



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024 SUMMER TERM WEEK 5**

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### **Senior Girls Whole School Photograph - last chance to order for free P&P TODAY**

If you wish to order the Senior Girls Whole School Photograph 2024 from Tempest the deadline to do so for free delivery to school is **TODAY** - ordering details have been emailed home. For any queries please contact Tempest via 01736 752411 - Option 3 to place an order (P&P applies) and Option 5 for customer services.

#### **Hayling Island Sailing Training Camp**

There are still a few places available on the [Seniors Training Camp to Hayling Island](#) 20-22 September for more experienced sailors. At a cost of £175 to include transport, accommodation, activities, coaching and equipment this is an amazing opportunity to train at a world class sailing venue. If your daughter is interested in going please complete [this Google Form](#) **as soon as possible**.

#### **Ski Trip 2025 - Austria**

Please find shared the [2025 Ski Trip initial letter](#) to Austria taking place 3 - 10 April 2025. If your child wishes to come on the trip you will need to pay the £300 non-refundable deposit on the [Payment Portal](#) by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 June. Initially places are limited to 40 students in total. If you have any questions please contact Ski Trip Coordinator Simon Carter via [sic@clairescourt.net](mailto:sic@clairescourt.net).

#### **Dolygaer Trip**



Just to wish all the Year 8 and Year 9 Senior Girls who are on the Dolygaer trip this weekend a fabulous and exciting trip away and a reminder for parents that the emergency contact details have been emailed home earlier this week! Don't forget the coach is due back at College Avenue (approximately 5pm) on Sunday 19 May.

## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's most recent blog - ["Tradition is an experiment that worked" - Emile Peynaud.](#)

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### YEAR 8 ONLY

#### History Trip 'Battlefields of Flanders' - 2025

Please find att'd [letter here](#) regarding the History trip next year for pupils who will be in Year 9 September 2025. Please make your non-refundable deposit of £150 by today, **Friday 17 May** - thank you.

#### HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Immunisations **\*Reminder\***

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 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](#). If you are unsure whether you have already paid, please check under 'Show Past Payments' to avoid duplicate payments. 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 and make collection arrangements accordingly.

### YEAR 10 ONLY

#### Sixth Form Taster Experience - Wednesday 26 June

Our Year 10 Senior Pupils are invited to spend the morning with our Sixth Form. This will be part of the school day so the usual arrival time applies. Full school uniform to be worn. Please find a [link here](#) to the invitation for your daughter which has been emailed to her today. More information for parents to follow.

### YEAR 11 ONLY

#### Year 11 Prom - **Payment deadline for tickets is Friday 31 May!**

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.

## Study Arrangements

**Week Commencing Monday 20 May**

Please complete the [google form here](#) by **midday TODAY Friday 17 May** so we know the study arrangements for your daughter. Thank you.

### **Week Commencing Monday 3 June**

Please complete the [google form here](#) by **midday Friday 31 May** for the week after half term. Thank you.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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