



**CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS**

Weekly Bulletin

20 SEPTEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

Jeans for Genes Day 'Non Uniform Day' – Friday 20 September

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes day, our current total is £590.31 and counting. If you have not yet donated it's not too late, so please do so via the [Payment Portal](#), thank you very much.



PTA Fireworks - Saturday 12 October @Juniors SL6 4QQ - **purchase your tickets now!**

Get ready for a fantastic evening at the PTA Fireworks Night starting from 5pm! Tickets purchased in advance are £9 for adults, £6 children and £25 for a family and include a tasty burger or hotdog (vegetarian options available). There will be a prize for the best pumpkin

creation and enjoy the dazzling display of *low-noise fireworks* from 7.15pm. **Purchase your tickets in advance before 7 October** at ccpta.org.uk for (after which time tickets will only be available on the gate).....

- discounted ticket prices
- guaranteed food
- avoid queues on the night

Please note dogs are not allowed at the event. From 7 October, tickets will only be available to purchase on the gate.



A poster for PTA Fireworks Night. The background is dark blue with a large, vibrant red and orange firework exploding in the center. The text is white and red. A red circular callout in the top right corner says 'Burger or hotdog included with your ticket. (Vegetarian options available.)'. The main title 'PTA FIREWORKS NIGHT' is in large white letters. Below it, 'SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER - 5PM' is in red. Further down, 'Low noise fireworks from 7.15pm at Claires Court Juniors' is in white. A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, there are three columns of text: 'Online Tickets' (Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25), 'Price on the gate' (Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30*), and 'Prize for the best pumpkin, bring it on the night!' with the website 'ccpta.org.uk'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads: '*On gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly no dogs allowed either in cars or on site.'

Founders' Day

Our Senior Scholars and Learners of the Year were recognised at the annual Founders Day Prize Giving ceremony at Lillibrooke Manor yesterday. The students received their scholarship certificates and pins and will receive a commemorative photo next week through their Form teachers.





Overdue Library Books

Make room for new books and return your overdue loans to the school library! We currently have a very large number of overdue library books on loan, so please **renew or return any overdue books as soon as possible** so everyone can read and enjoy them. Thank you for your support.

Principal's Blog

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

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out yesterday 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.

Apparently it's not too early to mention Christmas, so.....



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoebox Collection Drive

Our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys, Nathan, Dylan and Alex are organising the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, which delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make a difference in the lives of others.

What to Include in the Shoebox:

- A special item such as a cuddly toy, football, doll, truck, or t-shirt.
- Other items like school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, and accessories.
- Fun toys such as yo-yos, puzzles, and small games.

Please Do Not Include:

- Items that are used or damaged.
- Food, sweets, or chocolates.
- Liquids, lotions, or anything that could leak.
- War-related toys such as toy guns or knives.
- Breakable items like glass or mirrors.

Steps to Participate:

1. **Find a Shoebox:** Use a standard size shoebox and decide whether your gift is for a boy or a girl, and the age category (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old).
2. **Fill it with Gifts:** Make the box fun and full, with a variety of useful and exciting items.
3. **Make Your Project Donation:** A suggested donation of £5 (this is not compulsory). If you would like to make this donation for your shoebox, where you can also track which country your shoebox goes to, this can be made online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>
4. **Personalise:** You can include a personal note or photo for the child who will receive your gift.

Winners: The tutor group that brings in the most shoeboxes will receive a lunch/break queue jump pass.

Thank you for supporting this important cause. Let's make a big difference this Christmas.

Maidenhead Town Show - Sunday 13 October



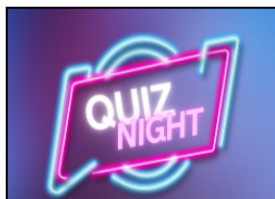
[Craft Coop](#) is a community interest company (CIC), a social enterprise business set up specifically to benefit the community. All of their activities support the community, and any extra profit goes back to the community. On Sunday 13 October, as part of their CIC mission, they will be hosting the 11th [Maidenhead Town Show](#) – a day that celebrates local creativity and family fun of all sorts – making, cooking, baking, crafting, singing, dancing and general merriment!

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

It's Show Time! - Wednesday 13/Thursday 14 November

SAVE THE DATE and further information will be available next week on this joint Seniors stage production.



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

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.

School Calendar

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

YEAR 7 ONLY

Author Visit - Monday 23 September

Year 7 has a virtual author visit from Jennifer Bell, the author of Wonderscape, our Summer Reading book next week. They will join the Wonderscape Question and Answer session on Monday morning, where Jennifer Bell will let them know the answers to questions such as "Do you play video games?" and "What was your motivation for writing the book?".

B7 Parents Pastoral Evening & Workshare - Wednesday 16 October

* save the date *

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 12 November

* save the date *

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Parent Workshop

Thank you to those who joined us for the B9 Parent Workshop and apologies for any hiccups with the refreshments. Please find a copy of the [presentation slides](#) for your reference.

B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December

* Save the date *

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Parent Workshop 6pm - Wednesday 25 September

Parents are invited to join us in school for this engaging and interactive workshop to learn more about the main pastoral and academic issues that arise in Year 10. Please [book your seat](#) by Monday 16 September and arrive from 5.45pm for light refreshments in the Sports Hall and a prompt 6pm start. Please do not park in school until **after 5.45pm** when the school coaches should have safely departed the site, thank you.

B10 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 5 November

* save the date *

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Parent Workshop - Wednesday 9 October

* Save the date *

TRIP LETTERS

[FRENCH Paris 2024 Information Evening Letter Sept 2024](#)

[Wimbledon Initial Letter - 2024](#)

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

Last year at Senior Boys we introduced Years 7 - 9 to 'Root of the Week' where pupils learn one new word root and its meaning each week, along with examples of words containing that root in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension. We are continuing with the scheme this year and will be sharing the information with parents so you can support this learning with your son at home. At the end of the term there will be a 'Root of the week' house quiz for pupils to see how much they have remembered!

- The root this week was 'Oid' meaning 'to resemble or be like'
- Example words: cuboid, diploid, android, asteroid, humanoid, tabloid

Linguists of the Week

In Year 7 German for a great start to the term:

Rory M, Alex E, Joe D, Fin M, Noah M, Harry B, Cameron S, Xander H, James C, Guy H, Oscar P, Jack G, Berty L, Jack M, Will G, Tomo R and Charles A

Scientists of the Week

Gabriel S (7A) - Brilliant start to Year 7 Science

Myles W (7B) - Brilliant start to Year 7 Science

Rufus C (7C) - For brilliant questioning in Science

Rory M (7D) - For being really proactive in Science

Nabil A-L-S (8B) - Really good and asking and answering question

Callum W and Albert H (8C) - For completing extension work in Science

Zach A (9B) - Brilliantly explaining how to use equations to solve problems in Physics to a new student

Harry W (9B) - Excellent work on calculating kinetic energy values in Physics

Ollie S (9C) - Super filtration and crystallisation practical

Laurence M (9A) - Excellent recall of chemistry equipment

Harrison S (9B) - Enthusiastic start to Physics

Jamael Q (10A) - Excellent contributions in Chemistry

Raeef K (11D) - Proactive reading ahead of lessons and going above and beyond

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sickness Absence

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

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.

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](#).

Leaving School / Returning to 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.

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).

Medication

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

