



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 3 MAY 2024 SUMMER TERM WEEK 3

FROM THE OFFICE "Wishing you all a lovely long weekend".

The PTA Hollywood Ball is fast approaching!

Promising to be even better than last year, we'd 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)! Please visit the [PTA website](#) to buy tickets. Selling fast so don't delay!



Tempest Photography

The Senior Girls whole school photograph is now available to view and order [here](#). Details have been emailed home but just a reminder to place your order by **4pm Friday 17 May** for delivery to school and avoid paying P&P.

Parking Drop Off/Pick Up Reminder

Please may we remind you that it is illegal to park/drop off/pick up passengers on double yellow lines. Please see the [Highway Code](#) regarding this.

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent blog - "[I got a feeling we are not in Kansas anymore - Dorothy to Toto in the Wizard of Oz](#)"

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

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 **BK110153G**. 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 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 daughter at school at the usual time, but note the return time of 4.45pm.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Parents Evening - Tuesday 14 May (5.30pm - 7.30pm)

Save the Date

Instructions can be found [here](#) for appointment bookings to be made via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Please use your child's full name, as nicknames are not accepted by the system. **We will inform parents by email a few days prior to 14 May when this 'goes live'** enabling you to book an appointment to see subject teachers.

YEAR 11 ONLY

We hope our parents and the Year 11's enjoyed their celebration assembly today and we would like to wish all the girls 'Good Luck' for their upcoming exams starting next week. *"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm Possible'."*
- Audrey Hepburn, actress and humanitarian.



Year 11 Prom - tickets now available!

The [Year 11 Prom](#) will be taking place on Friday 21 June at the CIM Moor Hall in Cookham and tickets priced £25 are now available to purchase via the [Payment Portal](#).



Study Arrangements w/c 13 May

Please complete the [study arrangements form](#) for w/c 13 May **by midday Friday 10 May** to indicate if your daughter 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 girls must sign out when they leave school, at which point parents accept responsibility for them.

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

Work Experience

Work experience is scheduled for two weeks w/c 24 June and 1 July and all girls are encouraged to find themselves suitable placements as discussed in the assembly last term with Mr Hawkins. Please find shared the [Work Experience Log Book](#) which we suggest your daughter completes to keep a formal record of her learnings from the experience.

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 Claires 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

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 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 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.

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