



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

4 OCTOBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 5)

FROM THE OFFICE

PTA Fireworks - last chance to purchase tickets IN ADVANCE!

This weekend is your last chance to purchase fireworks tickets in advance via ccpta.org.uk which closes midday on Monday 7 October. If you purchase your tickets by midday 7 October, we will send your tickets home with your eldest child on Thursday 10 October so you do not have to queue at the gate on the night...just walk in and enjoy! You can also collect your food anytime after arrival, whereas food is not guaranteed for tickets sold on the gate and can only be collected **after** the fireworks. Furthermore you benefit from discounted ticket prices, so **[BOOK HERE NOW](#) before midday Monday 7 October!**

Burger or hotdog included with your ticket.
(Vegetarian options available.)

PTA FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER – 5PM

Low noise fireworks from 7.15pm
at Claire's Court Juniors

Online Tickets Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25 (2 adults and 2 children)	Price on the gate Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30* (2 adults and 2 children)	Prize for the best pumpkin, bring it on the night! ccpta.org.uk
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*On gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly no dogs allowed either in cars or on site.

New Food Studio at Senior Boys

We are very excited to let you know that the installation of our new Food Studio at Senior Boys is now complete. Whilst there were some unforeseen delays over the summer holiday period, the studio is now fully open and all classes will be undertaking practical work and enjoying the facilities. This will include different classes undertaking activities such as pasta making, knife skills, pastry and dough making, baking and other cooking skills - specific details by year group can be found [here](#).

The Year 10 boys showcased their culinary talents this week impressing local restaurateur Wesley Smalley from Seasonality in the [Springboard FutureChef](#) competition. Congratulations to Owen, Josh, Hugo and Felix who progress to the next round.



Neighbours and Parking

We have disappointingly had a number of local residents contacting us in the last few weeks with reports of their driveways being blocked and unfavourable responses when asked to move. We do work hard to maintain good neighbourly relationships so may we please kindly ask for your support with this. Please be considerate when stopping on surrounding roads and be polite and courteous to our neighbours. We do not want to have Traffic Enforcement Officers called to patrol the local roads. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination - **please give or withhold consent as soon as possible**

Please find shared the [Flu Vaccination letter](#) from the Berkshire Immunisation Team who will be visiting Claires Court Senior Boys on Tuesday 12 November (see this [leaflet](#) for further information). Please complete the [Consent for Flu Nasal Spray form](#) using school code BK110153B to either **give or withhold consent**. You will need your child's NHS number which can be found [here](#) if not known. If your child is unable to have the nasal flu vaccine due to the porcine gelatine, there is an alternative injectable flu vaccine - see [letter](#) for further information.

Maidenhead Town Show

[Craft Coop](#) is a community interest company (CIC), a social enterprise business set up specifically to benefit the community. All of their activities support the community, and any extra profit goes back to the community. On Sunday 13 October, as part of their CIC mission, they will be hosting the 11th [Maidenhead Town Show](#) - a day that celebrates local creativity and family fun of all sorts - making, cooking, baking, crafting, singing, dancing and general merriment!



Seniors Stage Production: **It's Showtime!** - **secure your seat now!**

Bookings are now open for our joint Seniors stage production taking place at College Avenue SL6 6AW on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November. The cost is £20 a seat to include a beautiful spread of yummy finger food. Numbers are limited to 80 per night, so book your seat early via the [Payment Portal](#) to avoid disappointment. Once payment is made please complete the [Dietary Requirements & Seating Requests form](#) as appropriate.



13 / 14 November 2024 7.30pm
£20/seat (includes beautiful spread of yummy finger food!)
Limited to 80 seats per night - book now via the [Payment Portal](#)

Tables of 10 people.
Complete [form](#) with dietary requirements & to request seating with friends (one form per group)

IT'S SHOW TIME!

PTA CASH BAR

ICONIC
Songs from the musicals
performed by the
Claire's Court
Senior students

@Senior Girls College Avenue SL6 6AW

Claire's Court School TV - Respectful Relationships

Fostering a nurturing environment of respectful relationships within your family holds the key to not only harmonious living, but also improved academic outcomes for your children. As parents and caregivers, embracing the art of teaching children about respect at a young age sets the stage for a lifetime of healthy interactions and empathetic understanding. It will help cultivate a positive environment where communication flourishes, conflicts are resolved constructively, and bonds are fortified. If young people understand that respect is not just a word, but a practised behaviour, they will be empowered with essential life skills. Effective communication, active listening, and the art of compromise, will provide your child with a solid foundation that will transcend family interactions and help them collaborate effectively with peers, teachers and the broader community. Read more here....

<https://clairescourt.uk.schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out yesterday from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it.

Principal's Blog

[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog](#): Work in Progress 4 – What the future holds!

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Internet Safety Parent Talk (Years 8-11) - Wednesday 16 October

Please find information about the [Internet Safety Talk for Parents](#) taking place at Senior Girls (SL6 6AW) on Wednesday 16 October. Paul Hay, an expert in Internet Safety, aims to give parents the confidence to help their child get the most benefit and enjoyment from the internet whilst keeping safe. To attend this informative evening please [reserve your seat](#) by Monday 14 October and arrive from 6.15pm for light refreshments and a prompt 6.30pm start. Pupils in Years 8 and 10 will be having Internet Safety talks in the morning.

Shoebox Deadline - Friday 8 November

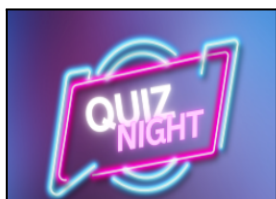
Please find information about our [Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Collection Drive](#) and return all filled shoeboxes to school **by Friday 8 November**. Thank you for making a big difference for a child in need this Christmas.



PTA Quiz Night - Friday 29 November 6pm - 8pm

Mrs O'Clee and Mr Richards are the quiz masters for the evening so brush up on your maths, history, general knowledge, popular music and film.

- **Why are we doing this?** The aim of this event is to bring people together, have some fun and raise some money for the PTA.
- **What will it be like?** It will be like last time; a fun evening with a well stocked bar and accessible questions.
- **Where is it?** College Avenue SL6 6AW, in the Hall.
- **What about food?** Bring your own food or order in.
- **How much is it?** Teams of 10 at £10 per person.
- **Great, where can I get tickets?** It was a sold out event last time, so the tickets are likely to go quickly. Advanced tickets can be secured through Melanie Doe in the front office at College Avenue. Melanie is also happy to answer any queries you might have. med@clairescourt.net
- **What if I can't get a team of 10 together?** Well, fortunately, all the parents at Claires Court are lovely, so we will assign you a table and you can make some new friends.



YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Parents Pastoral & Workshare Evening - 6pm -7.30pm Wednesday 16 October

Parents are invited into school on Wednesday 16 October for the Year 7 Pastoral and Workshare Evening. Please note this is **not a formal parents evening** with individual feedback on attainment/progress, but the opportunity for your son to show you around his classrooms, share some of his work and to have informal conversations with teachers. Additionally you will be able to book via [schoolcloud](#) a five minute appointment to meet with your son's form tutor to discuss how he is settling in from a pastoral perspective. To login to schoolcloud please use your son's full first name, as shortened versions are not recognised. **Booking via [schoolcloud](#) opens 7am Tuesday 8 October** and will close at midday on Tuesday 15 October (instructions [here](#)).

There is no formal start time or presentation, so please arrive anytime to suit from 6pm **parking on surrounding roads considerably for our neighbours**. If your son normally travels home on the coach he can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. **On arrival please make your way to the Dining Room to sign in and pick up a map** showing teacher's locations for the evening. In an attempt to spread people around the school you are asked to follow the route shown below according to the first letter of your surname:

- A-G Science Block --> Main House --> Maths Wing
- H-O Maths Wing --> Science Block --> Main House
- P-Z Main House --> Maths Wing --> Science Block

B7 Fun with Food - New after school activity starting after half term

Mrs Frost will be running a '[Fun with Food](#)' activity from 4.15pm - 5.15pm on Mondays after half term. Recipes will be given every week, however, all students will need to purchase and weigh out their own ingredients and bring a named container to take their food home in. The club will take place in the new Food Studio at Senior Boys and will be limited to 8 pupils. To reserve a space or be added to the waiting list please email Mrs Frost on haf@clairescourt.net.

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New Year 7 Club!

FUN WITH Food

COMING SOON

After half term - Every Monday after school from 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Limited to 8 pupils - to reserve a space or be added to the waiting list please email haf@clairescourt.net

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 12 November

* Save the date *

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Study Skills

The Year 9 boys took part in a study skills workshop based on the book 'Outsmart your Brain' by Daniel T. Willingham. They were given helpful tips on which revision techniques work best and the revision techniques to avoid. Students modelled three revision strategies in the second half of the workshop; Converting Text to Pictures, Blank Page Recall and Talking for a Minute. Please find a copy of the [presentation slides](#) and [booklet](#) summarising everything they covered during the workshop.

Year 9 Geography Trip to Kew - Tuesday 15 October

Please make £15 payment for this [Geography trip to Kew Gardens](#) by **Friday 11 October**. Pupils should wear full school uniform and bring a waterproof coat in case of adverse weather. They should also bring a small bag containing writing equipment, a clipboard (if possible), nut free packed lunch and drinks for the day. Additionally they may wish to bring a small amount of money in case there is the opportunity to buy a drink or souvenir.

B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December

* Save the date *

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Study Skills - Friday 11 October

The Year 10 boys will have a study skills workshop during the afternoon of Friday 11 October instead of their usual games afternoon, and therefore will not need to bring their sports kit to school this day.

B10 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 5 November

* Save the date *

Year 10 English Mock Examination - Tuesday 19 November

Year 10 will be sitting their English Mock Examination on the morning of Tuesday 19 November during the two week [Year 11 Mock Examinations](#) period. Please find shared the [GCSE Rules and Regulations booklet](#) that we ask you to read carefully and keep for future reference.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Parent Workshop - Wednesday 9 October

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive [workshop](#) to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 11, including revision strategies and preparation for examinations. Please [book your seat](#) by Monday 7 October and arrive from 5.45pm for light refreshments in the Sports Hall and a prompt 6pm start. Please do not park in school until **after 5.45pm** when the school coaches should have safely departed the site, thank you.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 7 November 4 - 7pm

* Save the date*



CLAIRE'S COURT
SIXTH FORM

Year 11 Mock Examinations - w/c 18 & 25 November

Please find the [Y11 Mock Examination Timetable 2024](#) taking place over two weeks from Monday 18 to Friday 29 November and a copy of the [GCSE Rules and Regulations booklet](#) that we ask you read carefully and keep for future reference. Boys will be given their personalised timetable next week by form tutors and will also be asked to read the Rules and Regulations booklet.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

A reminder about 'Root of the Week' where pupils learn one new word root and its meaning each week, along with examples of words containing that root in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension.

- The root this week was '**hypo**' meaning '**under**'
- Example words: Hypothermia, Hypochondria, Hypodermic

<p>Hypo</p> <p>Origin: Greek</p> <p>Meaning: Under</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Hypothermia</p> <p>Hypochondria</p> <p>Hypodermic</p>
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Linguists of the Week

In French for great extension work:

Year 9 - Seb B, Toby W, Jacob M, Sam B-S, Varan P A

Scientists of the Week

Year 7 - James C for great enthusiasm in Science

Year 9 - Dexter C for helping explain tidal power to another student

Year 10 - Aaron R for excellent participation in Physics

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sickness Absence

Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)), by email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com or 01628 327600.

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.

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.

Illness and Games afternoons

If your son is unable to play sport, he is expected to accompany his year group to games and will be given an alternative role. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses (Medical-CC@clairescourt.net) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter (sic@clairescourt.net).

Medication

Any medication should be handed into the school accompanied by the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

School Calendar

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

