

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024 - Week 1

FROM THE OFFICE



"Welcome Back" to all our pupils, staff and also our new families joining us for the first time.

Seniors & Sixth Form School Bus Service

Please note- all students who use the bus service must have their place booked so we can monitor the capacity of each route and register all users of the service. For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit <u>Vectare</u> where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book.

At the time of booking, a QR code will be generated. This must be presented to the driver when boarding the coach either via a mobile phone or paper copy. Existing bus passes remain valid and can still be used. The Vectare app is easy to use and a useful tool to have. You can make, amend and see your bookings. You can also live track the coaches on our home to school routes.

To download the app, search for "VecTive Passenger App" on Android and Apple.If you need any further assistance or have any questions we can help with, please contact clairescourt@vectare.co.uk in the first instance.

Parking/Drop Off/Pick Up

Can we please remind parents about the parking restrictions around the local roads surrounding the school - specifically the 'no stopping' between **8am and 4.30pm on College Road** and the **double yellows on the junction with Grassy Lane**. We noticed several cars parked illegally on Thursday evening and this made the road borderline impassable, not to mention the dangers posed to both pupils and the general public - we do get the traffic wardens patrolling the area and they will issue tickets! Please also do not block residents' driveways - we wish to maintain a good relationship with our residents. Parking on site is

limited but we would appreciate it if parents could avoid sitting and waiting in the staff teacher bays in the front car park that say 'Short Term Staff Parking'.

Uniform Reminder

- **Skirts** the summer skirt is no longer to be worn as the winter kilt will be used all year round. The skirt must be on the knee.
- **Hair** must be of a natural colour, and in a ponytail if longer than shoulder length. Please remove any fabric braids that may have been put in whilst on holiday.
- **Earrings** pupils may wear two pairs of plain circular studs cartilage and nose piercings are not allowed and pupils will be told to remove them. No other jewellery is permitted.
- **Make-up** is not allowed in Year 7-9 and only light, discreet make-up in Year 10-11. False nails and eyelashes are not allowed and pupils will be asked to remove them.
- Coats you may wear a Claires Court branded coat to and from school and also throughout the school day over your blazer during the colder months. If your coat is not a Claires Court branded coat then you may wear it to and from school but it must be put away in your locker once you arrive.

Study, Activities & Late Coaches - w/c 9 September

After school activities, study and late coaches will commence from Monday 9 September.

Victor Allen @ Norden Farm

Thank you to the parents that came to Norden Farm to hear the Key Note Address from Victor Allen, and also for the positive feedback about the event. Please find shared his notes from that.

Term Dates

A reminder that our term dates for 2024-2026 can be found in the <u>Claires Court Term Dates</u> for the next two academic years. These can also be found on our website in the <u>'Parent Hub'</u> under <u>'Term Dates'</u>.

Calendar Website

Please keep 'up-to-date' and view the <u>calendar</u> to see what is happening during the term regarding events, school trips and most importantly parent evenings.

Please find some 'Save the Dates' below:

Thursday 12 September Y8 to Y11 pupils individual school photo - tidy hair, smiles and blazers please! We will inform parents how they can order their daughter's photo from Tempest.

Saturday 12 October PTA Fireworks - held at our Junior School SL6 4QQ. **Tuesday 12 November** Y7-Y11 Flu Immunisations - details to follow asap. **Wednesday 13/Thursday 14 November** "It's Show Time" - further information to be available soon on the joint senior girls/boys stage production.

Sports Website

Just a reminder that our <u>Sports Website</u> password has been emailed home to you. The password enables parents to view team lists.

New, news, news!

Take a look here..... https://bit.ly/40qqNjs at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

May we introduce our new staff at Senior Girls









Miss Barden Mrs Cavacuti
School Nurse Head Librarian
alongside Mrs Duff

Mrs Moore-Bridger Miss Moorhouse Teacher of Science Head of Art Head of Year 10

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog, "Work in progress - what does a school principal do?" including his recent trip to the House of Lords to discuss the impact of VAT on the private education sector. https://bit.ly/3Zice]B

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION - links to letters, parents' evening appointment forms etc will be found on the respective year groups below:

YEAR 7



A special welcome to our new Year 7 pupils!

Individual Pupil Photo - Your daughter's school photo which was taken on the induction day will be available to order via Tempest and we will advise parents as soon as the details have been shared with us.

Friday 13 September

Cliveden Team Building Day - Please find the Cliveden <u>letter</u> which takes place within the normal school day next Friday 13 September, so usual drop off/collection arrangements apply. Pupils will need a pencil case, snacks, water, nut free packed lunch, epipen/inhaler (if applicable) and suitable outdoor non-uniform clothing/footwear.

Thursday 17 October

Parents' Evening (Pastoral & Workshare) 6pm-8pm - Information to follow

YEAR 8

Tuesday 10 September

HOY Parents' Presentation 6pm-7pm - Please find <u>information here</u> which was emailed home today

Monday 11 November

Parents' Evening 6pm-8pm - Information to follow

YEAR 9

Tuesday 17 September

HOY Parents' Presentation 6pm-7pm - Information to follow

Tuesday 3 December

G9 Options Evening 6pm-7pm - Information to follow

YEAR 10

Wednesday 25 September

HOY Parents' Presentation 6pm-7pm - Information to follow

Wednesday 6 November

Parents' Evening 6pm-8pm - Information to follow

YEAR 11

Wednesday 9 October Parental Workshop 6pm-7pm - Information to follow

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