



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024 - Week 2**

### Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog -

["Work in Progress 3 – Decades of investment in SL6 has helped us become our 'best selves'!"](#)

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### VAT Consultation Reminder - deadline Sunday 15 September

The Treasury has announced a technical consultation (details [here](#)) on the VAT changes affecting private schools which is open until **Sunday, 15 September 2024**. As a parent, you may wish to contribute (as you are entitled to) your own comments to the consultation, emailing any response to [independentschools@hmtreasury.gov.uk](mailto:independentschools@hmtreasury.gov.uk) no later than **Sunday, 15 September 2024**

#### ISA Award for Outstanding Sport

We have been shortlisted for the ISA Award for Outstanding Sport (Large School)! Sport is an integral part of school life at Claire's Court and we have so many opportunities on offer that our students always find one they can access and are passionate about. Our sports results are impressive across the board so we look forward to hearing the result at the [#ISAwards2024](#) in November.

#### England Coach visit for U15 Rugby Boys

There has been so much going on this week at school, including welcoming Steve Borthwick, England Head Coach, to run a coaching session for our U15 Rugby boys. Take a look at our news here <https://bit.ly/40qgNjs>



#### PTA Fireworks

Saturday 12 October Junior School SL6 4QQ **\*Save the Date\*** Further details to follow!

**Wednesday 13/Thursday 14 November** - "It's Show Time" - further information to be available soon on the joint senior girls/boys stage production

### **Individual School Photographs G8 - G11**

Pupils had their individual school photographs taken on Thursday this week and should then have brought home an information sheet about ordering them from Tempest. We will share further information from Tempest about ordering photographs in due course when we receive details from them.

### **MADRID TRIP Online Information Evening - 6pm Wednesday 18 September**

Those on the Spanish trip are invited to an online Information Evening to discuss the itinerary and ask any questions you may have. Further information can be found in this [letter](#) and please note actions required by Friday 27 September to complete [child details form](#), [Ground Rules](#), and [Administration of Medicine form](#), as well as make £185 final payment ASAP if outstanding.



### **JEANS FOR GENES DAY – Friday 20 September**

Pupils are invited to wear full non-school uniform but to include something denim to school next Friday to support Jeans for Genes with a **£2 donation** via the [Payment Portal](#) which is available all next week. Alternatively, £2 in cash can be handed into your daughter's form tutor on Friday morning. Please note that ripped jeans and denim skirts that are deemed to be too short will **NOT** be allowed and pupils will be asked to change into a PE kit or school uniform from lost property.

### **PTA Nearly New Sale - Friday 20 September**

Our fantastic PTA is holding their next Nearly New Uniform Sale on Friday 20 September from **8am - 9am** on the Hall stage. The entrance to the hall is via the lower car park from the College Road entrance with the hall being the first building you see. There is a black painted door on the side of the building - this will take you directly to the stage area. Please do not use the reception office or atrium entrance as this will be busy with both staff and pupils arriving. We would ask parents not to park on site to avoid getting blocked in by staff/school coaches. All payments are made by card and not cash.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoebox Collection Drive**



Our Head Girls, Jaya and Alannah are organising the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make a difference in the lives of others.

#### **What to Include in the Shoebox:**

- A special item such as a cuddly toy, football, doll, truck, or t-shirt.
- Other items like school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, and accessories.
- Fun toys such as yo-yos, puzzles, and small games.

#### **Please Do Not Include:**

- Items that are used or damaged.
- Food, sweets, or chocolates.
- Liquids, lotions, or anything that could leak.

- War-related toys such as toy guns or knives.
- Breakable items like glass or mirrors.

### **Steps to Participate:**

**1. Find a Shoebox:** Use a standard size shoebox and decide whether your gift is for a boy or a girl, and the age category (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old).

**2. Fill it with Gifts:** Make the box fun and full, with a variety of useful and exciting items.

**3. Make Your Project Donation:** A suggested donation of £5 (this is not compulsory). If you would like to make this donation for your shoebox, where you can also track which country your shoebox goes to, this can be made online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

**4. Personalise:** You can include a personal note or photo for the child who will receive your gift.

**5. Drop Off Your Shoebox:** Place a rubber band around the shoebox and drop it off at school during the week commencing **Monday 14 October**.

Please note that we cannot collect boxes before this date due to storage limitations. **Winners:** The tutor group that brings in the most shoeboxes will receive a lunch/break queue jump pass. Thank you for supporting this important cause. Let's make a big difference this Christmas.

### **Parking**

Just a reminder about parking around the school site/College Avenue. Please can parents avoid parking and blocking staff cars in our lower car park/swimming pool gate area - we keep staff car registrations on record but not parents and therefore cannot get a car moved unless a parent has signed in the front office and left their details. Again please may we ask you to be considerate when dropping/picking up your daughter and avoid blocking residential driveways, not stopping and waiting on double yellows or on the yellow zig zags outside the school gates - traffic wardens do patrol and they will issue tickets. Thank you.

**YEAR GROUP INFORMATION** - links to letters, parents' evening appointment forms, etc will be found on the respective year groups below:

### **YEAR 7**

**Thursday 17 October**

**Parents' Evening (Pastoral & Workshare) 6pm-8pm \*Save the Date\***

### **YEAR 8**

**Slide Presentation Parent Workshop Tuesday 10 September**

Thank you to those parents who joined us on Tuesday evening for the Year 8 Workshop. Please find shared a copy of the presentation [here](#)

**Monday 11 November**

**Parents' Evening 6pm-8pm \*Save the Date\***

### **YEAR 9**

**Tuesday 17 September**

**HOY Parents' Presentation 6pm-7pm** Please find [information here](#) which has been emailed home earlier this week

**Tuesday 3 December**

**G9 Options Evening 6pm-7pm** \*Save the Date\*

## **YEAR 10**

**Wednesday 25 September**

**HOY Parents' Presentation 6pm-7pm** \*Save the Date\*

**Wednesday 6 November**

**Parents' Evening 6pm-8pm** \*Save the Date\*

## **YEAR 11**

**Thursday 19 September**

**An Inspector Calls** - please find [information here](#) which was emailed home earlier this week. A reminder to make the payment by Monday 16 September.

**Wednesday 9 October**

**Parental Workshop 6pm-7pm** \*Save the Date\*

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