



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 22 November 2024 - Week 10**

### Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: ["When dark clouds gather, be the silver lining and shine"](#)

### Coach transport available for home to school travel

We have capacity on some of our routes for travel from 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).

### FROM THE OFFICE

*"We would like to thank pupils, parents and staff once again for your generosity in our requests with donations for the various charitable organisations at this time of year".*

### Christmas Hampers

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**):

Year 7	Pasta/Rice/Pasta Sauce
Year 8	Mince Pies/Christmas Fruit Cake/Christmas Pudding
Year 9	Small boxes of sweets/chocolates (selection packs)
Year 10	Biscuits - Shortbread or other nice 'Christmassy' biscuits
Year 11	Tinned/Jar Fruit/Vegetables

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



**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

### **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.



### **Christmas Jumper Day Friday 6 December**



- All senior girls can wear a festive jumper on Christmas Lunch Day instead of the school jumper for a £2 donation for Save The Children but please note it is **NOT** a non-uniform day and to wear normal school uniform other than a jumper. We will advise soon how the £2 can be made. Payment is either by our Payment Portal or by cash to the Form Tutor.
- [St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#) **6 - 8 December**

Please pop along to view all the trees on display and look out for the Claires Court trees decorated by our pupils - vote for your favourite tree and help raise money for their chosen charity [Thames Valley Heartbeat](#).

- **Seniors Carol Service Wednesday 11 December**

Parents are invited to attend our Seniors Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX for the following services:

10am Years 7-9  
11.30am Years 10-11

- **End of Autumn Term w/c Monday 9 - Thursday 12 December**

Please note during the last week of term there is **no study/activities** and it is **early buses home/parent pick up at 4pm as per a Friday finish!**

- **Last Day of Term - Thursday 12 December**

This is a **normal full day of lessons ending at 4pm**. EOT letters will be emailed home with the usual reminders to parents about bills/school office closure etc over the Christmas period.

- **Friday 13 December**

Reports and Grade Cards will be emailed home to parents:  
Reports Year 9, 11  
Grade Cards Year 7, 8, 10

- **Spring Term 2025** commences Monday 6 January

**ROOT OF THE WEEK this week was 'SEMI' meaning 'half'.....**

<b>Semi</b>	<b>Examples:</b> Semicircle Semi-skimmed Semitone
<b>Origin:</b> Latin	
<b>Meaning:</b> Half	

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

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

A reminder the bar is **Card Payment** only, bring your own food or order in. Mrs O'Clee and Mr Richards look forward to seeing you for their annual quiz in the Hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW.

**PE/Games lessons-Cold Weather**

Now that the weather is significantly colder. Please encourage your daughter to bring the following items in their PE bag to keep warm during their PE/Games lessons outside:

- Hats
- Gloves (with grip if playing netball)
- Baselayers (plain navy, can also be purchased through Hawkins Sport)
- CC Midlayer
- CC Coat
- CC Bench Jacket
- CC Tracksuit bottoms

Please note, for safety, the following cannot be worn:

- Hoodies
- Scarves

## **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 regarding the google meet link will be emailed out early next week.

## **YEAR 10**

Apologies we have nothing to report for Year 10 happening next week but please keep on reading our weekly newsletter. Thank you.

## **YEAR 11**

### **Post-Mocks Movie Night - Friday 29 November - Senior Girls**

We have emailed home information inviting all the Year 11 Senior Girls and Boys to post-mock movie night being held at CCSG please may we ask that you complete the google form mentioned in the email by **Tuesday 26 November** so we know how many pupils are attending and for catering purposes. Thank you.

### **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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