



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR BOYS

# Weekly Bulletin

**15 March 2024 (Spring Term Week 9)**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Charity Week (w/c 18 March)

The charity chosen by the boys this year for Charity Week is the [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#) and next week will see various events and activities happening in school to raise money accordingly. Boys can bring in small amounts of money to take part in the 'Sports Star' activities being run by Year 10 boys, the Year 11 raffle and the [Claire's Court Football Charity Cup](#). Thank you for your support.

### Coaches for the remainder of this term

**w/c 18 March** - we have updated some routes in light of Cookham bridge reopening. Vectare will be in touch in the next 24 hours with any parents whose routes have changed. We hope these will reduce some travel times and improve efficiency. Overall departure times will not change for this week ahead.

**w/c 25 March** - there will be early coaches for the last week of term departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm and therefore no activities will run.

### Summer Term Timings for After School and Coaches

The following timings will be in place for the end of the school day, activities/study and coach departures in the Summer Term:

#### Academic school day finish

- Juniors (R-Y1): 3.30pm
- Juniors (Y2-6): 3.45pm
- Seniors & Sixth Form: 4pm

#### Activities/study timing (unless specified as a late-finishing activity)

- Juniors: 4pm-5pm
- Senior Girls & Sixth Form: 4.10pm-5.05pm
- Senior Boys: 4.15pm-5.15pm

#### Coach departures

- Juniors (to Senior Girls then Senior Boys): 5pm
- Senior Girls (to Senior Boys): 5.10pm
- Senior Boys: 5.25pm

### Summer Term After School Options & Activities Sign Up

Our activities website <https://activities.clairescourt.net> provides parents with all the necessary information surrounding the co-curricular programme. Please note, parents will require their parent Report Portal login details in order to book their child's co-curricular programme. If you

are unable to login, please contact our data manager John Carr via [jpc@clairescourt.net](mailto:jpc@clairescourt.net) who will be able to reset your password.

Booking of after school options and activities **opens on Tuesday 19 March at 9am** but the activities are now visible on our [CC activities webpage](#) for you to discuss through the options with your child. Please note you **must book something for every night of the week Monday through to Thursday, whether that is an activity, study or 'going home'** so that we know where your child should be on any given day. **Booking closes Monday 25 March at 9am**, so please ensure you make your selections by then. The after school activities and study programme, along with late coaches, will commence on the first day of the Summer Term i.e. Tuesday 16 April 2024.

A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: [Activities Guide](#). Please note that activities which are likely to be oversubscribed fast will have a 'holding list' to ensure fair allocation of spaces so that those pupils who missed out last term should keep their space this term. Please be aware that some activities will be run on alternate sites and may require different pick-up arrangements. These are flagged on the Schedule and further information can be found in the appropriate school's Activities Information document. Please note enquiries can be directed to [activities@clairescourt.net](mailto:activities@clairescourt.net).

### **Eco Club - Food Waste**

This term the Eco Club have been looking into food waste and were shocked to discover the size of the impact it has on climate change. They delivered an assembly to Year 7 and 8 and included some ideas on how food waste at home can be reduced by freezing excess items. They created this [information poster](#) so hopefully there are some ideas of how everyone can make a small difference. It is Food Waste Action Week from 18-24 March with the theme 'Choose what you'll use' in the hope that people will only buy what they need.

### **Messages from the Nurses**

1. Reminder that medication (other than Adrenaline Auto-injectors and inhalers) must be handed in to the school nurse at all times. Please do not ask your child to carry his own medication as it may get lost.
2. Please please PLEASE may we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**, and as such nuts or any product containings nuts is not permitted to be brought into school.

### **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 yesterday from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if necessary.

## **FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES**

### **ALL YEAR GROUPS**

#### **PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale - 8.30am Saturday 16 March**

The PTA will be holding a Nearly New Uniform sale on 16 March from 8.30am to 10am in the Dining Room at Senior Boys. They have lots of sports kit, including cricket for next term and rowing, and even more trousers, shirts and jumpers, so if you need anything do come along. Please feel free to drive into school to park, but be aware that Sports coaches are due to be leaving school around 8.30am, so watch out for them and please do not obstruct them. Payment will be via card only.

## Joint Seniors Spring Concert - Wednesday 20 March

Selected Senior and Sixth Form pupils are performing at this and their parents have been invited to attend. We still have a few seats left but if you have responded back already for the event please arrive for a prompt 7pm start, with refreshments available during the interval.

## 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

### Year 7 Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk/Non-Uniform Day - Tuesday 19 March

Years 7 and 8 will be participating in a [Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk](#) as part of Charity Week in the afternoon of Tuesday 19 March to raise money for [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#). In addition boys are invited to wear non-uniform to school for a £2 donation. Sponsorship money should be handed into form tutors or transferred via the [Payment Portal](#) preferably by the end of term if possible, but failing that the first week back of the summer term, thank you.

### Civil War Day

All the Year Year 7's enjoyed their day at Dorney Court yesterday from the elegiac creation of folklore in the churchyard to the intricacies of seventeen century theology (made accessible!) and from marching to the beat of the drum in the courtyard to the appreciation of the worldly stage in the barn. The teaching staff were also fully ensconced in their period costumes, see Mrs Bullough - Head of History (aka Lady De Bullough) in her full regalia, but who was Prince Rupert? Further pictures of the day can be [found here](#).



## YEAR 8 ONLY

### Year 8 Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk/Non-Uniform Day - Tuesday 19 March

Years 7 and 8 will be participating in a [Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk](#) as part of Charity Week in the afternoon of Tuesday 19 March to raise money for [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#). In addition boys are invited to wear non-uniform to school for a £2 donation. Sponsorship money should be handed into form tutors or transferred via the [Payment Portal](#) preferably by the end of term if possible, but failing that the first week back of the summer term, thank you.

## YEAR 9 ONLY

### Year 9 DofE Navigation Training Days - 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 Charity Week Rowathon - Monday 25 March

Year 9 will be participating in a [Sponsored Rowathon](#) during afternoon games on Monday 25 March as part of Charity Week raising money for [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#). Sponsorship money should be handed into form tutors or transferred via the [Payment Portal](#) by the end of term or the first week back of the summer term, thank you.

## 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 Spanish BFI Trip - Tuesday 19 March

A reminder for the [Year 10 Spanish BFI](#) to meet outside the front of Maidenhead Railway Station at 8.30am, with an anticipated return to Senior Girls (SL6 6AW) for collection around 4pm or if you are happy for your child to make their own way home please email Ms Urzaiz at [emu@clairescourt.net](mailto:emu@clairescourt.net) giving your consent. Dress code is smart casual and boys should bring a pen, notebook, nut free packed lunch, snacks and drink.

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

Please find the [Margam Park Geography Trip final letter](#) confirming arrangements for next week including full kit list, noting the following points:

- Drop off Thursday morning **at Senior Boys** (SL6 8TE) for registration in Dining Room (please do not drive into school)
- Uniform not required, but pupils will need rucksack with nut free **packed lunch, drink & writing materials**
- **Essential kit** - warm waterproof coat, change of clothes (for Friday), footwear (trainers, waterproof trainers/boots, wellies if you have them), towel (also see full kit list)
- Emergency contact number **out of school hours** 01628 327388
- Return/pick up Senior Boys approx. **3.30-4pm Saturday 23 March**

## YEAR 11 ONLY

### Dates for your Diary

Please find shared the [slides](#) from Tuesday's Parents Evening and a reminder of the following dates for your diary:

- 25/26 March - Study Skills with Linda Greetham
- 19 April - Careers Fair
- 3 May - Year 11 Celebration Assembly
- 6 May - start of Exam Period with the opportunity for revision in school (quiet or collaborative working) or at home, further information will follow next term
- 20 June - Thorpe Park Trip
- 21 June - Year 11 Prom
- w/c 24 June - Work Experience (week 1)
- Wednesday 26 June - Contingency Day (pupils need to be available for full day)
- w/c 1 July - Work Experience (week 2)

## **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 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**

## **Linguists of the Week**

In Spanish for excellent results in their recent Common Task:

Y8: Anton Z, Luke B, Sam B-S, Ollie W, Jonah V, Kody H, Xavier T-O, Will W, Tom A

Y9: Seb C, Josh N-B, Akhil V, Euan S, Max B

## **Mathematicians of the Week**

Year 8: Ben T, Kody H

Year 9: Myles B, Akhil V, Ciaran W, Jack L

## **Scientists of the Week**

Year 10: Alex J and Andrii P for excellent work on genetic diagrams and genetic key terms

Year 11: Henry A and James W for excellent focused revision on chapter 4 in Biology

# **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](mailto: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](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com) or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website [www.clairescourt.com/parents](http://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](mailto: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.