



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR BOYS

# Weekly Bulletin

**9 FEBRUARY 2024 (SPRING TERM WEEK 5)**

### FROM THE PTA

#### **PTA AGM - Friday 1 March**

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.

#### **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.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Summer Fete **\*CHANGE OF DATE\***



## FROM THE OFFICE

### 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).

### Safety Advice when travelling to school

We have heard of some concerning reports from schools in Marlow about students being offered lifts by mini buses or cars suggesting they are an Uber. The incidents have been reported to the local police, but please do speak to your children about being vigilant when travelling to school. They should not accept lifts from strangers and only travel on our school coaches. If you have any concerns please contact the local police or school directly.

### 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 Claire's 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 Claire's Court SchoolTV where he signposts

you to three items for your consideration: NeuroDiversity, Discussing War & Conflict and Respectful Relationships (see below).

### **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.

### **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**

#### **General Dates for Next Term**

Tuesday 20 February - Ski Trip Information Evening (6pm)

Thursday 22 February - Rowing Parent Education Evening (6pm)

Friday 1 March - PTA AGM at CCJuniors (9.30am)

Saturday 16 March - PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale

Wednesday 20 March - Joint Seniors Spring Concert

Saturday 23 March - Annual House Cross Country

### **YEAR 8 ONLY**

#### **Year 8 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 9 ONLY**

#### **Year 9 Options Form - please complete by Monday 19 February**

We hope you had useful conversations with your son's subject teachers last night to help with GCSE subject selection. The GCSE Options Form was emailed out on Monday 5 February to be completed by Monday 19 February please. If after submitting the form your son changes his mind on the subjects he chose, please edit the original form you submitted rather than completing a new one. Further information about studying each subject at GCSE level can be found in our [GCSE Handbook](#) including course content, structure and assessment.

#### **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 GCSE Art V&A Museum Trip - 6 March**

Please find information about the [V&A Museum Art Trip](#) for Year 10 art pupils taking place on Wednesday 6 March. Pupils should wear school uniform and will require a nut free packed lunch. They should also bring a small sketchbook, drawing materials and a small amount of money for the shop.

### **Year 10 German BFI Trip - 14 March**

Please find information about the [Year 10 German Trip](#) to the British Film Institute on Thursday 14 March. Pupils should meet at Senior Boys at 7.45am, with an expected return of 5.30pm. The dress code is smart casual and pupils should bring a pen, note book, nut free packed lunch, snacks and drinks.

### **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**

### **Year 11 GCSE Timetables**

Personalised GCSE timetables, fees information and a generic timetable have been posted home, so please look out for their safe arrival.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening (Academic Subjects) - Tuesday 12 March**

**\* save the date \***

### **Year 11 Summer Term Dates**

If you are planning any holidays please be aware of the following dates:

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

### **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.



## DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

### Historians of the Week

Year 7 - Harry N-B, Albert H and Oliver G for excellent storyboards on the Peasants' Revolt, well done!

Year 10 - Josh C, Nathan D, Tom P and Theo S for doing extra homework!

Year 10 - Caspar B, Danny J, Theo K and Harry C for showing initiative!

### Linguists of the Week

In German for excellent revision for the Common Task:

Year 8: Ben D, Kody H, Varan P-A, Xavier T-O, Ollie W, Seb B, Freddie C, Rushil H, George L, Harrison M, Michael OF, Vihaan T

Year 9: Ben G, Joshua N-B, Joshua L, Harry N, Eddie T

### Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 Max E, Hayden D

Year 8 Xavier T-O

Year 10 Harry K, Monty M

Year 11 Harry W

### Scientists of the Week

Xavier T-O (Year 8): Excellent work on planned practical

Lucas R (Year 9): Excellent effort in revision for Common Tasks

Sam B (Year 10): Excellent result in Chemistry CT2

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com) or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website [www.clairescourt.com/parents](http://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](mailto: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.

## **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.