



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

13 September 2024

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'!](#)"

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 [#ISAAwards2024](#) in November.

School News

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/40ggNjs>

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 no later than Sunday 15 September 2024.

Seniors & Sixth Form School Bus Service

Please note- all students who use the bus service must have their place booked so we can monitor the capacity of each route and register all users of the service. For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. At the time of booking, a QR code will be generated. This must be presented to the driver when boarding the coach either via a mobile phone or paper copy. Existing bus passes remain valid and can still be used. The Vectare app is easy to use and a useful tool to have. You

can make, amend and see your bookings. You can also live track the coaches on our home to school routes. To download the app, search for "VecTive Passenger App" on Android and Apple. If you need any further assistance or have any questions we can help with, please contact clairescourt@vectare.co.uk in the first instance.

Parking/Drop Off/Pick Up

Can we please remind parents about the parking restrictions around the local roads surrounding the school - specifically the 'no stopping' between 8am and 4.30pm on College Road and the double yellow lines and zig zags. Please do not stop here or block residents' driveways when dropping off/picking up students.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – Friday 20 September

This will be a non dress code day for Sixth Form but should include something denim. We will be supporting Jeans for Genes with a £2 donation to be paid via the Payment Portal (available from today) or by a £2 cash donation as students arrive in school. Please note ripped jeans and short denim skirts will NOT be allowed.

Save the Date

Tuesday 24 September 5.30-7.30pm - Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 10 October 5.30-7.30pm - Year 12 Parents' Evening

Saturday 12 October 5.00-9pm- PTA Firework Night



Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 November - "It's Show Time"

Term Dates 2024 - 2026

Please find shared the [Claire's Court Term Dates](#) for the next two academic years. These can also be found on our website in the '[Parent Hub](#)' under '[Term Dates](#)'.

Sixth Form Dress Code

Formal business dress remains on a Monday. Casual business dress may be worn from Tuesday to Friday. The requirements for Sixth Form dress may be found [here](#).

Cashless Catering

Please can you regularly check your son/daughter's cashless catering balance and update any that are overdrawn so a stop is not put on the account.

Sickness Absence & Medical Absence reporting

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 8.45am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327560 or by email to sixthform@clairescourt.com.

Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to sixthform@clairescourt.com

New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40ggNjs> at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.



Tuesday 15 October from 5.30pm - An evening with local garage Maidenhead Tyres and Autocare.

We are pleased to continue our collaboration in Sixth Form with Maidenhead Tyres & Autocare who have very kindly agreed to inform and educate our young car owners with a course on general road safety and how to look after their cars. Our previous evening spent with them proved very enlightening to both the students, teachers and parents who attended.

This is invaluable for those students as they move on to take up university places and apprenticeships away from home and wish to take their cars with them.

The evening course will consist of four small workshop activities and two practical hands-on sessions covering:
what to do when you get a puncture
how to change a spare tyre
what to do if you breakdown on a smart motorway
legal requirements for tyres.

There will also be information on vehicle health checks, covering legal limits, oil & washer fluid levels, the difference between summer / winter / all season tyres, how to read tyre sizes, what is a "run flat" tyre and taking ski trips in your vehicle.

Duration 1hr - 1hr 15mins. Start at 5.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Please can you complete [this form](#) by Tuesday 8 October if you and your son/daughter wish to attend

Address: Unit 10, Maidenhead TradePark, Priors Way, MAIDENHEAD. SL6 2GQ

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR YEARS 12 & 13

Find out more [here](#).

University of Dundee - Thursday 3 October - Tuesday 8 October

Join the University of Dundee at their exciting In Region Events across the UK in October 2024. These events are an excellent way to meet the University of Dundee recruitment team and find out more about the amazing opportunities on offer at the University [here](#). These evenings will be very engaging and interactive and allow you to learn more and ask any important questions that you may have before submitting your UCAS application. We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Studying in Scotland - Wednesday 25 September

On Wednesday 25 September, we are delighted to welcome Kirsty Notman from the UK Student Recruitment Team at University of Glasgow and current students to discuss the diverse and rewarding opportunities presented by Studying in Scotland. Many students will not be aware of the Scottish flexible degree structure, for example, which aims to give undergraduates control of their education thus allowing them to try out all sorts of new subjects, combine the ones that interest them and even change their mind about what they would like to graduate in. The team at Glasgow will explore what it's like to live and study in Scotland, the diversity of universities and locations, the range of degrees on offer, the benefits of the Scottish flexible degree structure and the student experience. Wednesday 25 September 2.15-3pm [Find out more »](#)

USA College Days - Friday 27 & Saturday 28 September

USA College Day is Europe's largest US university fair and is an ideal way to learn about studying for an undergraduate degree in America. It offers students and parents the unique opportunity to meet with representatives from US universities in London. Held annually for more than 45 years, USA College Day is the largest American university fair in the UK and attracts more than 100

university exhibitors. Everyone from across the UK is welcome to attend. Follow the link [here](#)

CAREERS INFORMATION

Get into Business & Accounting Event with PwC, KPMG, BDO, Forvis Mazars & more - Monday 16 September 5pm - 7pm.

Are you an ambitious business professional or an aspiring accountant who is looking to learn more about the industry and gain some advice to help you nail your dream role? If so, then this event is for you! We are thrilled to invite you to a very exciting, very huge online business & accounting event on Monday 16 September, from 5pm - 7pm.

During this event, we are delighted to be hosting 2 of the big 4 accountancy firms – PwC and KPMG, alongside the incredibly prestigious AICPA & CIMA, Forvis Mazars, BDO, Evelyn Partners, Amazon Accounting Division and Grant Thornton.

Students will gain a vast insight into the upcoming work experience, graduate and apprenticeship opportunities with the likes of PwC and benefit from the first-hand advice and key tips from these hugely successful companies, ensuring you are well equipped to excel in any recruitment process. Following the event, you will receive a certificate of completion within 7 working days.

Our events are very popular so make sure you sign up below as soon as possible to confirm your place at this incredible event.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MYSSXZ7>



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Free Event Series
For Students & Parents

Details Below

The banner features two images: on the left, a group of students in a workshop setting, and on the right, a man in a white shirt talking to a woman in a dark jacket. A green 'U' logo is on the left, and a pink starburst is on the right.



Making it into Medical School

Tuesday 24 September - 7pm - Online

We will be joined by one of our expert doctors who will be introducing the world of medicine and how to secure a place at a top medical school.



Understanding UCAS

Tuesday 8 October - 7pm - Online

We will explore the UCAS process with one of our career experts to understand how students can make their application stand out.

Find out more about both these events [here](#)

Apprenticeships

Please see this very helpful parent guide to apprenticeships [here](#)

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