



**CLAIRES COURT**  
**SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**17 MAY 2024 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 5)**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **Senior Boys Whole School Photograph \*last chance to order for free P&P TODAY\***

If you wish to order the Senior Boys Whole School Photograph 2024 from Tempest the deadline to do so for free delivery to school is **TODAY** - ordering details were emailed to parents last Friday. For any queries please contact Tempest via 01736 752411 - Option 3 to place an order (P&P applies) and Option 5 for customer services.

### **Hayling Island Sailing Training Camp**

There are still a few places available on the [Seniors Training Camp to Hayling Island](#) 20-22 September for more experienced sailors. At a cost of £175 to include transport, accommodation, activities, coaching and equipment this is an amazing opportunity to train at a world class sailing venue. If your son is interested in going please complete [this Google Form](#) **as soon as possible**.

### **Ski Trip 2025 - Austria**

Please find shared the [2025 Ski Trip initial letter](#) to Austria taking place 3 - 10 April 2025. If your child wishes to go on the trip you will need to pay the £300 non-refundable deposit on the [Payment Portal](#) by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 June. Initially places are limited to 40 students in total. If you have any questions please contact Ski Trip Coordinator Simon Carter via [sic@clairescourt.net](mailto:sic@clairescourt.net).

### **Please do not stop on Double Yellow or Zig Zag lines near school**

Can we please reiterate that you **cannot park/wait** on the double yellow lines at the junction of Ray Park Avenue/Ray Mill Road East, even if just for a minute or two. It causes traffic to bottle neck and severely limits visibility to the boys trying to cross the road there, as well as cars. This is a dangerous cross road so please do not jeopardise the safety of pedestrians and drivers alike. Please also view the zig zags outside school as a method to protect your children so they have clear sight of the road around them - please **do not stop** on them to drop off/pick up, even for a few seconds. We thank you for your help in this as if we all work together we can make traffic around school as smooth and safe as it can be.

### **Rewards and Sanctions weekly email**

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out last night from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it.

## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent [blog](#) - "Tradition is an experiment that worked" - Emile Peynaud.

## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

### YEAR 8 ONLY

#### History Trip 'Battlefields of Flanders' - 31 January - 1 February 2025

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the History trip next year for pupils who will be in Year 9 September 2025. If your son is interested in going please make payment of the £150 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) by today, Friday 17 May.

#### HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Immunisations - Thursday 27 June

Further information about the [HPV Immunisations](#) can be found [here](#) and in the following links:

EDUCATE: [All about HPV](#)

EDUCATE: [What to expect](#)

EDUCATE: [Questions and answers](#)

### YEAR 9 ONLY

#### Year 9 Legoland Science Trip - Thursday 23 May

Please find the [Year 9 Science Trip to Legoland letter](#) and may we kindly ask you to pay £15 to cover the cost of park entry via the [Payment Portal](#). If you are unsure whether you have already paid, please check under 'Show Past Payments' to avoid duplicate payments. Pupils will need to wear Claires Court PE kit for the day and bring with them a nut-free packed lunch and refillable water bottle. Please drop your son at school at the usual time, but note the return time of 4.45pm and make collection arrangements accordingly.

### YEAR 10 ONLY

#### Year 10 English IGCSE Examination - Thursday 23 May

The IGCSE English Language Examination is scheduled for the morning of Thursday 23 May. Please find for your reference the [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#).

#### Sixth Form Taster Experience - Wednesday 26 June

Please find the [Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Experience invite](#) for pupils to find out what it's like to be a Sixth Form student. This will be within the normal school day so usual arrival time/location applies. Full school uniform to be worn.

### YEAR 11 ONLY

#### Study Arrangements w/c 3 June

If your son wishes to study in school at all the week after half term, please complete this [Study Arrangements w/c 3 June](#) form **by midday Friday 31 May**. Any changes to plans please edit your responses to the form unless it has been closed in which case please email [ayh@clairescourt.net](mailto:ayh@clairescourt.net).

#### Year 11 Prom - Friday 21 June

If your son has **not** got a ticket to the [Year 11 Prom](#) you will have received an email this week and will receive another reminder next week to purchase a ticket, unless you complete this [form](#) to indicate he does not want to attend. If you did not receive an email he has got a ticket and we look forward to seeing you for the [Year 11 Prom](#) from 6.30pm on Friday 21 June at Moor Hall in Cookham (SL6 9HQ).

## **GCSE Timetable**

Please find the [Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable](#) and [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#), 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

## **Exam Jitters**

Please find information on Claires Court SchoolTV which may be of interest now the GCSE Examinations period has started - [SchoolTV exam stress](#).

## **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION**

### **Historians of the Week**

Year 8 - Alfie B for fantastic contributions on WW1, great knowledge!

### **Linguists of the Week**

In Year 10 Spanish for good preparation and effort in their Mock Exams:

Michael C, Josh B, Theo K, Harry C, Alex R-H, Danny J, Finlay G, Noah F-R, Liam B-M.

### **Mathematicians of the Week**

Year 7 Nathaniel W, Jay S

Year 8 Josh C, Will M-J

Year 9 Ollie C

Year 10 Tom P

### **Scientists of the Week**

Year 8 - Harrison M for taking a photo of a glass of water on a table showing interesting refraction patterns of the woodgrain

Year 9 - Josh B for being an excellent lab partner to Mrs Cheetham for the Core Practical.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Illness and Games afternoons**

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-CC@clairescourt.net](mailto:Medical-CC@clairescourt.net)) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter ([sic@clairescourt.net](mailto:sic@clairescourt.net)).

### **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 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.

## **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.

