



CLAIRES COURT SENIOR BOYS

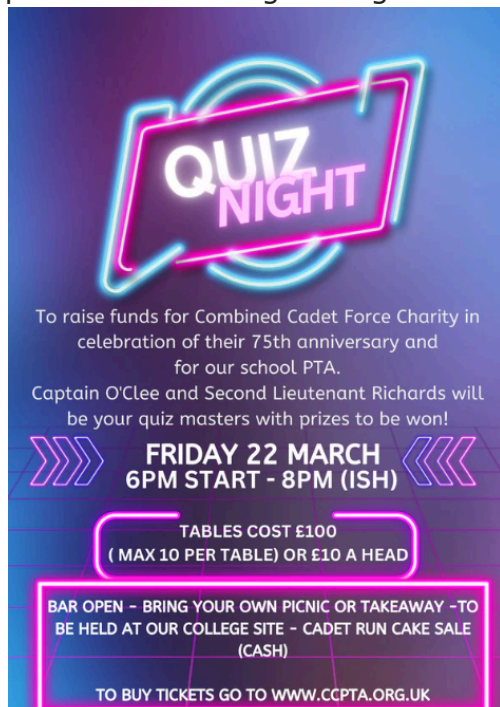
Weekly Bulletin

2 FEBRUARY 2024 (SPRING TERM WEEK 4)

FROM THE PTA

CCF Quiz Night - 6pm Friday 22 March

Roll up, roll up....it's QUIZ time! Initiated by our CCF, we would like to invite you to a quiz night at College Avenue (SL6 6AW) hosted by Captain O'Clee and Second Lieutenant Richards (with no military knowledge needed!). Open to all parents, we aim to raise funds for the CCF charity, who celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2024, as well as our PTA. 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.



To raise funds for Combined Cadet Force Charity in celebration of their 75th anniversary and for our school PTA.

Captain O'Clee and Second Lieutenant Richards will be your quiz masters with prizes to be won!

FRIDAY 22 MARCH
6PM START - 8PM (ISH)

TABLES COST £100
(MAX 10 PER TABLE) OR £10 A HEAD

BAR OPEN - BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR TAKEAWAY - TO BE HELD AT OUR COLLEGE SITE - CADET RUN CAKE SALE (CASH)

TO BUY TICKETS GO TO WWW.CCPTA.ORG.UK

PTA Nearly New Uniform Donations

The PTA will be holding a Nearly New Uniform sale on 16 March and are therefore accepting donations of good quality sports kit and school uniform. Please drop any items you wish to donate off to the school office after half term until Friday 8 March. Thank you.

PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June

We are delighted to announce the annual Claires Court PTA ball at Claires Court Juniors.



There are several options to book a table (see below) and all reservations are needed by 26 April. Payment information will follow.

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.ccs@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.ccs@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.ccs@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.

PTA AGM

Please save the date for our PTA AGM - Friday 1 March - more details to follow next week and it will be held at Juniors.

FROM THE OFFICE

Drugs Awareness Talk

Thank you to those parents who came to support this talk from Bob Tait last week and please find his [presentation slides](#) from the evening. If you were unable to attend, we do highly recommend you come next year - Mr Buckle commented even though he hears the talk every year, he always learns something new! Whilst we discussed holding it online, Bob feels it is an important message that has a better impact when delivered in person.

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.

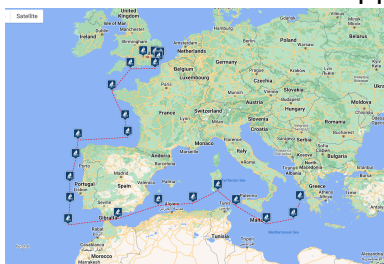
In this [Respectful Relationships edition of SchoolTV](#), learn how to empower young people in healthy interactions to embrace differences and forge connections that honour their self-worth. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your 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.

Portland Pre-Season Sailing Camp - 11-12 April

Please find shared [Portland April 2024](#) letter for the pre-season sailing camp taking place 11 - 12 April. Allocation of the 28 places will primarily be on a first-come first-served basis and spaces will not be confirmed until payment has been received. Please complete the [Consent Form](#) and pay the £270 via [Payment Portal](#) as soon as possible and by Friday 9 February at the latest.

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](#).



Box Trailer - Can you help please?

The outdoor education team are looking to borrow a box trailer for the DofE expeditions on 18/19 May and 8/9 June? If you have something similar to the picture below and would be happy to lend it, please get in touch with them before half term via outdoored@clairescourt.net. Thank you very much.



Request from a neighbour

"I understand that parking is limited so I am more than happy for parents to park on the street outside the school. However without fail every morning and evening a parent will park right over our driveway. Most of the time they will refuse to move as they are collecting their children but this means I have to either park on a street I don't live on or I have to circle back around multiple times until they leave. This is becoming very frustrating and has been going on for months. If there is any chance you can ask parents to not park over residents driveways this would be much appreciated."

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](#)' for part 2 of the #CCCsDroneSquad's trip to BETT24.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent last night so if you did not receive it please check your junk/spam folder. The email will be from your son's form tutor.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

RBWM Inclusion Summit - Wednesday 7 February

Parents are invited to attend this event taking place at Royal Windsor Racecourse (SL4 5EZ) to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough. Further information can be found [here](#) and to register your interest click this [link](#).



YEAR 7 ONLY

Year 7 Parents Evening

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from Mr Wilding and Mrs Pitt's talk at Wednesday nights' Parents Evening. We hope you had informative conversations with your son's subject teachers.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 History Parents Evening ONLINE - Tuesday 6 February 4pm - 6pm

Since the History department will be on a school trip they are unable to attend the main Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 8 February (see below). Ms Tookey and Mr Flynn will therefore be holding five minute virtual appointments via Schoolcloud on Tuesday 6 February 4pm-6pm instead. Appointments can be booked now via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and booking will close at 7am on Tuesday 6 February. Further instructions can be found in this [Booking Guidance](#). (NOTE: For boys in 9C who were taught by Mr Wilding last term he will be available at the main Parents Evening on Thursday 8 February if you wish to speak with him.)

Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 8 February 5.30pm - 7.30pm

- Year 9 parents and boys are invited into school next Thursday to meet with subject teachers (apart from History, see above). You do not need to book appointments as all the teachers will be based in the Sports Hall so you can decide who to see on the night.
- In addition to current subject teachers, Mrs Frost, Mr Beck, and Mr Bolton will also be present representing Food Preparation and Nutrition, Business Studies and Physical Education if you have any questions about studying those subjects at GCSE level.
- For Science you will be allocated one teacher to speak to about all three Sciences to save you seeing separately Biology, Chemistry and Physics teachers. Boys will be aware of their allocated Science teacher as this will have been shared in Google Classroom.
- The coaches should have departed by **5.30pm so please feel free to park in school after that time, but not before.**
- Your son can remain at school and you can meet up with him when you arrive. On arrival at school please make your way to the sport hall and sign in there where refreshments will be available.
- We will email you the GCSE Options Form in advance of the evening and ask that you please complete that by Monday 19 February.

Year 9 Meningitis ACWY/Td/IPV Vaccinations - 13 March

Please find shared a [letter](#) from the Berkshire Immunisation Team about the Meningococcal ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio booster immunisations taking place in school on 13 March 2024. Further information can be found in this [guide](#) and [leaflet](#) and more general information about immunisations for young people [here](#).

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Yellis Report

Please be aware that your son's Yellis report is available on the Report Portal, accessible via the [Parent Hub](#) section of our website, and further information about Yellis Testing can be found [here](#).

Year 10 German BFI Trip - 14 March

Please find the [Year 10 German BFI Trip letter](#) taking place on 14 March. To confirm your son's place on the trip please pay £43 via the [Payment Portal](#) no later than Friday 2 February.

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 son at this critical time in the build up for his GCSE:

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

Year 11 Subject Support Sessions

Please find shared details of the [Subject Support sessions](#) available to pupils which will run this term on a weekly basis. In some instances pupils will be asked to attend a specific session by their teacher, but all sessions are also available for anyone to drop into any week.

Year 11 GCSE & Summer Term Dates

Pupils will receive their personalised GCSE timetable after entries have been submitted February half term. If you are planning any holidays please be aware of the following dates:

- Thursday 20 June - possible day trip to Thorpe Park (TBC)
- Wednesday 26 June - Contingency day - pupils need to be available for the full day
- Thursday 27 June - Year 11 Prom

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 7 Louis M and Rueben T for excellent contributions about the Peasants Revolt!

Year 10 Caspar B and Zac T for putting in the extra effort on their Germany timelines.

Linguists of the Week

In French for the best approach to revision for the upcoming Common Task:

KS3: Josh L, Ben G, Jack H, Noah R, Seb B, Freddie C, Will W

KS4: Spike S, Gareth W, Milan T

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 Rory M

Year 8 Freddie H

Year 9 Ben G

Year 10 Jack J, Isaac M

Year 11 Charlie O

Scientists of the Week

Oliver G and Hayden D (Year 7): Brilliant work finishing coding their computer games using Construct 3.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment (where possible) via email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com.

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).

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](#).

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.

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. Please pass this onto anyone new who may be picking up your son.

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.

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.

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.