



CLAIRE'S COURT
SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

20 September 2024

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes Day today. We have raised a total of £237.76. If you have not yet donated, please do so via the [payment portal](#).

Juniper Hall Geography Trip



Well done to all of our Year 13 Geographers who completed 3 busy and successful days learning fieldwork skills and methods of analysis last weekend. They are now ready to begin their coursework (worth 20% of their grade) and just two lessons in, we already have some really promising titles! The weather held for us and they engaged really positively - a real credit to themselves and the school!

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Maidenhead is our Campus" Work in Progress 5 – from August 2019 to September 2024!"](#)

School Behaviour Policy

In light of the recent fire alarms last week, we would like to remind parents of the school behaviour policy. We have spoken to students so they are aware of this.

The following are "prohibited items" under Section 550ZA(3) of the Education Act 1996 and Regulation 3 of the Schools (Specification and Disposal of Articles) Regulations 2012:

knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs and stolen items
tobacco and cigarette papers, electronic-cigarettes (e-cigarettes and other vaping equipment), fireworks and pornographic images

The School has banned items that are reasonably believed to be likely to cause harm or disruption. Pupils must not have these items in their possession on School premises or at any time when they are in the lawful charge and control of the School.

Any student found with such items in their possession on school premises will be deemed to have committed a serious breach of discipline and will be dealt with accordingly by Mr Hope, and may include sanctions up to and including being asked to leave the school permanently.

Please may we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that students **do not** bring such items onto school premises.

Youth Without Limits LIVE

Please join [Youth Without Limits LIVE: Beyond The CV - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#), for a unique and **fully-accessible** event designed to support **DofE Participants and Award Holders aged 16-19** prepare for the transition from education into employment.

Date: Friday 8 November 2024

Time: 09:30 – 16:00

Venue: [Google Offices, 6 Pancras Square, London](#)

Attendance at the event is **free of charge**; lunch and refreshments will be provided throughout the day, as well as all materials required for full participation in the event.

The event is aimed to support young people to reflect on and articulate their skills and strengths, as well as to recognise the relevance of their DofE experiences and how these can support them in the world of work.

The day will include:

- **Workshops** on routes to employment, applying for jobs, personal branding and communication
- **Panel discussions** on navigating the future with young professionals

- **A session** with leading employers to understand what they are looking for when they hire young people
- **Keynote talk from Tim Campbell MBE**, the first winner of The Apprentice and a DofE Silver Award holder.
- **Employer engagement opportunities**

Click [here](#) to see some of the highlights from last year!

[Register your interest on the website](#)- **Places are limited** and will be confirmed from 30 September.

Save the Date

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

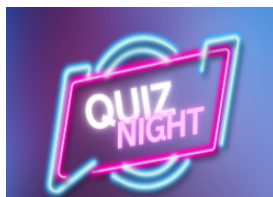
Thursday 10 October 5.30-7.30pm - Year 12 Parents' Evening

Saturday 12 October 5.00-9pm- PTA Firework Night



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

Friday 29 November 6pm - 8pm-PTA Quiz Night



Mrs O'Clee and Mr Richards are the quiz masters for the evening so brush up on your maths, history, general knowledge, popular music and film.

Why are we doing this?

The aim of this event is to bring people together, have some fun and raise some money for the PTA.

What will it be like?

It will be like last time; a fun evening with a well stocked bar and accessible questions.

Where is it?

College Avenue SL6 6AW, in the Hall.

What about food?

Bring your own food or order in.

How much is it?

Teams of 10 at £10 per person.

Great, where can I get tickets?

It was a sold out event last time, so the tickets are likely to go quickly. Advanced tickets can be secured through Melanie Doe in the front office at College Avenue. Melanie is also happy to answer any queries you might have.

med@clairescourt.net

What if I can't get a team of 10 together?

Well, fortunately, all the parents at Claires Court are lovely, so we will assign you a table and you can make some new friends.

**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

Channel Talent

Law vs Criminology at Uni? University Insights - Solent & UEA - 30 September

On 30 September, we are joined by Solent University and University of East Anglia who will offer essential insights for students considering studying Law and/or Criminology at university.

Shining a light on the academic and practical degree content, the learning experience and careers beyond university, Dr Esther Snell and Bradley Kershaw from Solent will use a sentencing report of a young offender to highlight key differences between Law and Criminology at university. Similarly, Dr Charmian Werren from UEA will tackle the difficult issue of corporate crime, considering how criminological theory has tried to explain such crimes and how the law has attempted to respond to the problem. Charmian will then relate this to the study of both subjects at degree level.

- **Monday 30 September @ 16:30 - 17:30** Law vs Criminology - University Module Insights & The Learning Experience - Solent & UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Charmian joins us again on Monday 8 October to explore a high profile current legal case, introducing some of the key legal and criminological issues raised and giving students an opportunity to consider the benefits of two different disciplinary approaches to analysing the same case study. This will be a great opportunity for students to connect theory with understanding real life crime and legal practice, helping them to speak in an informed and analytical way about contemporary legal proceedings.

- **Tuesday 8 October @ 16:30 - 17:15** Law/Criminology: Spotlight on Current Legal Cases - UEA (KS5) [Find out more »](#)

Test Drive Courses in Animation, Games and More

Your post-16 year old son/daughter's are invited to an undergraduate taster day on Saturday 5 October. Tasters are a perfect intro to the creative industries as students test-drive our courses.

What to expect

- Take a seat in our studio and meet our industry-expert tutors
- Discover what it's like to study Escape Studios
- Meet other students interested in the creative industries
- Find out if your chosen discipline is right for you!

Our tasters are great for students hoping one day to join the UK's fast-growing creative industries. One in five jobs are in the creative economy! (Major of London 2023)

Event details -

Date: Saturday 5 October

Time: 10am-1pm

Place: 6 Mitre Passage, North Greenwich, London, SE10 OER

Book your place [here](#)

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](#)

REMINDERS

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.net.

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

New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40qgNjs> 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.

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