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Autumn Term News 2022

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Dear valued Parents, Carers, and members of the community,

Welcome to this edition of The Clere Tribune. This is our termly newsletter dedicated to sharing the activities of the students and staff in our wonderful school with our wider community.

As I sit and write this introduction I am able to reflect upon my first term at The Clere. The overriding sense that I get is of the warmth and clear feeling of community that the school has. The school is a positive environment and influence for our students. The best part of my job is the opportunity that I have to visit lessons and walk around the school, where I have been able to see our young people engaging in learning and making progress academically and socially. It also means that I get to speak to the students, and I am always proud of how open and articulate they are and how they defy the negative stereotypes of teenagers. This is testament not only to themselves but also to our supportive and engaged parents.

In the last few weeks we have had our evaluative visit from the local authority and it was pleasing to see that they noted the progress that the school has made this term in striving for our vision of excellence for all. They visited a range of lessons and spoke to a number of staff and most importantly students, which illustrated how the school community is working to achieve the best for our young people. They also noted the impact of our pastoral team where we have redesigned our pastoral hub to become the "Bridge". The Bridge is a place that students can access to get the support needed to remove the barriers that may be hindering them from making progress in lessons and is already having a noticeable impact.

In September, we had a range of open events. Prospective parents attended both an open evening to experience the school and learn about each subject and open mornings to see the school operating as normal. Our visitors to these events gave tremendously positive feedback about learning, behaviour, the prefect team and the tour guides, students here are so articulate, so welcoming and so polite it really does make us proud. Comments about how welcoming and kind our staff are, and how good relationships are between staff and students, were pleasing to see. I am delighted to say that these events continue to contribute to the growth of numbers of students at The Clere.

I also had the privilege of attending and handing out the prizes at the first Year 12 Certificate Evening Presentation since the start of the Covid Pandemic. It was a wonderful event that was very well attended and it was lovely to see our class of 2022 and their families catching up with each other and the teachers who supported them in achieving their success.

We have also had mocks with our Year 11 students this term. We were very proud of their preparedness and their conduct during the exams. This important practice for the summer has shown the students where they need to focus in ensuring success in the summer. I am positive as a cohort and as individuals they are up for the challenge of the next term and a half.

Finally, we look forward to the Carol Concert in the final week of Term. For many of our students this will be the first that they are experiencing due to the restrictions of the past couple of years. I know that the staff and students have been rehearsing tirelessly to produce what will undoubtedly be a magical and festive evening.

I know that the Tribune will be filled with a snapshot of the great things that have been happening at The Clere. Don't forget to also subscribe and follow our social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram that give regular updates and insights into the life of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope that you get to spend time with your loved ones and I look forward to seeing our students back in January and continuing to work with our fantastic community.

Best Wishes

Mr Rob Milner - Head of School



Pride of Andover Awards



Young Person of the Year Award winners, right, Freya Hart and Lauren Farrelly

"Two teenagers have joined forces to raise money for Andover Foodbank, as part of their Rangers Gold Award. Ex-Clere School pupil Freya Hart, and a friend, walked five laps, which is 7.5 miles, around Charlton Lake recently. The duo, who are both 16, wanted to collect donations for the town's foodbank, which has fed 6,700 people between April 2020 and March 2021.

Freya said "The walk is a chance to give back and help people but we are also raising awareness that people still need the foodbank and it is still in need of donations to keep it open and running."

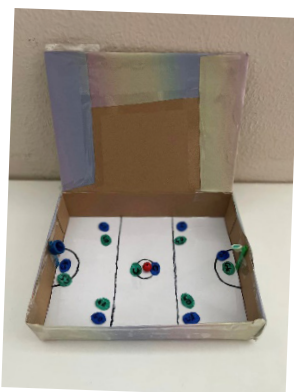
As a result of their hard work, the girls were nominated for a Pride of Andover Award by their ranger leader. They won the award and have also been given the opportunity to turn on the Christmas lights in Andover as a reward for their endeavours.

So far the pair have raised £515. Visit: [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/freya-lauren-andover-foodbank-fundraiser](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/freya-lauren-andover-foodbank-fundraiser) "



Year 7 Homework Task

Year 7s were tasked with being creative and coming up with a Netball Court or Football Pitch to learn the positions. Here are some of the brilliant creations that students came up with. Well done!



Bebras Challenge

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. Each participant answer questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. Students have 60 minutes to answer as many problems as possible online.



Awards

- Gold Award – Top 10% Nationally – invited to take part in The Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC). This is an online challenge that asks invited students in the UK and English-speaking International Schools around the World to solve tasks using Computational Thinking skills and then provide coded solutions.
- The OUCC will be run online between 16 and 20 January 2023.
- Best in School
- Distinction – top 25% in school
- Merit – next 25% in school
- Participation – lowest 50% in school

Statistics

		Number of Participants Juniors (Year 7)	Number of Participants Intermediates (Year 8 & 9)
Nationally	Intermediates		185,636
	Juniors	10,671	
Hampshire	Intermediates		5,272
	Juniors	3,761	
The Clere School	Intermediates		169
	Juniors	103	

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272 students entered challenge over a 2-week period:

103 Year 7 - Junior Challenge & 169 Year 8 and Year 9 - Intermediate Challenge

Achievements

Award	Number Qualified in School (/200)	Juniors		Intermediates		
		Score to Qualify (/200)	Year 7	Score to Qualify (/200)	Year 8	Year 9
Gold Award	13	129	2	128	5	6
Best in School	2	150	Emily Gravenstede	162		Florence Waite
Distinction	70	74	27	85	18	25
Merit	68	52	25	56	23	23
Participants	134	N/A	51	N/A	49	31
Total	272		103		90	79

We are delighted to announce that thirteen students qualified for the next round of the Bebras Challenge and received the Gold Award. These students came in the top 10% of the 185,000 students who entered nationally. Well done!

Open Evening



Here was the wonderful set up for our Clere School Open Evening before we welcomed visitors to our school. Thank you to everyone that came out to have a tour of the school.



Remembrance Day



Mr Milner accompanied by students Kaleb Stewart and Josh Gillate attended Basingstoke War Memorial and laid a poppy wreath on behalf of The Clere School Community.

Year 12 Presentation Evening

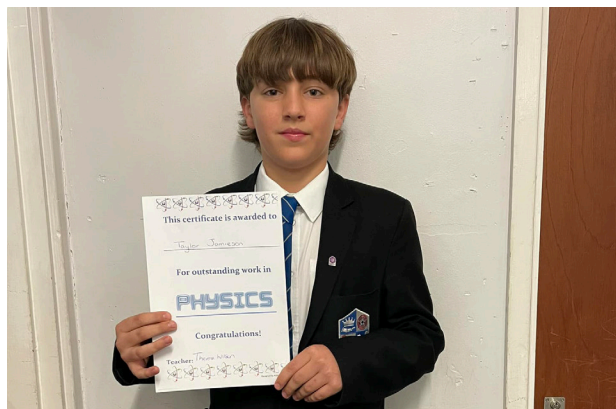


It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Presentation Evening. It was brilliant to hear how you are getting on at college and hearing all your stories since you left The Clere School.

We wish you all the best of luck for the future and hope you keep in touch to let us know how you are getting on.

What a way to end your time at The Clere School with a power cut which you also had on your Open Evening when you were in Year 6.... It's like we planned it!

Science Award



Congratulations to Taylor Jamieson on his Physics Award. Taylor, using his own initiative made a powerpoint about light and delivered it to the class. He was awarded with a science pin and certificate.

Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award



We are delighted to confirm that we had two teams completed their DofE assessed expedition, bronze award in September 2022. The expedition took place around the Hungerford area, camping overnight, which turned out to be a chilly one. The teams showed commitment, enthusiasm, great teamwork and leadership over the training period, giving up Saturday mornings to attend training in school and a weekend to complete the practice weekend. It was extremely rewarding to see how the individuals grew over the training period and became a real team. The teams should

be congratulated on their achievements, not just for the expedition but for the time they have spent in the skills, volunteering and physical sections of the DofE bronze award. Well done.

Mrs Campbell, DofE Leader

Social Media



We have noticed that some parents are following the wrong social media accounts. Our school accounts are:

Facebook
- www.facebook.com/theclereschool/

Instagram
- www.instagram.com/theclereschool_official/

House Competitions

Students in year 7 have now been given their houses so our House Competitions will run in the New Year starting with Basketball Shoot Out. Details coming soon!

Sports at The Clere

What a busy term it has been! With restrictions fully lifted from sport this year it has been brilliant to see students competing.

Netball

It has been a fantastic turn out at Netball Club this term. Students have been working hard to improve their skills and we even had a Christmas Session last week. Netball Club has become a lovely community feel with students from all year groups joining in together and learning from each other.

Year 9 & 10 students have been competing in the Andover and District league and we find out the results next week. Jess Elliott has done a brilliant job of leading her team to many winning matches this season. The Year 10s were slower to get started with some changes in the team but towards the middle of the season they started to gel together. The Year 10s will continue training as they will be going on Netball Tour in May.

“The netball season was a lot of fun this year, we overcame some changes and then worked brilliantly as a team to work hard in our matches. We are now looking forward to the netball tour!” Rosie Stockwell (Year 10 Captain)



Football

A brilliant turn out at Football Club this term. Students from all year groups have been attending each week with fixtures taking place for different year groups.

It has been exciting to see students taking part in fixtures and different year groups stepping up to help out teams. These leagues run through to March so we won't know where our teams place until then.





Well done to the Year 7 Football Team who attended an indoor football tournament at Rookwood School. The students did really well, they won 1 game, drew 2 and then unfortunately lost 2-1 in the final.



Rugby

With numbers growing each week it has been an exciting start to Rugby Club. Mr Dyke is looking forward to the tournaments and fixtures that students will attend in the New Year. We are always looking for new members to join our group, hope to see you there!

Ski Trip

The Ski Trip is fast approaching, and students have been attending Ski Fit after school on a Thursday. It has been nice for students from each year group to meet each other before attending the trip. A parent meeting will be held in the new year.



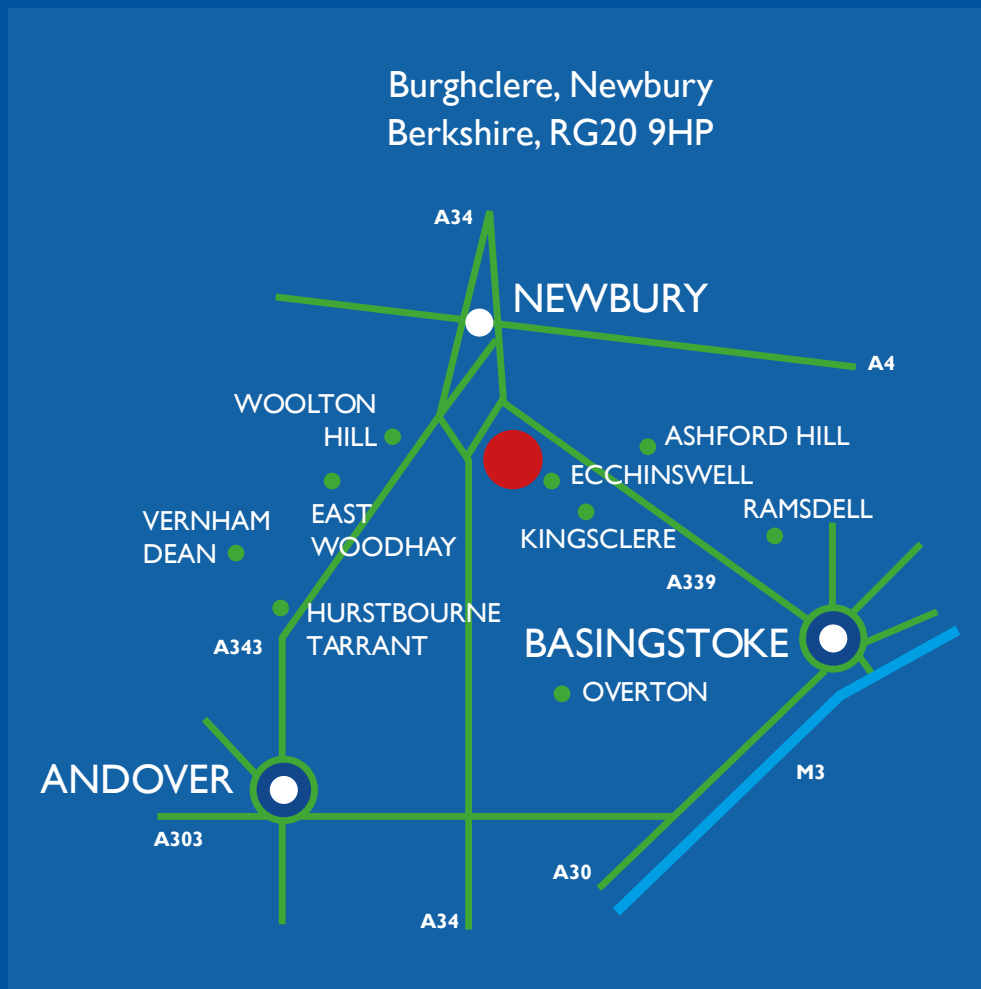


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“Leaders have established a culture and ethos built upon mutual respect and equality of opportunity. The school is calm and pupils are polite to one another. There are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”

OFSTED, MARCH 2017

