



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR GIRLS**

## Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 5**

### **PRINCIPAL'S BLOG**

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures" – World Health Day 2025](#)

Dear Parents and Friends, Thank you so much for contributing so fully in the parental questionnaire published by ISI to inform their inspection of the school this week. The visit was part of the normal 3-year cycle of full inspections\* the team of 11 inspectors covered all parts of the school, from Nursery to Sixth Form. The evidence gathered over their 3 days with us is then reviewed by the Reporting inspector, undergoes quality assurance and the resulting draft report is sent back to us for a clerical accuracy check before publishing in 5/6 weeks time.

\*Focussed Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection (EQI)

### **Last Chance to buy Fireworks Tickets in advance!**

[Buy your Fireworks tickets](#) **by midday Monday 6 October** so you don't have to queue at the gate on the night. Your (eldest) child will be given your tickets to bring home on Thursday 9 October, then simply arrive wearing your wristbands and show them as you walk past the queue! You are also guaranteed food and can collect it anytime after 5pm, whereas tickets bought at the gate on the night can only collect food after 6.30pm. Furthermore you will secure discounted ticket prices, so [book them now](#)! Please note lost or forgotten wristbands will be charged £1 for replacements. Further details about the event can be found in the dates section below.



**Date:** Saturday 11 October

**Time:** 5 PM - 9 PM **Location:** Claires Court Juniors, SL6 4QQ


Enjoy a fantastic evening with low-noise fireworks from 7:15 PM, fun stalls, and activities for the whole family! Your ticket even includes a burger or hotdog (vegetarian options available). Don't forget to bring your best carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize!

**Purchase your tickets in advance before 6 October** to.....

- avoid queues - wristbands will be given to your child to bring home on Thursday 9 October, so on the night you can just show your wristband and walk in, no need to wait at the gate!
- guarantee food - you will be able to get your food anytime after you arrive, tickets purchased on the night cannot collect food until after 6.30pm
- secure discounted ticket prices - save £5 on a family ticket!

#### **Tickets:**

- Online: Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25 (2 adults & 2 children)
- On the Gate: Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30 (2 adults & 2 children)

 Book your tickets now via the QR code on the flyer or visit: [ccpta.org.uk](http://ccpta.org.uk)

Please note: On-gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly **no dogs** allowed in cars or on site.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### APOLOGIES

**Seniors PTA Meeting - TBC Friday 7 November**

Apologies for the postponement of the Seniors PTA Meeting. We are planning to hold this on Friday 7 November again at 1pm virtually and the MEET link will be emailed out to you after half term once the date is confirmed.



### **ROAD SAFETY REMINDER – COLLEGE SITE**

Please take extra care when dropping off and collecting children. We've observed some vehicles:

- using the car park entrance to exit onto College Road
- obstructing our neighbours driveways by parking too close to their entrances
- stopping and picking up children on the bend/junction/corner of College Avenue/College Road (opposite school office building/wrought iron gates)
- please drive carefully when on College Road - it has been noticed that some cars are driving faster than they should be (not necessarily our staff/parents or 6th Formers). The dark evenings are almost upon us so more care will be needed.

### **CCSBC SPONSORED ROW**

Just a reminder that the rowers will be rowing the distance from London to Paris to raise money for the boat club.

- **Date:** Saturday, 4 October
- **Location:** Senior Girls/6th Form Site (use the side entrance by the pool).
- **Rowing Challenge:** Finishes at 2:30 PM.
- **Supporters Welcome:** Join us from 12:30 PM to cheer on the final push!

### **What's On?**

Come and celebrate the rowers' marathon effort! Once the row is over we will have a BBQ, the bar will be open, and the PTA will run a 2nd-hand kit sale.

### **Clares Court SchoolTV**

Please make use of this valuable resource available to all our parents - [Clares Court SchoolTV](#). Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource that can support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. This award-winning resource helps build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are again supporting the Operation Christmas Child project. Our Head Girls, Ava and Chloe, have been handing out gift boxes to pupils during form time to whoever would like one. The deadline to return these back into school is **Friday 17 October**. Please see the list below of suggested items and list of items not to be included.

\*\*\*If you are **not** planning to put anything in the 'shoe boxes' please can you return the empty box to school on **Monday 6 October** so that we can distribute them to staff and other pupils who have been asking about them - we don't want to have to order more if they are not going to be used. Thank you\*\*\*.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:	DO NOT INCLUDE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING TO WEAR:</b> T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.</li> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING TO LOVE:</b> teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.</li> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING SPECIAL:</b> carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.</li> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:</b> exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.</li> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:</b> tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.</li> <li>✓ <b>SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:</b> soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT:</b> (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough</li> <li>✗ <b>FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND:</b> (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins</li> <li>✗ <b>USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:</b> (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys</li> <li>✗ <b>BREAKABLE ITEMS:</b> including glass, porcelain and mirrors</li> <li>✗ <b>ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:</b> including Halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones</li> <li>✗ <b>GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:</b> including play money, playing cards and dominoes</li> <li>✗ <b>RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:</b> including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)</li> </ul>




These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints.

## PTA NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE DATES

Please see dates below for future sale dates at Senior Girls - note these are on a **Monday morning from 8am-9am** with the sale taking place just inside the Atrium entrance with payment by card only and **NOT** cash:

- **6 October 2025**
- 3 November 2025
- 1 December 2025
- 12 January 2026
- 2 February 2026
- 2 March 2026
- 20 April 2026
- 11 May 2026
- 1 June 2026

If you have any good quality uniform you wish to donate to the PTA please drop off at the school office (blazers and skirts are always in demand). Thank you.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- **Absences:** [Report Portal](#) / [seniorgirls@clairescourt.com](mailto:seniorgirls@clairescourt.com) /01628 327500 (please report absences **before 9.30am** for each day of sickness)
- [Senior Girls Calendar here](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

## NEWS, 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.

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION ALL YEAR GROUPS

### Rewards and Sanctions email

You should have received an email from your daughter's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your daughter has received in the last seven days. If you did not receive this, please check in your junk/spam folder and add the tutors email address to your 'safe sender' list.

### Flu Immunisations Year 7 - Year 11

#### Have you completed the consent form yet?

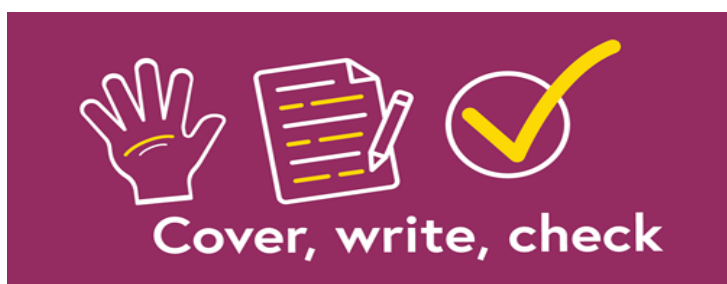
NHS Berkshire Health will be in school on **Monday 3 November** to administer the flu vaccinations. Please may we ask that you complete the **YES/NO** consent form mentioned in their [letter here](#) (the school's unique code is **BK110153G**) before Monday 27 October for either:

[Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#) (contains a small amount of porcine gelatine)  
[Injectable Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#) (does not contain porcine gelatine)

## YEAR 7 ONLY

### Study Skills

The Year 7 girls have now had two study skills sessions and have covered 'Text to Pictures' and 'Cover, Write, Check' as part of these sessions. Teachers will now be using these in lessons to reinforce the learning and help pupils remember key facts in their subjects.



### Claire's Court SchoolTV

Please make use of this valuable resource available to all our parents at <https://clairescourt.uk.schooltv.me/>. Of particular relevance to those starting in year 7 please check out the following article....[Starting Year 7](#)

### G7 Parent Workshare Evening - Wednesday 15 October 6pm-8pm

Please see the [Information](#) that was emailed home yesterday. The Schoolcloud online booking system to see your daughter's form tutor will open at **9.30am** on **Thursday 9 October** and closes at 12noon on Wednesday 15 October. Please also don't forget to complete the google form so we know what your daughter will be doing between 5pm-6pm.

[Schoolcloud](#) (opening at 9.30am Thursday 9 October)

[how to book your appointment](#) (please ensure you use your daughter's full name as nicknames are not recognised)

[Afterschool Arrangements Google Form](#) (girls will be supervised between 5pm-6pm)

## **YEAR 8 ONLY**

**Parents' Evening - Monday 10 November 6pm-8pm \*SAVE THE DATE\***

Further information to follow.

## **YEAR 9 ONLY**

**Kew Trip - Monday 13 October**

Please find att'd [letter](#) which was emailed home on Wednesday regarding the above trip. Girls should wear their full school uniform and will need to bring a waterproof coat, writing equipment and clipboard (if possible), a nut free packed lunch and drinks. There may be the opportunity to buy a drink or souvenir.

## **Y9 Bronze DofE Programme**

Please find the [Bronze DofE Programme letter](#) noting the following dates and deadlines:

- Parent Information Evening (online) 6pm Monday 6 October
- Completed DofE Google Form by Wednesday 15 October

## **YEAR 10 ONLY**

**Artists Visit - Thursday 16 October**

All Year 10 artists from both senior girls and senior boys will be participating in a [creative workshop](#) day on Thursday 16 October at the College site with special guest contemporary British Fine Artist Ian Murphy. Pupils will need to bring with them their pencil cases and photographs they have prepared work from.

**Parents' Evening - Wednesday 5 November 6pm-8pm \*SAVE THE DATE\***

Further information to follow.

## **YEAR 11 ONLY**

**Year 11 Mock Examinations - w/c 17 and 24 November**

Please find shared the [Mock Examinations timetable](#) taking place from 17 - 28 November, noting the additional dates outside of these two weeks for MFL listening and speaking exams, as well as Food and Art practical exams. There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Literature Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

Please see the links below to the documents that our exam officer will be sharing in a hard copy booklet for pupils to have:

[JCQ Information for Candidates AI in Assessments](#)

[JCQ Warning to Candidates 2025](#)

[JCQ Unauthorised Items](#)

[JCQ Instructions for use AI September 2025](#)



[JCQ Information for Candidates for Written Examinations 2025](#)  
[JCQ NEA Information for Candidates 2025](#)  
[JCQ ICE Warning to Candidates 2025](#)  
[JCQ AI Infographic Guide for Candidates 2025](#)

## **Year 11 Subject Directory**

As mentioned at the Year 11 Parent Workshop, please find shared the [GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

## **TRIP INFORMATION**

### **Residential Trips Brochure**

The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to [view](#). As and when trips become available to book, an email letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

### **Cologne Trip Parent Information Evening - Monday 29 September**

Please find the [presentation](#) from the Information Evening. A reminder if you have not already made the **final £135 payment to please do so as soon as possible**.

### **Naples Trip Parent Information Evening**

Please find the [presentation](#) from the evening noting links on the following pages:

- Slide 20 - [GHIC](#)
- Slide 29 - [Administration of Medication](#)
- Slide 30 - [Parental consent form for overseas trips](#) - Mr Gray must receive a completed, physical copy

### **Turkey Watersports Trip - 20-27 October 2026**

Please find the [Turkey Watersports Trip letter](#) planned for October half term 2026 available to pupils **currently in** Years 7 - 12. To request a place for your son/daughter please complete the **Online Consent Form by 11am Monday 6 October**, after which time the 35 places will be allocated and payment of the non-refundable deposit required.

## **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION**



Welcome to [October](#)

**Root of the Week is..... 'Dec' meaning 'Ten'**

<p><b>Dec</b></p> <p>Origin: Greek</p> <p>Meaning: Ten</p>	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <p>Decade</p> <p>Decagon</p> <p>Decathlon</p> <p>Decimal</p> <p>Decameter</p>
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**Well done to all the girls named below this week!**

### **Linguist of the Week**

**w/c 29 September**

Year 9: Poppy W *"Fantastic red blood cell model"*

Year 9: Jasmin S *"Excellent perseverance with Sankey Diagrams"*

Year 10: Naomi M *"Excellent work on Half life"*

### **Scientists of the Week**

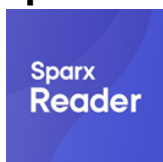
**w/c 29 September**

Year 8: French: Harmony C-T *"Very enthusiastic and making really good progress"*

Year 11: Spanish: Layla D *"Working very hard and making excellent progress"*

Year 11: German: Izzy C *"For an excellent first go at a 150 word question"*

### **Sparx Reader of the Week**



**w/c 29 September**

Year 7: Sophia D

Year 8: Ava M

### **Accelerated Reader of the Week**



**w/c 29 September**

Year 7: Sophia D

Year 8: Clodagh

Year 9: Isobel E

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



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INTEGRITY



