



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 23 February 2024 Spring Term Week 6

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' on our recent progress monitoring inspection report.

FROM THE PTA

PTA AGM - Friday 1 March



◆ You're invited to our ◆

PTA AGM

Friday 1 March

8.30am – Juniors Sports Hall
Hear from the Teachers as to how the generous donations from the PTA have helped the school and reports from the Principals on whole school activity.

Arrive from 8.30am to the Junior Sports Hall for coffee and pastries with the meeting starting at 9am.

Please join us!

All Claire's Court parents are warmly invited to attend.

PTA Nearly New Sale - Senior Girls (Hall Stage) - Tuesday 5 March

If you have any good quality uniform you wish to donate please drop into the school office prior to the 5th. The sale is taking place on the hall stage with the entrance via the lower car park. Please do not use the school office/atrium

entrance as both these areas are very busy at that time of the morning. A reminder that all payments are to be made by card and not cash.

CCF Quiz Night - 6pm Friday 22 March

Tickets are on sale now via the [PTA Payment Portal](#) at £10 a head or £100 for a table (max 10). Please bring your own picnic/takeaway and with a cake sale by the cadets (cash only) and a PTA run bar it promises to be a good night for all.

PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June

Reserve your place by sending an email to pta.ccg@gmail.com with the number of guests, year group and contact number. We aim to put year groups together.

Auction Prizes for the Summer Ball

The PTA would like to reach out to any parent in the school that could perhaps be able to offer an auction prize for the Claires Court Ball. If you can help please drop us an email to pta.ccg@gmail.com advising what you would like to offer and we will be in touch to discuss further.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Thursday 29 February - Sport Nutrition Evening (for Sports Scholars)

A reminder for Sports Scholars planning to attend the evening to please complete the [Sports Nutrition Evening Attendance Form](#) so that we know how many guests to expect. The event will be held in the Chapel at College Avenue (SL6 6AW) from 6pm - 7pm.

Senior Girls Non-Uniform Day - Friday 8 March

On Monday 4 March, Mrs Ruddick will be leading an assembly on International Women's Day (IWD). The theme this year is #InspireInclusion and the pupils will be taught about challenging stereotypes, calling out discrimination, drawing attention to bias and ways to seek inclusion. A good way to support IWD is to fundraise for a women's focused charity. With that in mind we will be having a **non-school uniform day on Friday 8 March** and we kindly request that you support this by donating £2 via the parent portal (this will be opened on the day in readiness for donations) or in cash to your child's form tutor. All money raised will be donated to [The DASH Charity](#) who work tirelessly to educate and empower people to understand, recognise and respond to Domestic Abuse.

Joint Senior Concert - Wednesday 20 March - Senior Girls, College Avenue 7pm-9pm *Save the Date*

Further information to follow but please pop the date into your calendar for a musical evening performance provided by our Senior Girls and Boys and Sixth Form Students.

YEAR 8 only

ECO Day at Taplow Court - Thursday 29 February

Please find the [Year 8 Eco Day at Taplow Court letter](#) taking place on Thursday 29 February. As the trip takes place within the normal school day, usual travel arrangements for arriving at / departing from school apply. Pupils will be walking to Taplow Court so the dress code is school uniform with sensible walking

footwear and waterproof coat. They should also bring a nut free packed lunch for the day.

YEAR 8 and YEAR 9

Dolygaer Expedition May 24

Please find [information](#) on the trip to the Brecon Beacons for Year 8 and Year 9 Senior Girls.

Year 9 Only

Year 9 GCSE Option Choices

A reminder that **today** is the deadline for completing the [google form here](#)

Meningitis ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations Wednesday 28 February 2024 *Reminder*

- Please find the [consent form](#) using school code **BK110153G** either **giving/withholding** consent for your child to be vaccinated
- If you need your child's NHS number please find the NHS [online form](#)

Year 9 DofE Navigation Training Days - 9/10 and 23/24 March

Please find the [Bronze DofE Navigation Training Days letter](#) confirming dates and details of kit requirements. Transport will be provided from Senior Boys so please drop off at 9.30am and collect at 4.30pm on your respective day.

Year 10 Only

Year 10 GCSE Art Pupils only - V&A Museum Trip

Just a reminder about the trip to the V&A Museum on Wednesday 6 March. The cost of this trip is £18 to cover the travel made via the [Payment Portal](#). Please find the [information here](#) which has been emailed home.

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip - 21 -> 23 March

Please find the [Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip Letter](#) taking place 21 - 23 March at the Margam Park Field Studies Centre and note the request to pay the £375 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete the [consent form](#) by Friday 1 March

Year 11 Only

Clares Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at these resources on [Clares Court SchoolTV](#) which might provide useful tips or ideas for you to support your daughter at this critical time in the build up for her GCSE:

- [Revision guide](#)
- [Exam jitters](#)

Support Clinics

[GCSE Support Clinics](#)

Parents Evening - Wednesday 13 March *Save the Date*

Information on how to book your appointment to follow soon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chromebooks

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder that pupils and parents are responsible for the chromebook that your daughter has been allocated, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss. Should you require the school to source you a new chromebook please email your daughter's form tutor to authorise the cost of approx. £250 being added to your fee invoice.

If you decide to purchase your own replacement **chromebook** (please note other platforms/devices are not permitted in school e.g. laptops, apple as they are not compatible with our systems), you will need the Claires Court Google licence added to the chromebook at a cost of £35, again to be authorised by emailing your daughter's form tutor.

PE/Games

Please be advised if pupils are well enough to be in school they are expected to attend PE/Games lessons as normal. If pupils are feeling unwell they should visit the nurses who can administer medication where necessary or sign them off games if appropriate. Pupils will be expected to join the lesson as normal in their PE kit and will be given alternative roles. Pupils are able to take rest breaks if they are feeling under the weather. Please see further information [here](#).

Sickness Absence

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 9.30am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

Medication

Any medication must be handed into the school accompanied with the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where possible via email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com we can then inform teachers ahead of any lessons that your daughter may be absent from. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

Leaving School / Returning To School During The School Day

If you are collecting your daughter for an appointment during the school day, she should wait in reception at the allotted time. We do require parents/guardians to collect and sign their daughter out of school - we will not let a pupil leave school on their own to go to an appointment. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your daughter returns to school, she must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know she is back in school.

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 holiday request form [here](#).

Parking, Drop Off, Pick Up

Please may we ask our parents to be mindful where they are parking and to avoid blocking local residents driveways and on yellow lines/zig zags both inside and outside of the school grounds. The coach bay is reserved for school coach transport, emergency vehicles and for delivery vans unloading throughout the school day.

Transport

All bookings whether regular or ad hoc must be made via [Vectare](#). Here you will find information on routes, costing and how to book. Current users - we have been informed that all bus passes have now been distributed. These must be presented to the driver's handset when boarding to ensure a quick and efficient departure. If you have any questions relating to a pass please contact Vectare at clairescourt@vectare.co.uk who will be happy to assist.

Nut Free School

Can we please remind you that we are a **nut free zone** (this includes nut related products like Nutella or pesto). We do have both children and staff on site that have severe allergic reactions to these. Thank you.

School Calendar

Please remember to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.

Clares Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Clares 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. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle.

