



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

26 JANUARY 2024 (SPRING TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' for his thoughts on AI, Drones and Merlyn Mind.

Box Trailer - Can you help please?

The outdoor education team are looking to borrow a box trailer for the DofE expeditions on 18/19 May and 8/9 June? If you have something similar to the picture below and would be happy to lend it, please get in touch with them before half term via outdoored@clairescourt.net. Thank you very much.



Portland Pre-Season Sailing Camp - 11-12 April

Please find shared [Portland April 2024](#) letter for the pre-season sailing camp taking place 11 - 12 April. Allocation of the 28 places will primarily be on a first-come first-served basis and spaces will not be confirmed until payment has been received. Please complete the [Consent Form](#) and pay the £270 via [Payment Portal](#) as soon as possible and by Friday 9 February at the latest.

Claire's Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

Please find the [Week 3 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](#).

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 be from your son's form tutor.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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](#).

PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June

We are delighted to announce the annual Claires Court PTA ball on 8 June at Claires Court Juniors.



There are several options to book a table (see below) and all reservations are needed by 26 April. Payment information will follow.

OPTION 1 – BOOK WHOLE TABLE

Each table requires a designated Table Leader. The Table Leader needs to coordinate the payment for all the other guests on the table. Table Leaders must reserve a table for either 8, 10 or 12 (or can be an odd number). Send an email to pta.ccs@gmail.com including leader name, table size and a contact number.

OPTION 2 – MIXER TABLE FOR COUPLES/SINGLES

A perfect way to meet new parents!

For those parents who do not have enough people to make up a table, we can create a MIXER table with other guests. Reserve your place by sending an email to pta.ccs@gmail.com with the number of guests, year group and contact number. We aim to put year groups together.

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, where there will be refreshments.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 History Parents Evening ONLINE - Tuesday 6 February 4pm - 6pm

Since the History department will be on a school trip they are unable to attend the main Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8 February (see below). Ms Tookey and Mr Flynn will therefore be holding five minute virtual appointments via Schoolcloud on Tuesday 6 February 4pm-6pm instead. Appointments can be booked via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and booking will open 7am Wednesday 31 January and close 7am Tuesday 6 February. Further instructions can be found in this [Booking Guidance](#). (NOTE: For boys in 9C who were taught by Mr Wilding last term he will be available at the main Parents Evening on Thursday 8 February if you wish to speak with him.)

Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 8 February 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 9 parents and boys are invited into school on Thursday 8 February 5.30pm - 7.30pm to meet with subject teachers (apart from History, see above). You do not need to book these appointments as all the teachers will be based in the Sports Hall so 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 in school 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 where refreshments will be available. We will email you the GCSE Options Form in advance of the evening and ask that you please complete that by Monday 19 February.

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 10 ONLY

Year 10 Yellis Report

Please be aware that your son's Yellis report is available on the Report Portal, accessible via the [Parent Hub](#) section of our website, and further information about Yellis Testing can be found [here](#).

Year 10 German BFI Trip - 14 March

Please find the [Year 10 German BFI Trip letter](#) taking place on 14 March. To confirm your son's place on the trip please pay £43 via the [Payment Portal](#) no later than Friday 2 February.

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip - 21 -> 23 March

Please find the [Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip Letter](#) taking place 21 - 23 March at the Margam Park Field Studies Centre and note the request to pay the £375 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete the [consent form](#) by Friday 1 March.

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 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

Historians of the Week

Year 7 William B and Henry P for excellent extra-curricular knowledge!

Year 8 Laurence M and Curtis L for an informative presentation on how women campaigned to abolish slavery

Year 9 Cole K and Ollie C for a great presentation on Fascist Italy

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for a great start to the Spring Term:

KS3: Ollie W, Kody H, Will W, Jonah V, Harrison M, Tom A, Freddie H, Luke B

KS4: Leo K, Ed S, Luke D, Leon C, Luke R, Alex R-H, Fin G, Danny J

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 Rory A

Year 8 Will MJ

Year 9 Cameron T, Henry K

Year 10 Tom D

Year 11 Dan M

Scientists of the Week

Theo S and Tom P (Year 10) - Excellent plug wiring in Physics

Oli DB and Ollie F (Year 11) - Excellent completion of their Past paper trackers

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.

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.