



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

22 March 2024 (Spring Term Week 10)

FROM THE OFFICE

Charity Week Sponsorship Money

Sponsorship money from the [B7/8 Fancy Dress Walk](#) and [B9 Rowathon](#) raising money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance should be handed into form tutors or transferred via the [Payment Portal](#) preferably by the end of term if possible, but failing that then the first week back of the summer term, thank you. Money raised from the non-uniform day and sponsorship so far for Years 7 and 8 is £391.90 and counting! The boys enjoyed their lengthy 9km walk on Tuesday through the surrounding area. Dinosaurs, racing drivers and spacemen joined us, making the walk not only a challenge, but also great fun. The boys were impeccably behaved and were embraced by the general public who expressed their approval of the boys' excitement and enthusiasm!



Arrangements for the Last Week of Spring Term

There will be early coaches for the last week of term **w/c 25 March** departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm and therefore there will be no activities or study. The last day of term is **Wednesday 27 March** finishing at 3.50pm. The end of term letter will be emailed home on Wednesday, followed by grade cards/reports on Thursday. These will also be available to view on the Report Portal.

Arrangements for the First Week of Summer Term

- Summer Term starts on Tuesday 16 April
- Late coaches, after school activities/study commence first week of term (i.e. w/c 16 April)
- Academic school day finishes at 4pm
- Activities/study 4.15pm-5.15pm (unless specified as late finish) Monday - Thursday
- Coaches depart at 5.25pm Monday - Thursday, 4.30pm on Friday

Summer Term After School Options

Booking is now open via the Report Portal for Summer Term after school [activities](#) and options and will **close at 9am Monday 25 March**. Please note you **must book something for every night of the week Monday through to Thursday**, whether that is an **activity, study** or **'going home'** so that we know where your child should be on any given day. If you are unable to login, please contact our data manager John Carr via jpc@clairescourt.net who will be able to reset your password. Instructions on how to book activities can be found in the [Activities Guide](#) and enquiries can be directed to activities@clairescourt.net.

PTA Hollywood Ball - 6.30pm Saturday 8 June

Your son should have brought home a flyer this week about the PTA Hollywood Ball taking place on 8 June at Claires Court Juniors. Tickets are priced at £85 and include a welcome drink on arrival, three course meal, live band, disco until 1am plus more....! To reserve a table (for 6-12 guests) or tickets please email pta.ccs@gmail.com by 26 April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Claires Court Sponsored Sail to Greece

Please find the [weekly update](#) from the Claires Court Sailing department who is fundraising for a replacement powerboat by sailing the equivalent distance from Maidenhead to Lefkas, Greece. Donations to support them can be made via their [Just Giving Page](#).

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent yesterday from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if necessary.

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent blog ['A Principled View'](#) on 'When Cognitive Dissonance meets the ChatBot.'

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Annual House Cross Country - Saturday 23 March

Details can be found in the [letter](#), with arrivals at 9am for Years 7 & 8 and 9.30am for Years 9-11 at Taplow Sports Ground (SL6 0NS) wearing running kit as follows:

- Top in house colours
- White socks or games socks
- Trainers, spikes, astros, football boots dependent on conditions
- Tracksuit, change clothing for afterwards
- Towel

Presentation of medals and trophies will follow races, with refreshments for pupils kindly provided by the PTA and Cafe2u van available for parents.

PTA Meeting - 7pm Monday 22 April

There will be a Seniors PTA meeting on Monday 22 April 7pm at Senior Boys (Ray Mill Road East SL6 8TE) and we welcome all parents to attend if they wish to get involved in helping with Summer term events or the PTA more generally.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 DofE Navigation Training Days - 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 9 Charity Week Rowathon - Monday 25 March

Year 9 will be participating in a [Sponsored Rowathon](#) during afternoon games on Monday 25 March as part of Charity Week raising money for [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#). Sponsorship money should be handed into form tutors or transferred via the [Payment Portal](#) by the end of term or the first week back of the summer term, thank you.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip - returns 23 March

Please find the [Margam Park Geography Trip final letter](#) noting the emergency contact number out of school hours is 01628 327388 and return/pick up is from Senior Boys at approx. 3.30-4pm Saturday 23 March.

Year 10 Study Skills and Exam Preparation

Year 10s have been working hard on their revision skills and exam technique in preparation for their exams next term. During form time they have been learning how to use retrieval techniques and spaced practice when making and testing themselves using flashcards. In a workshop last Friday they learnt the importance of command words when interpreting exam questions. Their hard work was rewarded with a fun team challenge.



Pupil Careers and University Fair - 19 April

During the afternoon of Friday 19 April boys will be off games to attend the [Careers and University Fair](#) taking place at College. They will be expected to sign up for a minimum of two talks and will have the opportunity to interact with employers and universities and ask them any questions they may have.

Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable

The Year 10 Summer Examinations start on Monday 22 April and run through to Wednesday 1 May with English Language on the last day. Please find detailed information below:

- [Year 10 Summer Examination Timetable](#)
- [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#)

A reminder that the IGCSE English Language Examination is the morning of **Thursday 23 May**.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Leavers Hoodies - order by 2 April

Leavers Hoodies are now available to order via [Hawkinsport](#) priced at £27. For free delivery to school orders need to be placed by 9am Tuesday 2 April. Please note the name requested to be printed on the back of the hoodie will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will be changed to your son's first name.

Study Skills with Linda Greetham - Monday 25/Tuesday 26 March

For selected pupils letters were emailed home earlier this week with details and timings of these sessions.

GCSE Art Day - Monday 15 April

Year 11 artists are invited into school from 10am - 4pm on Monday 15 April to work on their sketchbooks and Unit 2 work, giving them extra time to prepare for their GCSE Examination days of 23 and 24 April. To confirm your son's attendance, please complete this [form](#) by 25 March. Please note he will need a nut free packed lunch, snack and drinks as our canteen will be closed that day.

Pupil Careers and University Fair - 19 April

During the afternoon of Friday 19 April boys will be off games to attend the Careers and University Fair taking place at College. They will be expected to sign up for a minimum of two talks and [information](#) was shared with them at assembly this week. They will also have the opportunity to interact with employers and universities and ask them any questions they may have.

Dates for your Diary

Further information to follow very soon on these upcoming events once details have been finalised:

- 3 May - Year 11 Celebration Assembly
- 6 May - start of Exam Period with the opportunity for revision in school (quiet or collaborative working) or at home, further information will follow next term
- 20 June - Thorpe Park Trip
- 21 June - Year 11 Prom *** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE ***
- w/c 24 June - Work Experience (week 1)
- Wednesday 26 June - Contingency Day - pupils need to be available for the full day
- w/c 1 July - Work Experience (week 2)

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 8: Freddie C, Jonah V, George L, Seb B, Harry J, Vihaan T, Alex W and Dan W for fantastic attainment in their CT2. Well done!

Year 10: Gareth W, Nathan D, Josh C, John-Ross A, Caspar B, Harry C, Danny J, Theo K, Ben O and Cameran P for excellent progress on the CT2s. Brilliant work!

Linguists of the Week

In French for the best engagement in lessons towards the end of term for KS4:

Year 10: Callum S, Nathan D, Josh C, Josh B, Evin S, Milan T, Gareth W

Year 11: Ed S, Finley T, Abbas A, Alex B, Harry W, Fergus M

Scientists of the Week

Year 9: Sam P for superb work on his Solar System in Astronomy Club

Year 10: Kamran H and Harry K for brilliant work on Magnetism in Physics

GENERAL INFORMATION

Illness and Games afternoons

Please be advised if pupils are well enough to be in school they are expected to attend Games afternoons as normal. If they are not well enough to actually participate in the activity, they are still expected to be present and will be given alternative roles. They should bring warm clothing as required. If pupils are feeling unwell they should visit the nurses who can administer medication where necessary or sign them off games if appropriate. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses or Director of Sport. Thank you for your understanding.

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 with 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](#).

Parking near School

Please do not stop on the double yellow lines at the crossroads of Ray Park Avenue and Ray Mill Road East, or on the zig zags outside school. Also, please turn off your cars while you are waiting to minimise disruption for our neighbours and do not block driveways. Please pass this onto anyone new who may be picking up your son. In summary please be mindful to local residents and abide by the highway code.

Transport

For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. Any questions please contact vectare in the first via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the school day. Years 7 and 8 will be required to hand their mobile into their Form Tutor during morning registration. Pupils in other year groups should lock their mobile securely in their locker or hand it in to Mrs Tarr before registration. If boys need to contact home during the day for any reason, they should do so via the school office or nurses depending on the reason for contact.

Chromebooks

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder of pupils and parents responsibility for their chromebook, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss.

School Calendar

Please check our [online school calendar](#) to see up to date information about events happening throughout the term.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires 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.