



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**8 NOVEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 8)**

## FROM THE OFFICE

**Please read Mr Wilding's latest [blog](#)**

"We've been cursed with the ability to imagine the future without being able to see it" – Ian Leslie

### **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 this week).

### **Internet Safety Talk**

Thank you to those parents who joined us and Paul Hay for the Internet Safety talk before half term, we do appreciate your support when we arrange events such as these. The slides from Paul Hay can be found [here](#) for your reference.

### **Poppy Appeal 2024**

Poppies are available to purchase at Reception and on Monday 11 November we will be holding a Remembrance Event and two minute silence at 11am. The Poppy Appeal this year focuses on the mental health of military service personnel and their families.



### **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.

### **CCF Training Information**

Due to the darker and colder evenings, we are more restricted in the kind of training we can offer, so until further notice CCF will finish at the slightly earlier time of 5.45pm.

### **Samaritan's Shoebox Collection**

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous contributions to the [Christmas Child Shoebox Collection](#). Your kindness will bring joy to many children during the upcoming Christmas season. Thank you again for your support.

## Clares Court Run Club - Friday mornings

The usual staff suspects were joined this morning by our first group of enthusiastic pupils for the first official Claires Court Run Club, and a big well done to all. The more the merrier, so for anyone else who wishes to join, please complete this [Consent Form](#) and further details are shown below.



This run club is 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.

- **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](#)).

The plan is to make sure we're back at school by 8am, so if you think a 5km run might take longer than 30 minutes, please opt for the 3.5km option.

## CHRISTMAS NEWS

### 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

### 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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**WWW.COPASFARMSHOP.CO.UK**  
**CALL: 01628 499 980**

*Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!*

### **PTA Christmas Market - Thursday 21 November**

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



# FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

## ALL YEAR GROUPS

### Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 12 November

The Berkshire Immunisation Team will be in school administering Flu immunisations to all pupils where consent has been received. Further information can be found in the [Flu Vaccination letter](#) and [leaflet](#).

### It's Showtime! - 7.30pm Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November

Drinks will be available to purchase on the night with thanks to the PTA and this will be **card payment only** (no cash). A grazing table is included in the price and a seating plan will be on display each night (College Avenue SL6 6AW). If you would like to attend and have not reserved seats, there are limited seats remaining for Wednesday night only, so please contact your school office to enquire.

**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)

**@Senior Girls College Avenue SL6 6AW**

**IT'S SHOW TIME!**

**PTA CASH BAR**

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

### 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.

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS

**QUIZ NIGHT**

COLLEGE AVENUE  
29 NOVEMBER  
6-8PM

HOSTED BY QUIZMASTERS  
MR RICHARDS AND MRS O'CLEE

Form a team, have fun and raise funds for the PTA!

Tables cost £100 (plus 10 per table) or £10 per head

Team members of non-clareshill.org.uk or via Barbara Day at College Avenue PTA office

**SOLD OUT**

## **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 - Tuesday 12 November 5.45pm - 8pm**

Booking for the Year 8 parents' evening via [schoolcloud](#) closes midday Monday 11 November ([instructions](#)). We are removing the restriction of 8 appointments only, so you can book additional appointments with teachers where there are still spaces (choose **manual booking** not automatic). If there is a teacher that you wanted to talk to but have been unable to book an appointment, please contact them via email to arrange an alternative means of providing feedback.

On arrival please make your way to the Sports Hall to sign in and pick up a [map](#) to show you teacher locations - English, Maths and Science teachers will be based in classrooms in the newly refurbished Jubilee Wing (aka the Maths block) and all other teachers will be in the Sports Hall. We therefore suggest that you leave gaps where possible to allow for travel between classrooms and the Sports Hall. Please note the expectation is that your son will be with you to hear their teacher's feedback, but we appreciate that this is not always logistically possible.

## **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**

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**

After half term, 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 '**Anti**' meaning '**against**' or '**opposing**'
- Example words: aquarium, aquatic, aqueduct

# Anti

**Origin:** Greek

**Meaning:** Against or Opposing

### Examples:

Antidote

Antiphonal

Anticlockwise

Antiseptic

## Linguists of the Week

In French for great results on their first CT:

Year 9 - Luke B, Dexter C, Seb B, Matthieu M, Freddie C, Jonah V, George L

## Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Phoenix A, Charlie C & Zak D

Year 8 - Henry P, Jay S

Year 9 - Oliver S, Ollie R

Year 10 - Myles B, Tom Hi, Jack H, Ciaran W

Year 11 - Andrii P, Zac, P, Tom D

## Scientists of the Week

Year 7 - Ernie G for excellent attention to details in instructions

Year 9 - Daniel T for always being focussed and hard working in science

Year 10 - Dylan S for brilliant engagement in Series Circuit lessons

# 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.

