



## CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

# Weekly Bulletin

9 February 2024



### Have a lovely half term break!

**Chinese New Year** - Saturday 10 February 'The Year of the Dragon'

**Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day** - Tuesday 13 February

**St. Valentine's Day** - Wednesday 14 February

**Random Acts of Kindness Day** - Saturday 17 February

**Back to School** - Monday 19 February

### SIXTH FORM MOCK EXAMS TIMETABLE

Sixth Form mock exams will take place over the two week period immediately after the half term holidays, from Monday 19 February - Friday 1 March. All exams will take place under exam conditions. Lessons will continue at this time and students will attend exams as per the [timetable](#). Next week, students will be given their own exam timetable to cover this period so they know exactly when they will have an exam. Exam venues have been shared with students. If students are sick on an exam day, please do let us know asap. Anyone who misses their timetabled exam will have to complete a different exam at a later date to comply with guidelines.

### CCF Quiz Night - Friday 22 March



The cadets have been tasked with raising money for the CCF charity in celebration of their 75th anniversary and are organising a Quiz Night to round off the school's Charity Week which is w/c 18 March, details below. Captain O'Clee and 2Lt Richards will be the quiz masters but no military knowledge is required!

There will be prizes during the evening and a heads and tails competition.

Location: CCSG - School Hall

Time: 6pm - 8pm (ish)

Bar: run by the PTA

Food: BYO picnic dinner or take away - cadets will be running a bake sale for

your pudding.

Cost: Tables/Teams cost £100 - with a maximum of 10 per table/team. If you don't have a table, we will assign you a team at £10pp.

How to pay: Bring good old fashioned cash on the evening for the table and the raffle/bar/bake sale. The PTA will also have their card machines there on the night

### **PTA HOLLYWOOD BALL - Saturday 8 June**

We are delighted to announce the annual Claires Court PTA ball on Saturday 8 June at Claires Court Juniors.



#### **OPTION 1 – BOOK WHOLE TABLE**

Each table requires a designated Table Leader. The Table Leader needs to coordinate the payment for all the other guests on the table. Table Leaders must reserve a table for either 8, 10 or 12 (or can be an odd number). Send an email to [pta.ccgs@gmail.com](mailto:pta.ccgs@gmail.com) including leader name, table size and a contact number.

#### **OPTION 2 – MIXER TABLE FOR COUPLES/ SINGLES**

##### **A perfect way to meet new parents!**

For those parents who do not have enough people to make up a table, we can create a MIXER table with other guests. Reserve your place by sending an email to [pta.ccgs@gmail.com](mailto:pta.ccgs@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. For those that have attended in the past, it is a fantastic night organised by the PTA and within the night we have a professional auction company that provides wonderful bespoke experiences and entertainment. We would very much like to add to this exciting auction and open it up to all guests to enjoy by being able to offer other experiences that would enable more people to participate and bid upon. We are hoping that from our large supportive school community we could generate some additional auction prizes and would be extremely grateful to all offers big or small. All of these auction prizes that parents donate means the money raised on the night from your donation goes directly to the PTA.

If you can help please drop us an email to [pta.ccgs@gmail.com](mailto:pta.ccgs@gmail.com) advising what you would like to offer and we will be in touch to discuss further. Thank you all so much. PTA Summer Ball Committee

## **This month on Claires Court SchoolTV - Respectful Relationships**

Equipping children with an understanding of healthy versus unhealthy relationships is an important aspect of their development. It will guide them to make informed choices, foster positive connections, and set boundaries that contribute to their emotional wellbeing. Understanding the nuances between healthy and unhealthy relationships provides children with the essential tools to navigate their social world, build self-esteem, and cultivate meaningful relationships.

In this [Respectful Relationships edition of SchoolTV](#), learn how to empower young people in healthy interactions to embrace differences and forge connections that honour their self-worth. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback. If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

## **PTA AGM**

All parents are warmly invited to attend our PTA AGM from 9am to 10.30am on Friday 1 March. This will be held in the Mezzanine at Juniors with coffee and pastries available. There will be presentations from all school divisions on projects that the PTA have kindly provided funding for, including the presentation of the Lord Lexden Prize which celebrates the most remarkable sixth-form students at ISA members' schools.

## **PTA Summer Fete \*CHANGE OF DATE\***



The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. At the top center is the Claires Court School crest, which is a shield with a red border and a white 'C' inside. Below the crest, the text 'Claire's Court' and 'PTA Presents' are written in a small, black, sans-serif font. A large, dark red banner with the words 'Summer Fete' in white, bold, sans-serif font is positioned below the crest. Underneath the banner, the text 'Save the Date!' is written in a large, bold, dark red font. Below this, the date and time '29 June - 12 to 4 pm' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A horizontal line separates the date from the text below. The text 'Come and enjoy a day of fun with activities for the whole family, delicious food, and vendors selling a variety of goods. There's something for everyone at this summer event!' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable day of laughter, entertainment, and community.' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'We can't wait to see you there!' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The bottom of the poster features a photograph of Claires Court School, a large, multi-story building with a red roof and white walls, surrounded by green trees and a lawn. A small, white, rectangular structure is visible in the foreground on the left.

Claire's Court PTA Presents

# Summer Fete

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## Home to School Transport Questionnaire 2024-25

Please complete this [Transport Questionnaire](#) by Monday 19 February to help us establish the new transport requirements for the new academic year. We are aware of the disruption caused by the closure of the Cookham bridge and appreciate your cooperation and patience with the changes that have been implemented. This questionnaire could influence any new routes implemented, so please take them time to complete it. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Morrissey at [travel@clairescourt.net](mailto:travel@clairescourt.net).

## Download our School App

For everything you need in one place - quick links to catering menus, term dates, payment and report portals to up to date news from around the school. Simply search for Claires Court School on either the [App store](#) or [Google Play](#) - it's free, we don't collect your details and you don't need to register to use it!

## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' on Claires Court SchoolTV for part 2 of the #CCCsDroneSquad's trip to BETT24.



This is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. Do watch the NAW introduction video which will explain more:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/naw-3-minute-explainer-film/>

You may also like to listen to the following podcast: "[parent perspective](#)" podcast  
You can find more information [here](#)



## Apprenticeships with BAE Systems

Apprenticeships with BAe Systems provide unrivalled opportunities to work with cutting-edge technology and engineering. From making submarines invisible and protecting marine life, to sending satellites into space. Students gain hands-on



experience with the best technology on the planet, whilst gaining recognised qualifications and earning a competitive wage.

Find out more [here](#). Applications close at the end of February.

### **Bird & Bird Virtual Apprentice Open Evening-Monday 12 February 5-6pm**

On Monday, Bird & Bird will be sharing key insights into their law firm from senior lawyers and heads of early careers, as well as opportunities to hear from current Bird & Bird apprentices. This is a great chance for any students who are interested in law to kickstart their law careers. Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZ9C2QC>

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



### **University of Cambridge**

Think Cambridge is a great way for students to kickstart their year if they're thinking about applying to Cambridge. This is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 12 students to apply to Cambridge. [Research the webinar series](#)



Continuing through the year, Subject Masterclasses are subject-specific events that offer high-achieving students in Year 12 the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at the University of Cambridge.

This month we have Masterclasses covering:

- Education (12 February)
- Sociology (15 February)
- Geography (19 February)
- Veterinary Medicine (19 February)

The events are designed for Y12 students. Masterclasses will be added throughout the year, so remind students to check back regularly using the link below. [View upcoming Masterclasses](#)

### **University of East Anglia - Online subject taster lectures**

Join our friendly online taster sessions to discover what it's like to study your chosen subject at university. Take a look [here](#) at the full programme of subject taster sessions available, webinars and MOOCs.

### **Oxford Brookes University Taster days**

Join our Subject Taster Days to gain first hand experience of studying at university level and student life. Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give insight into a range of courses within a subject area from one of our

four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology, Design and Environment:

**Entrepreneurs in the Making - 11 March 2024**

Subjects: Digital Marketing, Marketing Management, Business and Management, Hospitality and Events Management.

**Power and Privilege - 27 March 2024**

Subjects: Law, Criminology, Philosophy, History, Politics and English.

**NutriGuess Challenge - Decoding Fat & Sugar - 30 April 2024**

Subject: Nutrition

**Exploring Adult Nursing - 30 April 2024**

Subject: Adult Nursing

**Discover Occupational Therapy - 1 May 2024**

Subject: Occupational Therapies

**Engineering - 8 May 2024**

Subjects: Motorsport, Mechanical and Robotics Engineering

**Computer Science - 9 May 2024**

Subjects: Computer Science

**Art & Design 15 May 2024**

Subjects: A range of Art & Design courses with an exploration into the undergraduate exhibitions.

**Architecture 22 May 2024**

Subjects: Architecture exploring the undergraduate exhibition.

For more information and descriptions of what each day entails please visit the [website](#).

**Brunel University Taster days**

Our subject-specific taster days begin at 10am and run for approximately 4 hours on [campus in Uxbridge, west London](#). These sessions provide students with the opportunity to delve deeper into their course(s) of interest through taster lectures and workshops. They can chat with our current students and teaching staff, and receive all the support they need to make informed choices about their future studies.

Sessions on law, engineering & maths, criminology and history and politics are available. You can find out more details and book [here](#)

**CAREERS INFORMATION**

**Apply today to two Business & Accounting In-person Events in Reading**

We are really excited to share that we've got an event with PwC and KPMG in Reading at their offices in February and we would love to invite you to join us at them.

**PwC Females of the Future:**

- Tuesday 20 February, 1.30pm - 5pm
- At the PwC office in Reading
- Open to all Y11 and Y12 female students
- Workshops, panel discussions and networking opportunities

- Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XMPHJX>

**KPMG Insight Evening:**

- Thursday 22 February, 5pm – 7.30pm
- At the KPMG office in Reading
- Open to all Y12 and Y13 students
- Workshops, panel discussions and networking opportunities
- Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TTDYZB>

**RSM UK London - Early Careers Insight Event - Wednesday 13 March 2024**

RSM would like to invite students from local schools, along with their parents, to our upcoming insight event at our London Farringdon office for prospective school leavers.

RSM is a leading provider of audit, tax and consulting services to the middle market, and offer a range of programmes via our school leaver professional apprenticeship programme, helping school leavers to take this first step in their career with confidence.

About the event:

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2024

Time: 5.30pm- 7pm

Location: RSM UK London Office, 25 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB

What our Insight Event will include:

- A chance to learn about the wide range of career opportunities available at RSM
- Find out about the opportunities we offer for learning and development
- Hear about the different service lines at RSM and the career paths available
- Learn about our recruitment process, professional qualifications, and career progression
- Meet some of our current trainees, managers and partners and find out what life is like at RSM
- Get answers to questions that will help you shape your future

RSVP:

If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to [kayla.lewis@rsmuk.com](mailto:kayla.lewis@rsmuk.com) & [francesca.cook@rsmuk.com](mailto:francesca.cook@rsmuk.com)