



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

19 APRIL 2024 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 1)

FROM THE OFFICE

Final Call for Charity Week Sponsorship Money

Any remaining sponsorship money from the [B7/8 Fancy Dress Walk](#) and [B9 Rowathon](#) raising money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance should be transferred as soon as possible please via the [Payment Portal](#) as the **deadline is today 19 April**, thank you.

PTA Meeting - Monday 22 April

There will be a Seniors PTA meeting at 7pm on Monday 22 April at Senior Boys (Ray Mill Road East SL6 8TE) and we welcome all parents to attend if they wish to get involved in helping with Summer term events or the PTA more generally.

Important Summer Term Sport Information

Please note that 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@clairescourt.net) or Director of Sport, Mr Carter (sic@clairescourt.net). As and when the weather gets warmer, please ensure your son is wearing sunscreen and has a hat and water with him for games afternoons.

Residential Trips 2024-25

Please find our [Residential Trips brochure](#) for next academic year, which can also be found in the [Parent Hub](#) of our website under 'Handbooks'.

Water Quality Guidance for Paddlesports

Please find a [link](#) to Claire's Court's communications on water quality guidance for paddlesports for parents and pupils.

Year 10 Spanish BFI Day

Ms Urzaiz (Head of MFL/Spanish Teacher) would like to share a little more [information](#) about the Spanish trip that took place at the British Film Institute prior to the end of the Spring term.

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.

PTA Hollywood Ball - 6.30pm Saturday 8 June

Your son 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.ccqs@gmail.com by **26 April**. We look forward to seeing you there.

ISA Sports Cover Design Competition

Each year, pupils are invited to design [artworks for the front cover](#) of the ISA Sports' national events programmes. It is a great opportunity for pupils to create art in response to sporty themes and a design will be chosen for Athletics, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rubby, Triathlon and Tennis. Open to all ages. Entries to be submitted to your child's teacher for onward submission to the ISA by Mr Wilding.



FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

YEAR 7 ONLY

Rushall Farm Trip - Friday 26 April

This [Geography Field Trip](#) to Rushall Farm and the River Pang will be taking place during the school day next Friday. Boys should wear appropriate non-uniform and have warm waterproof clothing and a change of footwear (e.g. trainers and walking/wellington boots). They will also need pens/pencils, clipboard (if you have one), a nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks.

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 1 May

Parents are invited into school from 6pm - 8pm on Wednesday 1 May to meet with teachers and discuss progress. You do not need to book appointments as all teachers will be in the Sports Hall and you can choose who you speak to on the night. Please do not park in school until after 6pm. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive.

HPV Immunisations

Please find HPV Immunisation letter from the Berkshire Immunisation Team about vaccinations taking place for Year 8 on Thursday 27 June. Please complete the [electronic form](#) to either give **or** withhold consent using school code BK110153B. You will be asked for your child's NHS number which can be requested [here](#) if unknown.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 German BFI Trip - Wednesday 8 May

Year 9 German pupils need to meet at school at 7.45am to travel by coach to the British Film Institute. The dress code is smart casual and they should bring a pen, notebook, nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. Please make arrangements to collect your child from school at the estimated return time of 5.30pm.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable

The Year 10 Summer Examinations start on Monday 22 April and run through to Wednesday 1 May with English Language on the last day. Please find detailed information below:

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

A reminder that the IGCSE English Language Examination is the morning of **Thursday 23 May**.

Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 16 May

*** Save the date***

YEAR 11 ONLY

Last Call for Thorpe Park!

If your son wishes to go to [Thorpe Park](#) on 20 June, please pay £20 via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete the [consent form](#) **today, Friday 19 April**. A letter with final arrangements will be sent out prior to the trip.

Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation Day - Thursday 25 April

Please find [information](#) emailed home earlier this week for those pupils who are taking GCSE PE. Pupils should be dropped off at Braywick Leisure Centre at 8.30am wearing smart Claires Court sports kit and should bring equipment as required (e.g. mouthguard, boots, shin pads, hockey stick etc.) and a nut-free packed lunch/drinks.

Celebration Assembly - Friday 3 May

Parents are cordially invited to the [Year 11 Celebration Assembly](#) starting 10am to celebrate your son's time with us at Senior Boys. Please arrive from 9.45am for refreshments in the Sports Hall. We regret that there will be no parking onsite due coaches arriving and departing, and therefore kindly ask that you park considerately for our neighbours on surrounding roads. Boys will spend the afternoon at Taplow Sports Ground (Phoenix) and you can either pick him up from there between 3pm-3.40pm or he can return to school by coach at 3.45pm for onward travel home. Please complete this [Collection Form](#) **by Friday 26 April** to indicate your preference and reserve a seat on the coach if required.

Study Arrangements w/c 6 May

Please complete the [Study Arrangements w/c 6 May](#) **by midday Friday 3 May** to indicate if your son will be studying in school or at home. If plans change for the week once you have submitted the form please let the office know so we can record any changes. If we are

expecting pupils to be in a study room and they are not present we will contact you to inform you of this. For safeguarding purposes all boys must sign out when they leave school, at which point parents accept responsibility for them.

GCSE Timetable

Please find the [Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable](#) and note the following Contingency Days that all pupils must be available for:

- Thursday 6 June - afternoon
- Thursday 13 June - afternoon
- Wednesday 26 June - all day

Work Experience

Work experience is scheduled for two weeks w/c 24 June and 1 July and all boys are encouraged to find themselves suitable placements as discussed in the [assembly](#) last term with Mr Hawkins. Most companies will only offer one week placements, so if you wish to use both weeks, you would likely have to source two separate placements. Please find shared the [Work Experience Log Book](#) which we suggest pupils complete to keep a formal record of learnings from their experience. A letter will follow with details about the Playworker training once confirmed for those who may wish to be involved in our holiday club activities.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 7 - Dexter H and William B for enthusiasm in lessons!

Year 8 - Danial T for great contributions in lessons!

Year 11 - Will S, Henry L, Harry W and Dylan D for brilliant progress on the Medicine Mock!

Linguists of the Week

In Year 7 German for their excellent writing task 'About myself':

Max E, Will H, George N, Henry P, Jonty R, Jay S, Nathaniel W, Harry N-B, Robert O'H, Benedict B, Oliver G, Millun M, Barnaby M and David S

Scientists of the Week

Isaac J and Kamran H (Year 10) for excellent revision in preparation for Physics mock

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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.