



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: ["Everything that needs to be said has already been said. But since no-one was listening, everything must be said again". André Gide](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Parent Survey

As expected of independent schools within the UK, we are required both to complete surveys by the Department for Education and the Independent Schools Council (ISC) at this time of year. In addition, we also make use of the Independent Schools Inspectorate questionnaire to survey the views of our own parents and guardians, and we keep to the same format (with some minor tweaks as requested in previous surveys) so we can compare year on year the views and contributions that surface during the survey. The survey will be sent early next week and will be open until Friday 31 January 8pm, after which we will take stock and check then use that feedback to aid our plans for the future.

VAT Update

Our preparations for the imposition of VAT on tuition fees from January have not been assisted by the pace at which HMRC and schools have had to work. ISBA are representing our sector in those discussions, and over the next weeks, we hope full clarity will emerge to assist us in our longer term planning too. As you may recall, ISC and other groups have called for Judicial review of the imposition of this new tax on independent school tuition fees, and preliminary hearings commence shortly. As news emerges, we will of course keep parents and guardians informed. James Wilding

SAVE THE DATE

- Monday 17 February- Spring Half Term
- Monday 24 - Friday 28 February- Y13 Mock Exams
- Monday 3 -Friday 7 March- Y12 Mock Exams
- Thursday 13 March- Y13 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 26 March- Y12 Parents Evening
- Thursday 3 April- Spring Term Ends

Swimarathon



Claire's Court had a wonderful representation at the Lions Club Swimarathon event held at Braywick leisure centre last Sunday.

Claire's Court had 6 lanes of the pool and completed a total of 369 laps (= 738 lengths) in our allotted 50 minutes. Junior boys swam 57 laps, junior girls 63, senior girls 59, senior boys (assisted by teachers and the Potter family) 78, year 12 did 58, and year 13 did 54.

So far the sponsorship raised by Claire's Court is £1240 (and to which gift aid will be added) and this is still increasing.

This money will be shared between Maidenhead Lions Club local charities and our school's charity choice of Thames Hospice.

Thank you to all the pupils and teachers who participated or supported and all the people who have sponsored them. Further donations can still be made using the below link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/clairecourtschoolsixthform2025>

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR YEARS 12 & 13

University and College Open Days - www.opendays.com

Arts University Bournemouth

Open Day - Book [here](#)

Newcastle University Virtual Student Experience Event

Find out more [here](#)

University of Essex Presentations and Workshops

Find out more [here](#).

CAREERS INFORMATION

The Sixth Formers Guide to Degree Apprenticeship

Find out more [here](#)

Freshfields Law Event

Register [here](#)

Investin

Free events aimed at demystifying future salary expectations

Find out more information [here](#)

Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair

To register for this free event please follow the [link](#)

Technology Careers and Work Experience Opportunities with Lloyds Banking Group

Register [here](#)

Work Experience with the Civil Aviation Authority

Springpod have opened applications for in person work experience opportunities for YEAR 12 students. Applications close Tuesday 28 February

Year 12 - [more info](#)

Ministry of Defence Finance Apprenticeship

Insight sessions on 28 January, 18.00-19.00 [Register here](#) and 30 January, 12.00-13.00 [Register here](#).

EDF Apprenticeships

See link [here](#)

Apprenticeships

Please see this very helpful parent guide to apprenticeships [here](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sixth Form Dress Code Reminder

Formal business dress remains on a Monday. Casual business dress may be worn from Tuesday to Friday. The requirements for Sixth Form dress may be found [here](#). **Ugg slippers/boots, trainers and hoodies** are **NOT** part of the uniform.

Parking Outside School Reminder

May we **politely ask that for the safety of our pupils you do not wait on the double yellow lines** on **College Road and the corner of College Avenue**. The double yellow lines are there to ensure visibility is maintained thereby keeping both pedestrians and drivers safe. The traffic wardens do patrol the area and will issue tickets for cars parked illegally on double yellow lines.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils and school safe and local residents happy.

Enrichment Programmes

We run an Enrichment programme on Thursdays from 3 - 4pm where various speakers are invited to come into school to talk to Y12 students. In the past, we have had parents of sixth form students volunteer to present and we would love to hear from you if you would like to participate in this initiative. Please email lyw@clairescourt.net for further information.

REMINDERS

Cashless Catering

Please can you regularly check your son/daughter's cashless catering balance and ensure there are sufficient funds available. Overdrawn accounts will be closed until funds have been added.

Sickness Absence & Medical Absence reporting

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 8.45am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327560 or by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net.

Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net.

New, news, news!

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