











**CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS**

Weekly Bulletin

6 SEPTEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 1)

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to school to all existing pupils and parents, and an especially warm welcome to our new families as well as our new staff teaching at Senior Boys:

			
Mrs Milne-Page English Teacher	Dr Heron Teacher of Science	Mr Gray Head of Geography	Ms Bhachu Business Teacher
			
Mr Todorovski Teaching & Learning Assistant	Mrs Mohamed Laboratory Technician	Miss Hunt GAP Rowing Assistant	Mr Turrell GAP Rowing Assistant

Uniform & Stationery

Details of uniform and stationery requirements can be found in the [Senior Boys school uniform guide](#) and a reminder that acceptable school shoes are black polishable 'leather' shoes **not** trainers for example Nike Airforce 1 or equivalent.

School Coach Service

All students who use the school coach 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.

National Schools Breakfast Week - w/c 9 September

National Schools Breakfast week takes place next week with the aim of raising awareness of the importance of healthy breakfasts for children and young people. Studies show that healthy breakfasts can benefit children's health and learning. But many school-aged children skip breakfast. Missing out on a nutritious breakfast can make it harder for children and young people to get enough of the nutrients they need. Further information can be found in this [factsheet](#) and on the [British Nutrition Foundation](#) website.

Victor Allen @ Norden Farm

Thank you to the parents that came to Norden Farm to hear the Key Note Address from Victor Allen, and the positive feedback about it. Please find shared his notes on [Brain development in Secondary school pupils](#) from the event.

Improve your Chess Lecture Series - starting 9 September

Mr Hogg would like to make all chess playing pupils aware of free training sessions that are coming up at Maidenhead Chess Club, please see this [flyer](#) for more information and you can sign up by emailing info@maidenheadchess.org.uk.

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>

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Term & Calendar Dates

Please find shared the [Claire's Court Term Dates](#) for the next two academic years. These can also be found on our website in the '[Parent Hub](#)' under '[Term Dates](#)'. Please keep 'up-to-date' and view the [School Calendar](#) to see what is happening during the term regarding events, school trips and most importantly parent evenings. Key dates to note as follows:

w/c 9 September - afterschool activities, study and late coaches commence

Monday 9 September - individual school photographs for Y8 - Y11 pupils so smart hair, ties/blazers and smiles please!

Saturday 14 September - CCF Taster Day

Friday 20 September - Jeans for Genes non-uniform day

Saturday 12 October - PTA Fireworks held at our Junior School SL6 4QQ

Tuesday 12 November - Y7-Y11 Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 13/Thursday 14 November - "It's Show Time" - further information to be available soon on the joint senior girls/boys stage production

YEAR 7 ONLY

A special welcome to our Year 7 pupils!



Individual Pupil Photographs - available to order via Tempest

Your son should have brought home information about ordering his school photograph from Tempest after induction day on Wednesday. We will advise parents as soon as the details have been shared with us about ordering deadlines.

Saturday 7 September - B7 Sports Coaching Morning

Please come along to Maidenhead Rugby Club (SL6 1BN) tomorrow morning for the Year 7 Sports Coaching Morning, arriving from 9.10am. You will have the opportunity to meet with Mr Richards, Mr Carter, Mrs Pitt, tutors and the boys will take part in a full morning's rugby coaching with the staff coaching them this year.

Friday 13 September - Cliveden Team Building Day

Please find shared the Cliveden Day letter, 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.

Wednesday 16 October - B7 Parents Pastoral Evening & Workshare

* save the date *

YEAR 8 ONLY

Tuesday 10 September - B8 Parent Workshop 6pm

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive workshop to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 8. Please reserve your seat by completing this [booking form](#). Please do not drive into school until AFTER 5.45pm when all coaches should have safely departed the site.

Tuesday 12 November - B8 Parents' Evening

* save the date *

YEAR 9 ONLY

Tuesday 17 September - B9 Parent Workshop 6pm

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive workshop to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 9, a booking form will follow next week.

Thursday 5 December - B9 Options Information Evening

* Save the date *

YEAR 10 ONLY

Wednesday 25 September - B10 Parent Workshop 6pm

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive workshop to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 10, a booking form will follow in due course.

Tuesday 5 November - B10 Parents' Evening

* save the date *

YEAR 11 ONLY

Wednesday 9 October - B11 Parent Workshop 6pm

* Save the date *

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) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter (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. 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 by 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](#).

