



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

### Friday 2 February 2024 Spring Term Week 4

Welcome to February - the border between Winter and Spring!

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### 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!

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### 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.



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)**

**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.

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

### 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.

### 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 Richards 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.

## Inclusion Summit



We are extremely pleased to announce our fifth Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Inclusion Summit. This event has been co-produced between SEND Voices RBWM, Achieving for Children, the Independent Advice and Support Service, Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy Service and schools. It will be a great opportunity for all parents and carers, as well as other key stakeholders, to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough. This event will inform, engage and inspire how we are all working together as a positive beacon of inclusion for children and young people (0 to 25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities. There will be a selection of workshops to attend and a bustling marketplace.

**This face-to-face event will be held on:**

**Wednesday 7 February, 2024**

**Royal Windsor Racecourse**

**9.15am** Registration and browse the marketplace

**10am** Introduction

**10.15am** Presentations

**11.15am** Break and browse the marketplace

**11.45am** Workshops

**1.10pm** Summary of the day and performance from Manor Green School

To register your interest click on this [link](#).

If you are interested in having a stall, please email:

[inclusionsummit@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:inclusionsummit@achievingforchildren.org.uk)



### RBWM Inclusion Summit Wednesday 7 February

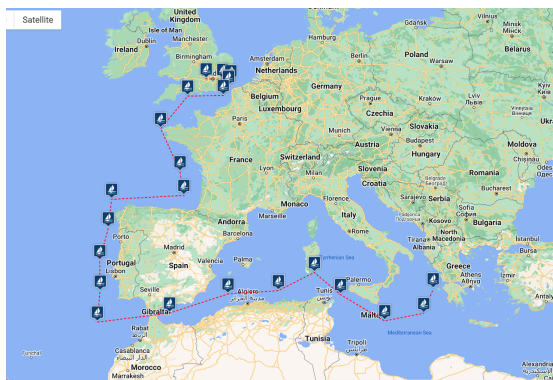
Parents are invited to attend this event taking place at Royal Windsor Racecourse (SL4 5EZ) to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough. Further information can be found [here](#) and to register your interest click this [link](#).

### 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.

### Claire's Court Sponsored Sail To Greece

Please find the [Week 4 update](#) from the Claire's 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](#).



## 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.

## Principal's Blog

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

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### Year 9 Only

#### Parents Evening - Tuesday 6 February 2024 (Main Hall 6-8pm)

We emailed home earlier this week information on our new booking system <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. This opened at **10am** today **Friday 2 February** and will close at **12pm** on **Monday 5 February**. Instructions can be found [here](#). Please use your child's full name, as nicknames are not accepted by the system.

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

Have you completed the consent form yet?

- 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 10 Only

#### GCSE Geography Field Trip - 21-23 March

To confirm your child's place on the [Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip](#) taking place 21 - 23 March at the Margam Park Field Studies Centre you will need 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's.

## Support Clinics

[GCSE Support Clinics](#)

## **Parents Evening - Wednesday 13 March**

**\*Save the Date\***

### **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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.