



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**Friday 1 March 2024 Spring Term Week 7**

## **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.

[Petition](#)

## **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; Raising a child in a digital age with Dr Kathy Weston.

Please find [here](#) further information and the link to the recording.

## **FROM THE PTA**

### **PTA Nearly New Sale - Senior Girls (Hall Stage)**

**Tuesday 5 March 8.15am-9am**

If you have any good quality uniform you wish to donate please drop into the school office prior to the 5th. The sale is taking place on the hall stage with the entrance via the lower car park. Please do not use the school office/atrium entrance as both these areas are very busy at that time of the morning. A reminder that all payments are to be made by card and not cash.

### **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.

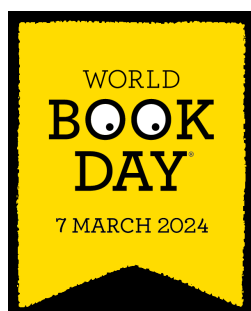
### **PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June**

Reserve your place by sending an email to [pta.ccs@gmail.com](mailto: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.ccg@gmail.com](mailto:pta.ccg@gmail.com) advising what you would like to offer and we will be in touch to discuss further.

## FROM THE OFFICE



### World Book Day - Thursday 7 March

Please find [information here](#) from our Librarian, Mrs Copeman, 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".

### Senior Girls Non-Uniform Day - Friday 8 March

A reminder that we have a non-uniform day on Friday 8 March in support of [The DASH Charity](#) who work tirelessly to educate and empower people to understand, recognise and respond to Domestic Abuse. We would request that you support this by donating £2 via the parent portal (this will be opened on the day in readiness for donations) or in cash to your child's form tutor.

### Joint Senior Concert - Wednesday 20 March - Senior Girls, 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.

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### YEAR 7

#### Civil War Day - Thursday 14 March

Please find [information here](#) that was emailed home earlier this week.

### YEAR 8 and YEAR 9

#### Dolygaer Expedition May 24

Please find [information](#) on the trip to the Brecon Beacons for Year 8 and Year 9 Senior Girls.

### 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 10 Only**

### **Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable**

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

[Timetable](#)

[GCSE Rules and Regulations](#)

### **Year 10 GCSE Art Pupils only - V&A Museum Trip**

Just a reminder about the trip to the V&A Museum on Wednesday 6 March. The cost of this trip is £18 to cover the travel made via the [Payment Portal](#). Please find the [information here](#) which has been emailed home.

### **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**

### **Clares Court SchoolTV**

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

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

### **Support Clinics**

[GCSE Support Clinics](#)

### **Parents Evening - Wednesday 13 March \*Save the Date\***

Information on how to book your appointment to follow soon.

## **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 Clares 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.