local residents driveways and on yellow lines/zig zags both inside and outside of the school grounds. The coach bay is reserved for school coach transport, emergency vehicles and for delivery vans unloading throughout the school day.

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.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can we please remind you that we are a **nut free zone** (this includes nut related products like Nutella or pesto). We do have both children and staff on site that have severe allergic reactions to these. Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is 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. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle.