



**CLAIRES COURT  
SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**15 NOVEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 9)**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Principal's Blog

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

### PLEASE READ - Parking Outside School

Our coach drivers have requested that cars **do not stop or wait on the zig zag lines outside school or opposite the school gate** as this makes it very difficult for the coaches to manoeuvre into and leave the site.

Additionally can we **politely ask that for the safety of our pupils you do not wait on the double yellow lines at the crossroads** of Ray Mill Road East and Ray Park Avenue. The double yellow lines are there for a reason and ensure visibility is maintained at this dangerous junction therefore keeping both pedestrians and drivers safe.

### Claire's Court Run Club - Friday mornings

Even more pupils joined us for Friday Morning Run Club today which was lovely to see and a great effort from all. Open to all staff and pupils, regardless of experience level, whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join. For pupils we need to have received a completed [Consent Form](#) prior their first run.

- **When:** Every Friday morning - 7.20am arrival for a 7.30am (sharp!) start
- **Where:** Starting and finishing from outside the Senior Boys' reception
- **Distance:** Choose between a 3.5km ([Sheep](#)) or 5km route ([Double Sheep](#)).



## Thank you for your generous contributions

A fantastic effort by Seniors Boys meant Head Boy Nathan and Deputy Head Boy Alex delivered 130 wrapped shoe boxes to the Samaritans this week for their [Operation Christmas Child collection](#).



## New, news, news!

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

## 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).

## Rugby Team Photos

Rugby Team photos recently taken for U12s - U15s and 1st/2nd XV are now available to purchase via [ClassPicks](#) (the access code was emailed directly to rugby parents on Wednesday last week).

## 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.

# CHRISTMAS NEWS

## Christmas Lunch - OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 6 December. The assumption is that all boys 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 Boys](#). Please note there will be no other meals available this day, so boys 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! Further details were emailed home this morning, please check your spam folder if not received.

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

## PTA Christmas Market - Thursday 21 November

All welcome to the PTA Christmas Market being held at our Junior School SL6 4QQ



### **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

### **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.



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## **FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES**

### **ALL YEAR GROUPS**

#### **SOLD OUT PTA Quiz Night - Friday 29 November 6pm - 8pm**

Mrs O’Clee and Mr Richards look forward to seeing you for their annual quiz in the Hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW, so brush up on your Maths, History and general knowledge! Bring your own food, or order in, and there will be a well stocked bar (card payment only) with thanks to the PTA. A reminder to please pay via the Portal asap if you have already booked tickets.

## **YEAR 7 ONLY**

### **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.

## **YEAR 8 ONLY**

### **B8 Parents' Evening Feedback**

Thank you to those parents who came to the Year 8 Parents Evening on Tuesday. We hope you found the new format was an improvement on previous Parents Evenings you have been too, and would be very grateful if you could please share your thoughts by completing this [Feedback Form](#).

## **YEAR 9 ONLY**

### **B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December**

The GCSE Options Information Evening will be held virtually from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 5 December and a Google MEET link will be emailed to you in advance.

## **YEAR 10 ONLY**

### **B10 Parents' Evening Feedback**

We recently piloted a new format for Year 10 Parents' Evening. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we continue to improve our events. To share your thoughts, please complete the [Feedback Form](#). Thank you for your time and consideration.

### **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 Subject Drop-in Sessions**

Year 11 teachers will be running weekly drop-in sessions according to this [timetable](#), so if your son has any questions that arise from his revision or requires help in these subjects please encourage him to come along and make the most of this resource.

### **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 to 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 '**Hetero**' meaning '**different**'
- Example words: heterogeneous, heterosexual, heterophonic

# Hetero

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Different

## Examples:

Heterogeneous

Heterosexual

Heterophonic

## Linguists of the Week

In German for great results in their Common Task:

Year 9: Freddie C, George L, Harrison Mc, Michael O'F, Vihaan T, Anton Z, Kody H

Year 10: Ben G, Harry N, Eddie T

## Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Thomas A, Oscar B, Adam M

Year 8 - Albert H, David S

Year 9 - Gus S, Laurence Mc

Year 10 - Jacob S, Theo A

Year 11 - Thomas H

## Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Cole G, Dexter C and Henry E-J for their careful and methodical practical work

Year 10 - Tudor S, Josh M and Jack L for their excellent building of circuits in Physics both as a simulation and physically

Year 11 - Kamran H for his excellent Biology and Chemistry flashcards

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com). 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 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](mailto:Medical-CC@clairescourt.net)) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter ([sic@clairescourt.net](mailto: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.

### **Claires Court SchoolTV**

Please take a look at [Claires 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.

