



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

3 MAY 2024 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

Senior Boys Whole School Photograph

The Senior Boys Whole School Photography is now available to view and order from [Tempest](#) by Friday 17 May for free delivery to school. Please include your son's full name when ordering to assist with distribution of photographs once delivered to school. For any queries please contact Tempest via 01736 752411 - Option 3 to place an order (P&P applies) and Option 5 for customer services.

The PTA Hollywood Ball is fast approaching!

Promising to be even better than last year, we would be delighted for you to join us at our annual social event for parents of Claires Court - our [Hollywood Ball](#). Held on 8 June, tickets include a three course meal, a very reasonable bar, disco and dancing to a live band till 1am (£85pp)! You can either book a whole table or buy individual tickets for a mixer table, where we aim to put year groups together. Please visit the [PTA website](#) to buy tickets. Selling fast so don't delay!



Clares Court 1st XV Sponsorship - 24/25 Season

Over the past few years what we have been able to offer the boys above and beyond the coaching and fixtures has developed significantly. With the introduction of the Veo camera, SPT GPS trackers, Hydration drinks, higher quality playing kits, upgraded gym equipment at both the Senior Boys and College site and more; all jointly funded by the school, PTA and money raised by the games department at the Senior Rugby Dinner. It is becoming increasingly hard to fund and maintain this from these sources alone. If we are successful in gaining sponsorship these funds will contribute to the ongoing subscriptions of the Veo and GPS platforms, as well as supporting the other additional costs around running the senior rugby programme. If you are interested in this [Clares Court 1st XV sponsorship opportunity](#), please contact Director of Sport, Simon Carter via sic@clairescourt.net.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out last night 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 most recent blog 'A Principled View' on ['Anxiety Matters - 2024 Style'](#)

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

YEAR 8 ONLY

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Immunisations

Please find [HPV Immunisation letter](#) from the Berkshire Immunisation Team about vaccinations taking place for Year 8 on Thursday 27 June. Please complete the [electronic form](#) to either give **or** withhold consent using school code BK110153B. You will be asked for your child's NHS number which can be requested [here](#) if unknown. Further information can be found [here](#) and in the following links:

EDUCATE: [All about HPV](#)

EDUCATE: [What to expect](#)

EDUCATE: [Questions and answers](#)

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to those who attended on Wednesday evening. We hope you had the opportunity for useful conversations with teachers and please find a copy of the [slides](#) for your information. We would be very grateful to receive feedback on the evening via this [Clares Court Senior Boys Parent Evening Survey](#).

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 German BFI Trip - Wednesday 8 May

Full details can be found in the [German BFI Trip letter](#), but in summary Year 9 German pupils need to meet at school at 7.45am to travel by coach to the British Film Institute. The dress code is smart casual and they should bring a pen, notebook, nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. Please make arrangements to collect your child from school at the estimated return time of 5.30pm.

Year 9 Legoland Science Trip - Thursday 23 May

Please find the [Year 9 Science Trip to Legoland letter](#) and may we kindly ask you to pay £15 to cover the cost of park entry via the Payment Portal. Pupils will need to wear Claires Court PE kit for the day and bring with them a nut-free packed lunch and refillable water bottle. Please drop your son at school at the usual time, but note the return time of 4.45pm.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 16 May

There will be a virtual Parents Evening to discuss results of the recent Year 10 examinations on Thursday 16 May 5.40pm - 8.15pm via SchoolCloud. Appointments need to be booked in advance and booking will **open at 7am on Friday 10 May** and close at 9am on Thursday 16 May. Booking instructions can be found [here](#) and bookings made via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Year 10 English IGCSE Examination

The IGCSE English Language Examination is scheduled for the morning of Thursday 23 May. Please find for your reference the [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#).

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Photographs

The form and year group photographs taken recently for Year 11 can be viewed and ordered online at [Class Picks](#). The code to access them has been emailed to parents directly.

Study Arrangements w/c 13 May

Please complete the [Study Arrangements w/c 13 May](#) form **by midday Friday 10 May** to indicate if your son will be studying in school or at home. If plans change for the week once you have submitted the form please let the office know so we can record any changes. If we are expecting pupils to be in a study room and they are not present we will contact you to inform you of this. For safeguarding purposes all boys must sign out when they leave school, at which point parents accept responsibility for them.

Year 11 Prom - tickets now available!

Tickets priced £25 for the [Year 11 Prom](#) on Friday 21 June at Moor Hall in Cookham (SL6 9HQ) are now available to purchase via the [Payment Portal](#). The deadline for payment is Friday 31 May, at which time numbers will be confirmed with Moor Hall, so unfortunately no further payments will be accepted after this date.



GCSE Timetable

Please find the [Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable](#) and note the following Contingency Days that all pupils must be available for:

- Thursday 6 June - afternoon
- Thursday 13 June - afternoon
- Wednesday 26 June - all day

Exam Jitters

Please find shared some useful information on ClairesCourt SchoolsTV prior to the start of the GCSE Examinations period - [SchoolTV exam stress](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Historians of the Week

Year 7 - Henry R for his portrayal of Guido Fawkes!

Year 8 - Curtis L and Dillion B for surprising knowledge of European national anthems!

Linguists of the Week

In Year 10 French for a positive approach to revision for the Mock Exams:

Theo S, Josh C, Evin S, Milan T, Josh B and Nathan D

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 Rory M, Dylan G

Year 8 Ben H, Kody H

Year 9 Jacob S, Theo A

Scientists of the Week

Albert H (Year 7) for his incredible attention to detail in the chicken dissection

Ruben R-T (Year 7) for his enthusiasm in the chicken dissection

GENERAL INFORMATION

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).

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.

Sickness Absence

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

Leaving 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.

Medication

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

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](#).

Parking near School

Please do not stop on the double yellow lines at the crossroads of Ray Park Avenue and Ray Mill Road East, or on the zig zags outside school. Also, please turn off your cars while you are waiting to minimise disruption for our neighbours and do not block driveways. Please pass this onto anyone new who may be picking up your son. In summary please be mindful to local residents and abide by the highway code.

Transport

For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. Any questions please contact vectare in the first via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the school day. Years 7 and 8 will be required to hand their mobile into their Form Tutor during morning registration. Pupils in other year groups should lock their mobile securely in their locker or hand it in to Mrs Tarr before registration. If boys need to contact home during the day for any reason, they should do so via the school office or nurses depending on the reason for contact.

Chromebooks

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder of pupils and parents responsibility for their chromebook, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss.

School Calendar

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

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires 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.

