



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**Friday 9 February 2024 Spring Term Week 5**



**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

## FROM THE OFFICE

**CCF Quiz Night - Friday 22 March**

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)

### 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.

## 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.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 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.

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



### **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 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 for part 2 of the #CCCsDroneSquad's trip to BETT24.

## **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.

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)' on Claires Court SchoolTV where he signposts you to three items for your consideration: NeuroDiversity, Discussing War & Conflict and Respectful Relationships.....

## **YEAR GROUP INFORMATION**

### **All Year Groups**

#### **Ski Trip Information Evening - Tuesday 20 February**

Ski Trip Information Evening taking place at 6pm on Tuesday 20 February in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys (SL6 8TE).

#### **Rowing Parent Education Evening - Thursday 22 February**

Rowing Parent Education Evening taking place at 6pm on Thursday 22 February in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys (SL6 8TE).

### **YEAR 8 only**

#### **ECO Day at Taplow Court - Thursday 29 February**

Please find information [here](#) that was emailed home earlier today.

### **Year 9 Only**

#### **Year 9 GCSE Option Choices**

Parents have been emailed the form home earlier this week in order for their daughter to complete their GCSE subject choices for Year 10/11. The deadline for completing the [google form here](#) is **Friday 23 February**. Further information about studying each subject at GCSE level can be found in our [GCSE Handbook](#) including course content, structure and assessment.

### **Meningitis ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV)**

#### **Vaccinations Wednesday 28 February 2024 \*Reminder\***

- 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 10 GCSE Art Pupils only - V&A Museum Trip**

Just a reminder about the trip to the V&A Museum on Wednesday 6 March. The cost of this trip is £18 to cover the travel made via the [Payment Portal](#). Please find the [information here](#) which was emailed home last Friday 2 February.

## **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:

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

### **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
- 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 Clares 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.