



CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 22 March 2024 Spring Term Week 10

FROM THE OFFICE

Charity Week - £1k+ an amazing amount raised so far!!

Pupils and staff have been busy this week raising funds for [Thames Hospice](#) (over £600) from the girls running fairground stalls such as chocolate raffle, balloon darts, tombola, name the teddy and guess how many sweets in a jar). There are still a few more monies to arrive into the office for counting including from tonight's PTA CCF Quiz Night (so far £900). Thank you to the PTA for providing the bar tonight and also Quiz Masters, Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee, who have devised their questions from music, art, literature, sport plus more. If you are going please enjoy the evening which has been a sell out!

Spring End of Term Information

Arrangements for the Last Week of Term

- **w/c 25 March** - there will be early coaches for the last week of term departing Senior Girls at 4.10pm with onward homeward bound buses leaving Senior Boys at 4.30pm and therefore **no activities** or **study** will run.
- **Wednesday 27 March** - final day of term with a finish time of 3.50pm. The end of term letter will be emailed home also.
- **Thursday 28 March** - reports and grade cards will be emailed home and they will be available to view on the Report Portal.

Summer Term

Arrangements for the First Week of Term

- Summer Term starts on Tuesday 16 April
- Late coaches & after school activities/study commence first week of term (i.e. w/c 16 April)
- Academic school day finish returns to 4pm
- Activities/study at Senior Girls* from 4.10pm-5pm (unless specified as late finish) Monday - Thursday
- Coaches depart Senior Girls at 5.10pm and Senior Boys at 5.25pm Monday to Thursday
- Friday - 4pm early finish, no activities or study with buses departing Senior Girls at 4.10pm (Senior Boys 4.30pm)*

Summer Term After School Options

Booking is now open via the Report Portal for Summer Term after school [activities](#) and options and will **close at 9am Monday 25 March**. 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. If you are unable to login, please contact our data manager John Carr via jpc@clairescourt.net who will be able to reset your password. Instructions on how to book activities can be found in the [Activities Guide](#) and enquiries can be directed to activities@clairescourt.net.

Clares Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

Please find the [weekly update](#) from the Claires 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](#).

Annual House Cross-Country Championships - Saturday 23 March

Details can be found in the [letter](#), with arrivals at 9am for Years 7 & 8 and 9.30am for Years 9-11 at Taplow Sports Ground (SL6 0NS) wearing running kit as follows:

- Top in house colours
- White socks or games socks
- Trainers, spikes, astros, football boots dependent on conditions
- Tracksuit, change clothing for afterwards
- Towel

Presentation of medals and trophies will follow races, with refreshments for pupils kindly provided by the PTA and Cafe2u van available for parents.

Tempest Whole School Photo - Wednesday 17 April

Our school photographers will be taking the 'Senior Girls Whole Divisional Photo' on the above date - please note all pupils to wear full school uniform, tidy hair and a smile. Fingers crossed for a dry day! We will let parents know how and when you can order.

PTA Hollywood Ball - 6.30pm Saturday 8 June

Your daughter should have brought home a flyer this week about the PTA Hollywood Ball taking place on 8 June at Claires Court Juniors. Tickets are priced at £85 and include a welcome drink on arrival, three course meal, live band, disco until 1am plus more....! To reserve a table (for 6-12 guests) or tickets please email pta.ccg@gmail.com by 26 April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent blog '[A Principled View](#)' on 'When cognitive dissonance meets the chat bot.'

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 8 and YEAR 9

Dolygaer Expedition May 24 *Reminder*

Just a reminder about the payment of £285 is to be made today, **Friday 22 March** via our Payment Portal. Please see all the information here.

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 10 Only

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip - returns 23 March

Please find the [Margam Park Geography Trip final letter](#) noting the emergency contact number out of school hours is 01628 327388 and return/pick up is from Senior Boys at approx. 3.30-4pm Saturday 23 March.

Year 10 Pupil Careers and University Fair - Friday 19 April 2-4pm

During the afternoon of Friday 19 April Year 10 girls will be able to attend the Careers and University fair taking place at College where they will have the opportunity to interact with employers and universities and ask them any questions they may have. Information will be shared with them next week.

Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable

The Year 10 Summer Examinations start on Monday 22 April and run through to Tuesday 30 April. Please find detailed information below:

[Timetable](#)

[GCSE Rules and Regulations](#)

Year 11 Only

G11 Leavers Hoodies

We will be emailing all Year 11 Parents and inform the girls when you can order the leavers hoodies from Hawkinsport. The cost of these will be £27.

Year 11 Pupil Careers and University Fair - Friday 19 April 2-4pm

During the afternoon of Friday 19 April Year 11 girls will be off games to attend the Careers and University fair taking place at College where they will have the opportunity to interact with employers and universities and ask them any questions they may have. Information will be shared with them next week.

Dates for your Diary

Further information to follow very soon on the following upcoming events once details have been finalised:

- Monday 15 April - Art & Textiles Catch Up Day - selected pupils have been invited in on this day in order to complete their coursework
- 19 April - Careers Fair Senior Girls Main Hall for pupils only
- 3 May - Year 11 Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 7 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 *** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE ***
- w/c 24 June - Work Experience (week 1)
- Wednesday 26 June - Contingency Day - pupils need to be available for the full day
- w/c 1 July - Work Experience (week 2)

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 Claires 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

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 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 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.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires 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.