



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

1 March 2024 (Spring Term Week 7)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' on our recent progress monitoring inspection report.

Stop Labour from adding 20% to private school fees

Please find for your consideration, the following [petition](#) from a working family to stop Labour's pledge to end the tax-exempt status of education, adding 20% VAT to private school fees.

Raising a child in a digital age

We are delighted to be able to offer you a complimentary recording to an online event provided by the Independent Schools Association (ISA) for parents on the topic of 'Raising a child in a digital age' with Dr Kathy Weston. Please find further information and the link to the recording [here](#).

Fundraising - Caius gets a haircut!

Caius in Year 8 has been growing his hair for over two years and is now getting it cut off to donate it to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer. He is hoping to raise lots of money and will split it equally between Little Princess Trust and Thames Valley Adventure Playground. If you are able to support him he would be very grateful and you can donate [here](#).

Claire's Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

Please find the [weekly 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.

FROM THE PTA

PTA Nearly New Uniform Donations - by Friday 8 March

The PTA will be holding a Nearly New Uniform sale on 16 March and are therefore accepting donations of good quality sports kit and school uniform. Please drop any items you wish to **donate** off to the school office **until Friday 8 March**. Thank you.

CCF Quiz Night - 6pm Friday 22 March

Tickets are on sale now via the [PTA Payment Portal](#) at £10 a head or £100 for a table (max 10). Please bring your own picnic/takeaway and with a cake sale by the cadets (cash only) and a PTA run bar it promises to be a good night for all.

PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June

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.

Auction Prizes for the Summer Ball

The PTA would like to reach out to any parent in the school that could perhaps be able to offer an auction prize for the Claires Court Ball. If you can help please drop us an email to pta.ccs@gmail.com advising what you would like to offer and we will be in touch to discuss further.

PTA Summer Fete - 29 June 12pm-4pm

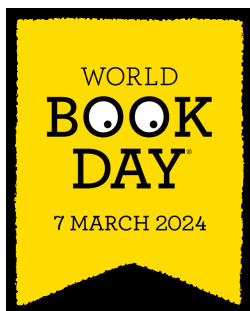
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FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 7 March

A reminder that boys are invited to participate in the non-uniform day on Thursday 7 March for a £2 donation either in cash to your child's form tutor or via the [payment portal](#) to raise valuable fund for the [The DASH Charity](#) who work tirelessly to educate and empower people to understand, recognise and respond to Domestic Abuse. On Monday 4 March, Mr Young will be leading an assembly on International Women's Day. The theme this year is #InspireInclusion and the pupils will be taught about challenging stereotypes, calling out discrimination, drawing attention to bias and ways to seek inclusion.



World Book Day - Thursday 7 March

Please find [information](#) from our Librarian, Dr Dunstan, on how we plan to celebrate World Book Day next Thursday. Also see what Maidenhead Library have on with their [Maidenhead Big Read](#) this weekend!

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader".

Joint Senior Concert - Wednesday 20 March at College Avenue 7pm-9pm

Save the Date

Further information to follow but please pop the date into your calendar for a musical evening performance provided by our Senior Girls and Boys and Sixth Form Students.

Annual House Cross Country - Saturday 23 March

This will take place Saturday morning at Taplow Sports Ground (SL6 0NS) with all Year 7-9 boys, GCSE PE pupils and prefects expected to participate or help on the day to score points for their house. Further details can be found in this [letter](#) and please note that boys will need a house coloured top for the event.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Civil War Day - Thursday 14 March

Please find the [Year 7 Civil War Day letter](#) that was emailed home earlier this week. Please note this trip takes place within the normal school day timings so usual drop off/collection arrangements apply. Pupils should wear school PE kit and tracksuits and bring a waterproof coat, nut free packed lunch and drinks.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 DofE Navigation Training Days - 9/10 and 23/24 March

Please find the [Bronze DofE Navigation Training Days letter](#) confirming dates and details of kit requirements. Transport will be provided from Senior Boys so please drop off at 9.30am and collect at 4.30pm on your respective day.

Year 9 Meningitis ACWY/Td/IPV Vaccinations - 13 March

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. 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 Summer Examination Timetable

Please find the information below which has been emailed to pupils and parents:

- [Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable](#)
- [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#)

Year 10 GCSE Art V&A Museum Trip - 6 March

Please find information about the [V&A Museum Art Trip](#) for Year 10 art pupils taking place on Wednesday 6 March. Pupils should wear school uniform and will require a nut free packed lunch. They should also bring a small sketchbook, drawing materials and a small amount of money for the shop.

Year 10 German BFI Trip - 14 March

Please find information about the [Year 10 German Trip](#) to the British Film Institute on Thursday 14 March. Pupils should meet at Senior Boys at 7.45am, with an expected return of 5.30pm. The dress code is smart casual and pupils should bring a pen, note book, nut free packed lunch, snacks and drinks.

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 Prom - Parent Helpers Required

We are looking for a small number of Senior Boys parents to be part of the organising group for the Year 11 Prom and work alongside Senior Girls parents and the PTA to make arrangements for the evening. If you would be interested, please let the school office know via email to ayh@clairescourt.net.

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 5.30pm-7.30pm Tuesday 12 March

This Parent's Evening will take place in the Sports Hall with no appointment booking required. Please do not park in school prior to 5.30pm, after which time all the school coaches should have safely departed the site. Please sign in on arrival at the Sports Hall. Teachers from the following subjects will be present: Business, DT, English, ICT, Maths, Geography, History, PE, RS and Science.

Claire's Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at these resources on [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#) which might provide useful tips or ideas for you to support your son at this critical time in the build up for his GCSE:

- [Revision guide](#)
- [Exam jitters](#)

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.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 7 - Will H for a great CT score, well done!

Year 8 - Seb S for improved work ethic in History, great to see!

Linguists of the Week

In French for excellent results in their recent Common Task

Year 8: Will W, Luke B, Sam B-S, Matthieu M, Jonah V, Seb B, Freddie C, George L

Year 9: Ben G, Josh L, Myles B, Euan S

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - George N, Deven S

Year 8 - Toby W, Danial T

Year 9 - Theo A

Year 10 - Callum S, Josh C

Scientists of the Week

Year 8 - Varan P-A for his brilliant contribution at the Year 8 Eco Day

Year 8 - Andes Y for a superb rocket design in Astronomy Club

GENERAL INFORMATION

Illness and Games afternoons

Please be advised if pupils are well enough to be in school they are expected to attend Games afternoons as normal. If they are not well enough to actually participate in the activity, they are still expected to be present and will be given alternative roles. They should bring warm clothing as required. If pupils are feeling unwell they should visit the nurses who can administer medication where necessary or sign them off games if appropriate. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses or Director of Sport. Thank you for your understanding.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment via email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

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).

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.

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](#).

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 and do not block driveways. Please pass this onto anyone new who may be picking up your son. In summary please be mindful to local residents and abide by the highway code.

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.

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.

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.