



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

3 OCTOBER 2025 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 5)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please see message from Mr Wilding below and read his weekly blog 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. **Please note:** Strictly no dogs allowed in cars or on site.

Burger or hotdog included with your ticket. (Vegetarian options available)

CLAIRE'S COURT PTA PRESENTS
FIREWORKS NIGHT
SAT 11 OCTOBER
5 - 9PM
CLAIRE'S COURT JUNIORS

BOOK HERE

Low noise fireworks from 7.15pm
Plus stalls and activities provided during the evening

Online Tickets	Price on the gate	Prize for the best pumpkin, bring it on the night!
Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25 (2 adults and 2 children)	Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30* (2 adults and 2 children)	

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*On gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly no dogs allowed either in cars or on site

Wanted: Delicious Bakes for Fireworks!

Fireworks night is fast approaching and we are looking for generous donations of delicious bakes - bakes, biscuits, cupcakes etc. which we could sell on the night. If you are able to bake anything, please drop them into the Food Studio between 6-10 October with your name clearly labelled, **ALL** ingredients listed and completed [Allergen card](#). All donations will receive a commendation and a shout out in assembly!

Christmas Shoeboxes

We will once again be supporting the [Samaritan's Purse project](#), Operation Christmas Child: "Send a shoebox gift to a child in need so they know they are loved and cared for this Christmas". Your son's form tutor has been given a number of shoe boxes to fill and you can find below a list of suggested items to include. We will be keeping a tally on how many boxes each form fills, so please do send your son in with some items to support this charity work, thank you.

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



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

Flu Vaccinations - Please remember to complete your YES or NO Consent before half term

Flu immunisations will take place at Senior Boys on **3 November** ([letter](#)). Please complete the consent form **before 17 October** for either the nasal (contains a small amount porcine gelatine) or injectable (does not contain porcine gelatine) vaccine below to either give or withhold consent using school code BK110153B.

- [Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#)
- [Injectable Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#)

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. With World Mental Health Day on 10 October please take a look at this [Special Report](#) and complete the [Wellbeing Barometer survey](#).

Rewards and Sanctions email

You should have received an email from your son's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your son 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.

YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please see our website [calendar](#) for this term's dates, which will be updated when new events and dates are confirmed.

CCSBC Sponsored Row - Saturday 4 October

Next Saturday the rowers will be rowing the distance from London to Paris to raise money for the boat club.

- **Location:** Senior Girls/6th Form Site (use the side entrance by the pool)
- **Rowing Challenge:** Finishes at 2.30pm
- **Supporters Welcome:** Join us from 12:30pm to cheer on the final push!
- **What's on?** 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

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.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Parents' Pastoral & Workshare Evening - 6pm Monday 13 October

Your son will be your guide for the evening and will show you around his new school. He will take you to his classrooms where you can see his work and informally talk to his teachers. Please note this is not a formal parents evening with individual feedback by subject, this will take place on Tuesday 3 February. However you will be able to book an appointment to talk to your son's form tutor to discuss how he is settling in from a pastoral perspective. Booking via [Schoolcloud](#) will open at 7am Tuesday 7 October and close 9am Monday 13 October.

There is no formal start time or presentation, so please arrive anytime to suit from 6pm. Parking will be available in school, but please do not drive in until after 5.45pm by which time all our coaches will have safely departed. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. On arrival, please make your way to the Dining Room to sign in and pick up a map showing teachers' locations for the evening. In an attempt to spread people around the school you are asked to follow the route shown

below according to the first letter of your surname:

- A-F Science Block → Main House → Maths/English/Geog Wing
- G-L Maths Wing → Science Block → Main House
- M-Z Main House → Maths/English/Geog Wing → Science Block

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 12 November

*** SAVE THE DATE *** Further information to follow

YEAR 9 ONLY

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

Kew Trip - Monday 13 October

Please find the [Geography Kew Gardens trip letter](#) for all pupils in Year 9. Boys 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.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Artists Visit - Thursday 16 October

Year 10 artists will be participating in a [creative workshop](#) day on Thursday 16 October at Senior Girls. Boys should therefore be dropped directly at College Avenue, although those travelling on school coaches will be transferred on the link bus. They will need to bring with them their pencil cases and photographs they have prepared work from.

B10 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 4 November

*** SAVE THE DATE *** Further information to follow

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Resources

As mentioned at Parents' Evening last night, please find the [Drop-In sessions Timetable](#) that your son is welcome to attend if he has any questions for teachers or wants additional support in any subjects. Also shared last night the [B11 Productive Revision Pack](#) and the [GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

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](#)

TRIPS 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.

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.

Cologne Trip Parent Information Evening

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

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

In our 'Root of the Week' 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 '**dec**' meaning '**ten**'
- Example words include '**decade**', '**decathlon**' and '**decimal**'



Root of the Week



Dec

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Ten

Examples:

Decade

Decagon

Decathlon

Decimal

Decameter

'Of the Month'

Please find our October [Of The Month](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal!

Linguists of the Week

In German: Year 7 for great engagement: Henry B, Jude A, Felix S
Year 10 for helping with the European Day of Languages Assembly: Freddie B, Freddie C, Ben D, Rushil H, Jack H, Kody H, Harrison Mc, Michael O, Toby P, Vihaan T, Anton Z

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: George B

Year 8: Finn D, Freddie M, Phoenix A

Year 9: William B

Year 10: Oli W

Year 11: Noah R, Finn P, Eddie T

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Noah P for fantastic cell models using clay

Year 10 - Toby P for excellent work on radioactive decay, and Curtis L and Oscar O for incredible radioactive decay chains of uranium

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Daniel T B

Year 8 - Noah McC

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 8 - Elliot H

Year 9 - Hayden D

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please let the School Office know by 9.30am in the morning on each day of absence by one of the following means (in this order of preference)....

- 'Absence Reporting' on the [Report Portal](#)
- Email to seniorboys@clairescourt.net
- Telephone to 01628 327600

Medical appointments should be notified in writing at least 24 hours in advance of the appointment where possible. Medicine (in its original packaging) should be handed into the office with a completed [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for the nurses to administer.

Other absences during term time will need to be requested using the [Term Time Absence Request Form](#). Whilst we may 'approve' these absences they will invariably be recorded as 'unauthorised' due to the strict Department for Education guidelines to which we adhere.

Please find below other links that you may find useful....

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)

