

# **Weekly Bulletin**

# FRIDAY 29 November 2024 - Week 11

# **Principal's Blog**

Read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: <u>"Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it' – James Baldwin</u>

## **LAST WEEK OF TERM**

End of Autumn Term w/c Monday 9 - Thursday 12 December Please note during the last week of term there is no study/activities and it is early buses home/parent pick up at 4pm as per a Friday finish!

# **Last Day of Term - Thursday 12 December**

This is a **full school day ending at 4pm**. EOT letters will be emailed home with the usual reminders to parents about bills/school office closure etc over the Christmas period.

#### Friday 13 December

Grade Cards for Years 7, 8 and 10 and Reports for Year 9 will be emailed home on Friday 13 December and will also be available to view on the Report Portal.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



"We would like to thank pupils, parents and staff once again for your generosity in our requests with donations for the various charitable organisations at this time of year".

# **Christmas Hampers**

Thank you for all the food donations received so far for Maidenhead Salvation Army - the 'hampers' will be collected on the afternoon of **Monday 9 December** 

**Year 7** Pasta/Rice/Pasta Sauce

Year 8 Mince Pies/Christmas Fruit Cake/Christmas Pudding
Year 9 Small boxes of sweets/chocolates (selection packs)
Year 10 Biscuits - Shortbread or other nice 'Christmassy' biscuits

**Year 11** Tinned/Jar Fruit/Vegetables

# Santa Run - is your daughter interested? Friday 6 December



Please join us for the last Claires Court Run Club of 2024, Santa Hats are a must! Anyone joining for the first time should complete the <u>Consent Form</u> in advance. Meet at **Senior Boys reception 7.20am** for a 7.30am start. Choose from a 3.5km (<u>Sheep</u>) or 5km (<u>Double Sheep</u>) route.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

#### **\*OPT OUT BY SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER\***

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 6 December. The assumption is that all girls will have a Christmas Lunch and you will automatically be charged £6 UNLESS YOU **OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER** by completing this form <a href="Christmas">Christmas</a> Lunch 2024 Senior Girls Please note there will be **no other meals** available this day, so girls should bring their own packed lunch if they opt out.

## **Christmas Jumper Day Friday 6 December**



Wear your festive jumper on Christmas Lunch Day instead of the school jumper with a £2 donation for 'Save The Children'. Please note it is **NOT** a non-uniform day and to wear normal school uniform other than the school jumper.

Payment can be made via our Payment Portal and for Senior Girls please make the £2 donation to this line item <u>MUFTI DAY M - Christmas Jumper Day</u> or alternatively £2 cash can be paid to your daughter's Form Tutor. The Payment Portal is open now for accepting payment.

## St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival 6 - 8 December



Please pop along to view all the trees on display and look out for the Claires Court trees decorated by our pupils - vote for your favourite tree (Senior Girls of course!) and help raise money for their chosen charity <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhanes-valley-heartbeat">Thanes Valley Heartbeat</a>.

## **Seniors Carol Service Wednesday 11 December**

Parents are warmly invited to attend our Seniors Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX for the following services:

- 10am Years 7-9
- 11.30am Years 10-11

## FROM THE OFFICE.....

## YEAR 9

Tuesday 3 December \*REMINDER\*

**Online G9 Options Evening 6pm-7pm** We have emailed home the information and link to join the meeting next week. Please keep your mic/camera turned off.

#### COACH TRANSPORT AVAILABLE FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRAVEL

We have capacity on some of our routes for travel from January 2025 to the end of the summer term. If you would like to enquire about costs or availability, please contact <u>Vectare our transport partner</u>. If you have any questions please contact Vectare directly via <u>clairescourt@vectare.co.uk</u>.

# PARENT DRUGS TALK - Wednesday 15 January \*Save the Date\*

Please SAVE THE DATE for this informative Parent talk taking place at 6.30pm in the Chapel at Senior Girls. A letter and booking form will be shared in January.

#### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

May we politely ask that for the safety of our pupils you do not wait on the double yellow lines on College Road. The double yellow lines are there to

ensure visibility is maintained thereby keeping both pedestrians and drivers safe. The traffic wardens do patrol the area and will issue tickets for cars parked illegally on double yellow lines.

Additionally, our coach drivers have requested that cars **do not stop or wait on the zig zag lines outside school or opposite the school gate** as this makes it very difficult for the coaches to manoeuvre into and leave the site. We have also had a plea from our local residents asking that cars do not block their driveways by parking over or too close to them.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils and school safe and local residents happy.

#### **BENCH JACKETS**

Please note that the bench jackets are now available to order on the Hawkinsport website using the link below:

https://www.hawkinsport.co.uk/products/claires-court-subs-coat-navy



## **CALLING ALL SINGERS!**

Do you want to find your voice, have fun and build confidence? Mr. Orme has space for more singing pupils and would love to hear from you! Whether you want to work towards singing grades or just de-stress from your academics, singing lessons can benefit you- and stimulate other areas of learning and creativity. Discover your potential and give it a try! Register your interest <a href="here">here</a> for next steps.

#### **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.