



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 15 November 2024 - Week 9**

### Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's latest Blog: [#ItStartedAtCC – reflections on and from Alumni](#)

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### Coach transport available for home to school travel

We have capacity on some of our routes for travel in January 2025 to the end of the summer term. If you would like to enquire about costs or availability, please contact [Vectare our transport partner](#). If you have any questions please contact Vectare directly via [clairescourt@vectare.co.uk](mailto:clairescourt@vectare.co.uk).

#### ROOT OF THE WEEK this week was 'Hetero' .....

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| <b>Hetero</b>      | Examples:     |
| Origin: Greek      | Heterogeneous |
| Meaning: Different | Heterosexual  |
|                    | Heterophonic  |

#### Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

A **BIG** thank you to everyone in the senior girls community for your support with the shoeboxes. We collected over 70 and they were dropped off at the Samaritans office yesterday by Mrs Ruddick and our Head Girls, Alannah and Jaya.



## Christmas Festivities



Please look in next week's bulletin for more information regarding Christmas festivities and also details about arrangements for the last week of term but for now.....

## Christmas Hampers



Maidenhead Citadel  
Salvation Army  
Church and Community Centre

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Maidenhead Salvation Army and would like to suggest the following year groups provide (please note due to

allergens that some of our recipients in the community may have can we state **NUT FREE PRODUCTS**):

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| Year 7  | Pasta/Rice/Pasta Sauce                                 |
| Year 8  | Mince Pies/Christmas Fruit Cake                        |
| Year 9  | Small boxes of sweets/chocolates                       |
| Year 10 | Biscuits - Shortbread or other nice Christmas biscuits |
| Year 11 | Tinned Fruit/Vegetables                                |

The 'hampers' will be outside the dining hall from **Monday 25 November - Monday 9 December**. Thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Lunch - OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER**

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 6 December. The assumption is that all girls will have a Christmas Lunch and you will automatically be charged £6 UNLESS YOU OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER by completing this form - [Christmas Lunch 2024 Senior Girls](#)

Please note there will be no other meals available this day, so girls should bring their own packed lunch if they opt out.



### **DECK THE HALLS with our Christmas Trees!**

Get your Christmas tree and support the Claires Court Boat Club this festive season!

- **How to Order:** Visit our [PTA website](#) and order by Tuesday 26 November
- **Pick-up:** Saturday 7 December 10am-12pm from Senior Boys school

More details to follow

**PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET - NEXT WEEK!**

**Thursday 21 November** 6.30pm - 8.30pm being held at our Junior School SL6 4QQ



### **Copas PTA Fundraiser**

Order an award-winning [turkey from Copas](#) and raise funds for Claires Court School. Simply enter the code CCM24PTA at the checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.

An advertisement for Copas Farm Shop. The top part shows a roasted turkey on a wooden board with oranges and herbs, surrounded by other food items like potatoes and bread. The text 'BERKSHIRE ESTD 1957 ENGLAND' is at the top left, 'COPAS' is in large white letters, and 'VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS' is below it. A QR code is on the right. Below the image is a dark blue banner with the text 'Christmas PTA Fundraiser!' in white. The main body is yellow with the text: 'Order an award winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for Claires Court School', 'Simply enter the code CCM24PTA at checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.', 'WWW.COPASFARMSHOP.CO.UK', and 'CALL: 01628 499 980'. At the bottom is a dark blue banner with the text 'Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!' in white.

## **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, tel 01628 666034

**YEAR GROUP INFORMATION** - links to letters, parents' evening appointment forms, etc will be found on the respective year groups below:

## **YEAR 7**

### **Winchester Science Centre Trip - Monday 25 November**

As a finale to Space Week, Year 7 will be going to the [Winchester Science Centre](#) on Monday 25 November. The trip will take place within the normal school day timings, so pupils should be dropped at school at the usual time and usual collection arrangements apply as pupils will be returning to school by 4pm. Pupils should wear school uniform, bring a nut-free packed lunch and drinks, plus a small amount of money if desired.

### **[St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#) Friday 6 December - Sunday 8 December**

Each year St Luke's Church, Maidenhead holds its Christmas tree festival to raise money for charity. Local schools, businesses and organisations sponsor a tree to decorate and after the event, the trees are donated to care homes and families in need in the local area.

The Claires Court tradition is that **Year 7** decorate a tree representing the school (all of our divisions will sponsor a tree from Juniors, Seniors and Sixth Form). Year 7 Senior Girls have chosen the theme of '**Snow Flakes & Pickles**' and we have asked the girls to make decorations with the theme in mind that they have chosen. Please can these come into school **w/c Monday 25 November**.

Please pop along to the festival which is being held 6 - 8 December and vote for your favourite tree (Senior Girls, of course!) and help raise some money for St Luke's chosen charity which this year is [Thames Valley Heartbeat](#).

## **YEAR 8**

Apologies we have nothing to report for Year 8 happening next week but please keep on reading our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

## **YEAR 9**

### **Tuesday 3 December**

### **Online G9 Options Evening 6pm-7pm \*Save the Date\***

Please note this will be an online meet and details will be emailed out soon.

## **YEAR 10**

### **Tuesday 19 November**

### **Year 10 English Mock Examination**

The girls in G10 will be taking an English Language IGCSE mock exam during G11 mock week (specifically, this will be on **Tuesday 19 November**) as they are taking the qualification in the summer and it is a good opportunity to take a paper in exam conditions.

Please find shared the [GCSE Rules and Regulations booklet](#) that we ask you to read carefully and keep for future reference.

## **YEAR 11**

### **GCSE Clinics**

Please find the Year 11 [GCSE Clinics](#) which are available for the girls to attend.

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

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 to read carefully and keep for future reference.

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