



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

11 OCTOBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 6)

FROM THE OFFICE

[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog](#): Why developing a sense of Agency in children and young people is one of the main purposes of Education.

PTA Fireworks - tomorrow night @SL6 4QQ

The weather is looking good for tomorrow and if you have not bought tickets it's not too late! The gate opens at 5pm and tickets will be available to purchase via card or cash priced £10 adult, £6 child and £30 for family and includes* a burger/hot dog/vegetarian equivalent, which can be collected after the fireworks. So please come along to Claire's Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ) and join the fun.....pumpkin competition, stalls, music & bar, low noise fireworks 7.15pm (*food not guaranteed for gate sales).

We regret that dogs are not permitted at the event.

All those who purchased tickets in advance should now have received their wristbands, which would have been brought home by your eldest child yesterday or today, fingers crossed! If they were not in school Thursday or Friday, then your named envelope will be available for you to pick up at the gate on the night. Please wear your wristbands on the night, as these will need to be shown as you walk in (no need to stand in the queue, just walk through!) and also to collect your food. We recommend you collect your food before the fireworks to ensure availability.



Black School Shoes

Firstly many thanks for your support in adhering to the [Senior Boys School Uniform Guide](#) with regards to acceptable school shoes being black polishable 'leather' shoes, and not trainers such as Nike Air Force or equivalent. We have noticed a difference around school and thank you for this. There are however a few boys still wearing trainer-type shoes and therefore we kindly ask parents to **ensure that after half term all boys are in an acceptable school shoe.**

Seniors Stage Production: **[It's Showtime!](#)** - **secure your seat now!**

Parents of the cast and crew would have received a [letter](#) about the show and rehearsals yesterday. Bookings are now open for our joint Seniors stage production taking place at College Avenue SL6 6AW on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November. The cost is £20 a seat to include a beautiful spread of yummy finger food. Numbers are limited to 80 per night, so book your seat early via the [Payment Portal](#) to avoid disappointment. Once payment is made please complete the [Dietary Requirements & Seating Requests form](#) as appropriate.

13 / 14 November 2024 7.30pm
£20/seat (includes beautiful spread of yummy finger food!)
Limited to 80 seats per night - book now via the [Payment Portal](#)

Tables of 10 people.
Complete [form](#) with dietary requirements & to request seating with friends (one form per group)

IT'S SHOW TIME!

PTA CASH BAR

ICONIC
Songs from the musicals performed by the Claires Court Senior students

@Senior Girls College Avenue SL6 6AW

Flu Vaccination - **please give or withhold consent as soon as possible**

Please find shared the [Flu Vaccination letter](#) from the Berkshire Immunisation Team who will be visiting Claires Court Senior Boys on Tuesday 12 November (see this [leaflet](#) for further information). Please complete the [Consent for Flu Nasal Spray form](#) using school code BK110153B to either **give or withhold consent**. You will need your child's NHS number which can be found [here](#) if not known. If your child is unable to have the nasal flu vaccine due to the porcine gelatine, there is an alternative injectable flu vaccine - see [letter](#) for further information.

Maidenhead Town Show

[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!

Castle Meats Discount for Claires Court Family and Friends

One of our meat suppliers, Castle Meats, has kindly extended a 10% discount on Christmas meat orders to all staff and parents at Claires Court. Castle Meats has been a Claires Court supplier for eight years. Just identify yourself as a Claires Court parent or staff member to get the discount. Contact details: Castle Meats, 11 Harrison Way, Cippenham SL1 5LG, 01628 666034

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.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Internet Safety Parent Talk (Years 8-11) - Wednesday 16 October

Please find information about the [Internet Safety Talk for Parents](#) taking place at Senior Girls (SL6 6AW) on Wednesday 16 October. Paul Hay, an expert in Internet Safety, aims to give parents the confidence to help their child get the most benefit and enjoyment from the internet whilst keeping safe. To attend this informative evening please [reserve your seat](#) by Monday 14 October and arrive from 6.15pm for light refreshments and a prompt 6.30pm start. Pupils in Years 8 and 10 will be having Internet Safety talks in the morning.

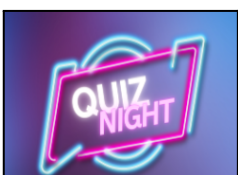
Shoebox Deadline - Friday 8 November

Please find information about our [Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Collection Drive](#) and return all filled shoeboxes to school **by Friday 8 November**. Thank you for making a big difference for a child in need this Christmas.



PTA Quiz Night - Friday 29 November 6pm - 8pm - last few tickets remaining!

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 facts. It was a sold out event last year, so secure your tickets now through Melanie Doe in the front office at College Avenue med@clairescourt.net.



YEARS 7-9 JUNIOR STEM - Monday 14 October

Please remember that all students who attend Junior STEM on Mondays should make sure that they bring their school branded PE kit and a change of warm clothes to school on 14 October as they attempt to sail their recycled boats on Summerleaze lake.

YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Parents Pastoral & Workshare Evening - 6pm -7.30pm Wednesday 16 October

Parents are invited into school on Wednesday 16 October for the Year 7 Pastoral and Workshare Evening. Form Tutor appointment booking via [schoolcloud](#) closes midday **Tuesday 15 October** (instructions [here](#)). To login please use your son's full first name, as shortened versions are not recognised. A reminder this is **not a formal parents evening** with individual feedback on attainment/progress, but the opportunity for your son to show you around his classrooms, share some of his work, to have informal conversations with teachers and a pre-booked Form Tutor appointment to discuss how your son is settling in from a pastoral perspective.

There is no formal start time or presentation, so please **arrive anytime to suit from 6pm, parking on surrounding roads considerably for our neighbours**. If your son normally travels home on the coach he can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. **On arrival please make your way to the Dining Room to sign in and pick up a map** showing teacher's locations for the evening. In an attempt to spread people around the school you are asked to follow the route shown below according to the first letter of your surname:

A-G Science Block --> Main House --> Maths Wing

H-O Maths Wing --> Science Block --> Main House

P-Z Main House --> Maths Wing --> Science Block

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Study Skills

The Year 8s undertook their first Study Skills session of the year yesterday. They revisited the strategies of 'Text to Pictures' and 'Link and Story' covered last year, before looking at how to create and use Flashcards in their own revision.



Year 8 Internet Safety Pupil Talk - Wednesday 16 October

Year 8 pupils will be having an Internet Safety talk at Senior Boys during period 1 on Wednesday 16 October from Paul Hay, an expert in keeping children safe online. Please join us at 6.30pm in the evening at Senior Girls (SL6 6AW) for the [Parent Internet Safety Talk](#) so that you can discuss the topics covered with your son - [reserve your seat](#).

B8 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 12 November

Year 8 Parents and boys are invited into school for their Parents' Evening taking place on Tuesday 12 November from 5.45pm - 8pm. All appointments will be five minutes and we are trialling the pre-booking of appointments in advance.

You will be able to book a maximum of eight appointments, so please think about which teachers you would like to prioritise seeing. If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher that you have prioritised, please contact them via email to arrange an alternative means of providing feedback. English, Maths and Science Teachers will be based in classrooms in the Jubilee Teaching Wing and all other teachers will be in the Sports Hall. We suggest that you leave gaps where possible to allow for travel between classrooms and the Sports Hall. Booking via [schoolcloud](#) will **open at 7am on Tuesday 5 November** and close at midday Monday 11 November.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 Bronze DofE Online Information Evening - Monday 14 October

There will be a Parent Information Evening at 6pm on Monday 14 October to learn more about the application process for this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award, further details can be found in the [letter](#) emailed home on Monday 7 October.

Year 9 Geography Trip to Kew - Tuesday 15 October

Please make £15 payment for this [Geography trip to Kew Gardens](#) by **Friday 11 October**. Pupils should wear full school uniform and bring a waterproof coat in case of adverse weather. They should also bring a small bag containing writing equipment, a clipboard (if possible), nut free packed lunch and drinks for the day. Additionally they may wish to bring a small amount of money in case there is the opportunity to buy a drink or souvenir.

B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December

* Save the date *

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Internet Safety Pupil Talk - Wednesday 16 October

Year 10 pupils will be having an Internet Safety talk at Senior Boys during period 2 on Wednesday 16 October from Paul Hay, an expert in keeping children safe online. Please join us at 6.30pm in the evening at Senior Girls (SL6 6AW) for the [Parent Internet Safety Talk](#) so that you can discuss the topics covered with your son - [reserve your seat](#).

B10 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 5 November 5.50pm - 8pm

Parents are invited to school on Tuesday 5 November with their son to speak to subject teachers and discuss progress in GCSE options and core subjects. Please may we kindly ask you to **park on surrounding roads considerately for our neighbours**. If your son normally travels home on the coach he can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. On arrival please make your way to the Sports Hall to sign in and pick up a map. Refreshments will be available in the Sports Hall.

We will be trialling having five minute pre-booked appointments for all teachers for this Parents Evening. English, Maths and Science teachers will be based in classrooms in the Jubilee Wing and all other teachers in the Sports Hall. For Science you will be allocated one teacher who will cover all three sciences and this appointment will therefore be ten minutes.

Appointment booking via [schoolcloud](#) will open at 7am Tuesday 15 October and close at midday Tuesday 29 October. To login please use your son's full first name, as shortened versions are not recognised. Further instructions can be found [here](#). We suggest that you leave gaps where possible to allow for travel between classrooms and the Sports Hall. If you are unable to book an appointment with a specific teacher, they will be in contact to arrange an alternative means of providing feedback to you. We will be asking for feedback after the evening, so thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts on the format.

Year 10 English Mock Examination - Tuesday 19 November

Year 10 will be sitting their English Mock Examination on the morning of Tuesday 19 November during the two week [Year 11 Mock Examinations](#) period. Please find shared the [GCSE Rules and Regulations booklet](#) that we ask you to read carefully and keep for future reference.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Parent Workshop - Wednesday 9 October

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the workshop this week, please find a copy of the [presentation slides](#) for your reference.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 7 November 4 - 7pm

* SAVE THE DATE *



Year 11 Mock Examinations - w/c 18 & 25 November

Please find the [Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable](#) taking place over two weeks from Monday 18 November to Friday 29 November and a copy of the [GCSE Rules and Regulations booklet](#) that we ask you read carefully and keep for future reference. Boys will be given their personalised timetable next week by form tutors and will also be asked to read the Rules and Regulations booklet.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

A reminder about '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.

- The root this week was '**Homo**' meaning '**the same**'
- Example words: Homosapiens, Homogenous, Homophone

Homo	Examples: Homosapien Homogeneous Homophone
Origin: Greek	
Meaning: Same	

Linguists of the Week

In Y11 German for good writing tasks:

Caspar B, Fin G, Fin O'N, Alex R-H, Adam S, Freddie L, Daniel P, Gianpier A

Scientists of the Week

Year 11 - Tayte F and Rupert H for excellent understanding and hard work during Chemistry lessons

Year 10 - Jack L for an incredible revision mindmap ahead of the Physics Common Task

Year 10 - Tudor S for continued efforts and excellent progress in Biology

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 [Request for Term Time Absence Form](#).

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.

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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.

School Calendar

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

