



**CLAIRES COURT  
SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**13 SEPTEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 2)**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **School Rules and Expectations - please sign by Monday 16 September**

Please ensure you have read our [School Rules and Expectations](#) to remind yourself of the content and if you have not yet done so, please [Sign Up](#) to confirm you support this initiative by Monday 16 September. Your son will also have read this and signed up to it during his form tutor time.

### **Data Check - please complete by Monday 16 September**

If you have not yet done so please check the information we hold in our system for you and your son is correct and up to date. Please login to the [Report Portal](#) and confirm all the data is correct by selecting 'consent given' under the drop down for 'Details Checked for 2024/25' which can be found under 'Child Details' and 'Other Consents' by Monday 16 September.

### **Parking**

Sorry to have to mention this so soon into the new term, but we have already had a number of unhappy neighbours phoning and dropping into school with issues such as their driveways being blocked, visibility impaired, parking on corners and waiting in unsafe places etc. We do not want the parking inspectors patrolling the school, so please be considerate to our neighbours and help us to maintain good relationships with them, thank you.

### **Individual School Photographs**

Pupils had their individual school photographs taken on Monday this week and should then have brought home an information sheet about ordering them from Tempest. We will share further information from Tempest about ordering photographs in due course when we receive details from them.

### **News Stories**

There has been so much going on this week at school, including welcoming Steve Borthwick, England Head Coach, to run a coaching session for our U15 Rugby boys. Take a look at all our news here <https://bit.ly/40qgNjs>

### **ISA Award for Outstanding Sport**

We have been shortlisted for the ISA Award for Outstanding Sport (Large School)! Sport is an integral part of school life at Claire's Court and we have so many opportunities on offer that our students always find one they can access and are passionate about. Our sports results are impressive across the board so we look forward to hearing the result at the [#ISAAwards2024](#) in November.

## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: [Work in Progress 3 – Decades of investment in SL6 has helped us become our 'best selves'!](#)

## VAT Consultation Reminder - deadline Sunday 15 September

The Treasury has announced a technical consultation (details [here](#)) on the VAT changes affecting private schools which is open until **Sunday 15 September 2024**. As a parent, you may wish to contribute (as you are entitled to) your own comments to the consultation, emailing any response to [independentschools@hmtreasury.gov.uk](mailto:independentschools@hmtreasury.gov.uk) no later than Sunday 15 September 2024.

## Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email will be sent out today from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it.

Apparently it's not too early to mention Christmas, so.....

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoebox Collection Drive



Our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys, Nathan, Dylan and Alex are organising the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make a difference in the lives of others.

### What to Include in the Shoebox:

- A special item such as a cuddly toy, football, doll, truck, or t-shirt
- Other items like school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, and accessories
- Fun toys such as yo-yos, puzzles, and small games

### Please Do Not Include:

- Items that are used or damaged
- Food, sweets, or chocolates
- Liquids, lotions, or anything that could leak
- War-related toys such as toy guns or knives
- Breakable items like glass or mirrors

### Steps to Participate:

- 1. Find a Shoebox:** Use a standard size shoebox and decide whether your gift is for a boy or a girl, and the age category (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old).
- 2. Fill it with Gifts:** Make the box fun and full, with a variety of useful and exciting items.
- 3. Make Your Project Donation:** A suggested donation of £5 (this is not compulsory). If you would like to make this donation for your shoebox, where you can also track which country your shoebox goes to, this can be made online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>
- 4. Personalise:** You can include a personal note or photo for the child who will receive your gift.

**Winners:** The tutor group that brings in the most shoeboxes will receive a lunch/break queue jump pass.

Thank you for supporting this important cause. Let's make a big difference this Christmas.

# FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

## ALL YEAR GROUPS

### CCF Taster Day - Saturday 14 September

For those that booked their place during the Summer term, please find the [letter](#) about this event taking place at CCJuniors SL6 4QQ 10am - 4.30pm.

### Madrid Online Information Evening - 6pm Wednesday 18 September

Those on the Spanish trip are invited to an online Information Evening to discuss the itinerary and ask any questions you may have. Further information can be found in this [letter](#) and please note actions required by Friday 27 September to complete [child details form](#), [Ground Rules](#), and [Administration of Medicine form](#), as well as make £185 final payment ASAP if outstanding.

### Jeans for Genes Day 'Non Uniform Day' – Friday 20 September

Pupils are invited to wear full non-school uniform next Friday preferably to include **jeans/denim** to support **Jeans for Genes** with a £2 donation to be paid via the [Payment Portal](#) which is available all next week. Alternatively, £2 in cash can be handed into your son's form tutor on Friday morning.

### PTA Fireworks - Saturday 12 October

\*Save the Date\* at our Junior School SL6 4QQ further details to follow!



### Wednesday 13/Thursday 14 November - "It's Show Time"

Further information to be available soon on the joint senior girls/boys stage production

## YEAR 7 ONLY

### Wednesday 16 October - B7 Parents Pastoral Evening & Workshare

\* save the date \*

## YEAR 8 ONLY

### B8 Parent Workshop

Thank you to those parents who joined us on Tuesday evening for the Year 8 Workshop. Please find a copy of the [presentation slides](#) for your reference.

### Tuesday 12 November - B8 Parents' Evening

\* save the date \*

## **YEAR 9 ONLY**

### **Tuesday 17 September - B9 Parent Workshop 6pm**

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive [workshop](#) to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 9. Please [book your seat](#) by Monday 16 September and arrive from 5.45pm for light refreshments in the Sports Hall and a prompt 6pm start. Please do not park in school until **after 5.45pm** when the school coaches should have safely departed the site, thank you.

### **Thursday 5 December - B9 Options Information Evening**

\* Save the date \*

## **YEAR 10 ONLY**

### **Wednesday 25 September - B10 Parent Workshop 6pm**

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive workshop to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 10, a booking form will follow in due course.

### **Tuesday 5 November - B10 Parents' Evening**

\* save the date \*

## **YEAR 11 ONLY**

### **An Inspector Calls English Trip - Thursday 19 September**

Please find [information here](#) which was emailed home earlier this week. A reminder to make the payment by Monday 16 September.

### **Wednesday 9 October - B11 Parent Workshop 6pm**

\* Save the date \*

## **TRIP LETTERS**

[CCF JCIC course 5-6 Oct 2024 Tangier Wood](#)

[Y9 Rugby Tour Bath Initial Letter](#)

[Hayling Island final Timings and Kit letter](#)

[Wimbledon Initial Letter - 2024](#)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Sickness Absence**

Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)), by email to [seniorboys@clairescourt.com](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com) or 01628 327600.

### **Medical/Dental Appointments**

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment via email to [seniorboys@clairescourt.com](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com). 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 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.

## **Illness and Games afternoons**

If your son is unable to play sport, he is expected to accompany his year group to games and will be given an alternative role. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses ([Medical-CC@clairescourt.net](mailto:Medical-CC@clairescourt.net)) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter ([sic@clairescourt.net](mailto:sic@clairescourt.net)).

## **Medication**

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

