



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025 SUMMER TERM WEEK 1**

## **James Wilding Blog**

Read the latest blog, "[Academic Principal's Bog - 25 April](#)"

## **FROM THE OFFICE.....**



**Welcome back to school**

## **Summer Term Dates**

These can be viewed on our calendars and please find a summary of some key dates below:

**w/c 28 April** - Instrumental lessons, activities, study and late coaches commence

**Monday 5 May** - May Day Bank Holiday - school is closed

**Tuesday 13 May** - Mental Health Awareness Non-Uniform Day. Pupils can wear their 'civvies' for the day in return for £2 donation to raise funds for [Number 22 Counselling](#)

**w/c 26 May** - half term

**Friday 6 June** - Claire's Court PTA Canapés & Cocktails

**Thursday 10 July** - end of Summer Term

**New Claire's Court PE Kit - available from June**



We are pleased to announce that a new **Claire's Court PE kit** will be launched this June at **Hawkinsport**, in preparation for the **September 2025** academic year.

This new kit has been carefully developed with two key goals in mind:

1. **To unify the PE kit across all three divisions of Claire's Court**, ensuring a consistent and recognisable appearance for our students.
2. **To reduce the number of individual clothing items required**, helping to keep overall costs down for families.

Please be assured that there is **no need to purchase the new kit immediately**. It will not be compulsory until September 2026, giving plenty of time for a smooth and gradual transition.

Full details of the new kit—including what items are required for each sport—can be found on the Claire's Court [website](#).

### **Claire's Court PTA Canapés & Cocktails - Friday 6 June**

Our 'Cocktails and Canapés' event organised by the PTA is not only to raise funds but also to bring the whole parent body together from Nursery to Sixth Form. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible so please join us at Moor Hall in Cookham on Friday 6 June and book your tickets [here](#) now!



## The London Marathon

Mr Richard Beck (Business Studies Teacher Senior Boys) is running the London Marathon this weekend, Sunday 27 April, with his wife, Mrs Karla Beck (ELSA at Senior Girls) and sister (Jo - ex Head Girl at Senior Girls). They are raising money for MENCAP who help children and adults with learning difficulties. If you wish to help them achieve their £7,500 target you can donate [here](#). Thank you!

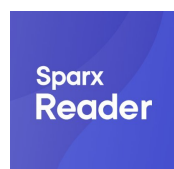
## Tempest - Senior Girls' Divisional Whole School Photograph

We will inform parents on how you can order the senior girls' whole school photograph taken yesterday as soon as Tempest provides us with the necessary information. Well done to Derek, our therapy dog, who was invited to join in the school photo and behaved impeccably!

## Potential traffic disruption - Cookham

Cadent gas works have been granted a licence from the Highways agency to undertake major works on Sutton Road, Cookham. This is the main route many of our buses take to get to/from school and the route you may take your child/ren to school. They plan to carry out this work in phases from 31 March - 6 June. We will aim to minimise any disruption to our coach routes where we can but suggest you allow extra time for your journey to school if you go that way.

## Sparx Reader of the Week



**Friday 25 April** - the winners at the end of the Spring term were:  
**Year 7** Mimi S-S and Nell C (joint winners)  
**Year 8** Jasmin S

## **Accelerated Reader of the Week - no news this week but.....**



Mrs Cavaciuti (Senior Girls Librarian) would like to offer her congratulations from last term to the following girls:

**Progress in Reading:** Willow, Luciana and Amelie

**Silver Book Point Star:** Emilie T, Amelia P, Olivia D & Thamarai

**Gold Book Point Star:** Ellie H

**Accelerated Reading Super League (boys & girls):** Georgie C

**March Accelerated Reader Challenge Winner:** Rosie R

## **News, 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.

## **Stationery Requirements**

Please ensure your daughter has the following equipment in school from the start of the summer term and check periodically that she still has all items as required, thank you.

- Glue stick, scissors
- Pens (black or blue for writing, plus purple for tests and green for corrections)
- Pencils, sharpener, eraser
- Ruler, geometry kit
- Scientific calculator (Year 8 summer term upwards)

## **Uniform Expectations**

Please may we remind you and our pupils of our uniform expectations:

- Skirt to be on the knee.
- Hair to be of natural colour, and in a ponytail and off the face if below shoulder length.
- Pupils can wear up to two pairs of plain silver or gold stud earrings in each ear of maximum diameter 3mm, one per earlobe. Cartilage and nose piercings are not allowed. No further jewellery is permitted.
- Make up is not allowed in Year 7-9 and only light, discreet makeup is allowed in Years 10 and 11.
- Pupils may wear a Claires Court branded coat to and from school and also through the school day over their blazer through the colder months.
- If their coat is not a Claires Court branded coat then they can wear it to and from school but it must be put away in their locker once arrived.

## **Reporting Sickness/Medication/Holiday Requests**

**Sickness/Medical Appointments:** 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 [seniorgirls@clairescourt.com](mailto:seniorgirls@clairescourt.com) or 01628 327500. For medical appointments we would appreciate 24 hours notice, where possible, so that the office can inform the teaching staff if a pupil has to leave a lesson early or is missing in the morning due to an appointment.

**Medication:** Any medication must be handed into the school office together with a completed [Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) . Both will be given to the

nursing team to keep and administer.

**Holidays:** For holiday requests please complete the [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#).

## **YEAR GROUP INFORMATION/LETTERS/TRIPS.....**

*Reminders below but please do look at the school calendar*

### **YEAR 8**

#### **Dolygaer Trip Year 8 and Year 9 Senior Girls Only**

For those girls participating in the outdoor weekend trip to Wales please find the [kit list here](#). An online information evening is pending and we will email parents asap Dolygaer confirms a date for this to happen.

#### **Year 8 Parent Evening - Wednesday 14 May 6pm-8pm 'face to face' appointments with subject teachers \*Save the Date\***

The Schoolcloud online booking system for parents to make their appointments will open at **9am** on **Thursday 8 May** and **closes at 12 noon** on **Wednesday 14 May**.

Some teachers teach all the girls in the year group, and appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis. The parent information guide can be found [here](#) and bookings made via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please use your child's full name, as nicknames are not accepted by the system. If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher that you particularly want to speak to, please let Mrs O'Clee know [ako@clairescourt.net](mailto:ako@clairescourt.net) so that we can arrange a phone call at a later date.

### **YEAR 9 and Year 10**

#### **Year 9 GCSE German BFI Trip - Wednesday 30 April** [Letter](#)

### **YEAR 10**

#### **\*NEW EVENT\* Year 10 Exam Support Parent Drop-in - Wednesday 30 April**

Mr Richards will be holding a short virtual meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 30 April to support Year 10 in getting ready for their forthcoming exams. The topics will include what/when/how to revise and strategies for success. The session is expected to last approximately half an hour and there will be the opportunity for questions at the end. The MEET link will be emailed out next week and we look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Year 10 Spanish Study Day - 13 May**

Information to follow soon.

#### **Year 10 English Exam - Friday 23 May**

A reminder that Year 10 will be sitting the English Language GCSE examination on the morning of Friday 23 May.

## **Year 10 Mock Examinations - 19 - 27 June (excluding 25 June)**

Please find the [draft timetable](#) for the Year 10 mock examinations taking place towards the end of this Summer Term.

**YEAR 11** *please find lots of information for our Year 11 Senior Girls and Parents below.....*

## **MFL GCSE Spanish Speaking Exam - Monday 28 April**

### **Year 11 Senior Girls Celebration Assembly - Friday 2 May 1.40pm**

A reminder that the [Year 11 Celebration Assembly](#) starts at 1.40pm with light refreshments at 2.40pm outside on the lawned area by the hall - the girls are free to leave with parents between 3pm-3.30pm. We also have the GCSE Art & Textiles Exhibition on view in the Art Room from 2.40pm - 4pm so please feel free to pop along there and see all the wonderful work that the GCSE pupils have been doing.

We will 'cone off' a number of car parking spaces in our front car park for parents from 1.15pm but as there only a limited number of spaces and will be 1st come/1st serve basis we would ask that when parking on the surrounding roads to be respectful of our neighbours driveways and mindful of the car parking restrictions in the area. Thank you.

Entrance is via the main doors, the Atrium, which will be open at 1.30pm but will close promptly at 1.40pm. Please do not use the front office entrance as it will still be quite busy with the dining room staff clearing away from lunchtime service.

### **Year 11 Study Arrangements Google Form**

Please [complete this form](#) if your daughter wishes to study in school during the **week commencing 5 May**.

- If your daughter is in school for an exam only and not remaining in school to study you **do not need** to fill this form in.
- A new form will be available every Monday for the following week's arrangements (i.e. the next form will be available on Tuesday 6 May for w/c 12 May) until the exam season ends. Please note only complete it if your daughter is staying at school to study.
- Please note that leaving the school site is not permitted for those who have indicated their preference to revise at school. If your daughter chooses to leave the school site without school consent, then you agree to accept responsibility for her.
- If her plans change, please edit your original responses to the form unless it has been closed in which case please advise the office via [hep@clairescourt.com](mailto:hep@clairescourt.com)

### **Year 11 Senior Girls 'Fun & Formal' Photos**

Just a reminder that you can still order the form/whole year group photos (fun and formal) taken on Friday 28 March via Classpicks (the information together with the access code has already been emailed home to parents).

### **Return of Chromebooks**

Please can all Year 11 girls return their chromebooks and charges by **Thursday 10 July** to the school office. Those staying on into our Sixth Form will be provided with a new one at the start of the Autumn term.

### **GCSE Examination Timetable**

Please find the generic written timetable [here](#). Pupils have received a personalised timetable from their Form Tutor. Note the following Contingency Days that all pupils must be available for:

- Wednesday 11 June - afternoon

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