

# 6 September 2024

# **Welcome Back!**



# 2024 Leavers Prize giving

We were thrilled to welcome back our Y14 Prizewinners to receive their awards this week at Norden Farm. It was a very happy occasion to celebrate their successes and we wish them all the best as they move on from Claires Court, to university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

## **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 Vectare 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.

# **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/3ZiceJB

#### **Save the Date**

Tuesday 24 September 5.30-7.30pm - Year 13 Parents' Evening Thursday 10 October 5.30-7.30pm - Year 12 Parents' Evening Saturday 12 October - PTA Fireworks Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 November - "It's Show Time"

#### Term Dates 2024 - 2026

Please find shared 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 'Term Dates'.

#### **Sixth Form Dress Code**

Formal business dress remains on a Monday. Casual business dress may be worn from Tuesday to Friday. The requirements for Sixth Form dress may be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Sickness Absence & Medical Absence reporting**

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 8.45am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327560 or by email to <a href="mailto:sixthform@clairescourt.com">sixthform@clairescourt.com</a>.

Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to <a href="mailto:sixthform@clairescourt.com">sixthform@clairescourt.com</a>

# **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..... <a href="https://bit.ly/40qgNjs">https://bit.ly/40qgNjs</a> 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.

More information on the following sections will be brought to you over the next few weeks:

## **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR YEARS 12 & 13**

Find out more here.

# **CAREERS INFORMATION**





Making it into Medical School 24th September - 7pm - Online

We will be joined by one of our expert doctors who will be introducing the world of medicine and how to secure a place at a top medical school.



**Understanding UCAS** 8th October - 7pm - Online

We will explore the UCAS process with one of our career experts to understand how students can make their application stand out.

Find out more about both these events here

# **Apprenticeships**

Please see this very helpful parent guide to apprenticeships <u>here</u>