

Weekly Bulletin

25 APRIL 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 1)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog Please read Mr Wilding's blog: "<u>Academic Principal's Blog - 25 April</u>"

Summer Term Dates

These can be viewed on our <u>School Calendar</u> 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 closed **Tuesday 13 May** - Non-uniform day for Mental Health Awareness month (£2 donation raising money for <u>Number 22 Counselling</u>) **w/c 26 May** - Half Term **Friday 6 June** - Claires Court PTA Canapés & Cocktails - <u>BOOK HERE!</u> **Thursday 10 July** - end of Summer Term

New Sports Kit - available from June



We are introducing a new sports kit for all to increase the ability to mix and match across the school year groups and to save costs for parents. The full list of all the kit can be found <u>here</u>. The kit will be introduced gradually from June 2025 with the expectation that all students will have the new kit only from September 2026.

Uniform Expectations

Teachers will be checking uniform as boys arrive in lessons, so may we kindly remind you of our uniform expectations at Senior Boys:

- Trousers to be mid grey (not charcoal/light grey) with grey socks
- Black polishable leather looking shoes (not trainers, airforce or equivalent)
- Grey shirt (Years 7-8) and white shirt to Years 9-11 to be tucked in
- Blazers to be worn at all times unless permission given to remove them in extreme heat and/or for 'summer dress'
- Hair to be of natural colour, smart style, no extreme hairstyles, with long hair tied back
- Jewellery is not permitted
- All items of clothing, including shoes, should be clearly named

Stationery Requirements

Please ensure your son has the following equipment available in school so he is ready for learning in lessons:

- 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)

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.

The London Marathon - Sunday 27 April

Mr Beck is running the London Marathon this weekend, with his wife and sister, raising money for MENCAP who help children and adults with learning difficulties. If you wish to help them achieve their \pounds 7,500 target you can donate <u>here</u>. Thank you!

New, news, news!

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

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Open now for tickets! Cocktails and Canapés - 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 <u>here</u> now!



YEAR 8 ONLY

Year 8 HPV Immunisations - Monday 28 April

The NHS Immunisation Team will be visiting school on Monday 28 April for Year 8 Human Papillomavirus vaccinations to those who have consented. Further information can be found in the following links: <u>Letter / Leaflet / Information</u>.

B8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 15 May

Parents Evening will be held virtually on Thursday 15 May via Schoolcloud. You will be able to book appointments with up to ten teachers, so please prioritise subjects accordingly. Booking will open at 7am on Wednesday 7 May and close at 7am on Wednesday 14 May.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9/10 GCSE German BFI Trip - Wednesday 30 April

Boys should meet at 7.45am outside reception and bring with them a pen, notebook, nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day, further information can be found in this <u>Letter</u>. Anticipated return time is 5.15pm but we ask you to collect your son if not back in time for school to home coaches.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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.

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Year 10 Spanish Study Day - 13 May

Please find the initial <u>letter</u> and further information will follow.

Year 10 English Exam - Friday 23 May

A reminder that Year 10 will be sitting their English Language GCSE examination on the morning of Friday 23 May. Please find the <u>GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet</u> for your reference.

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

Please find the <u>draft timetable</u> for the Year 10 mock examinations taking place towards the end of this Summer Term.

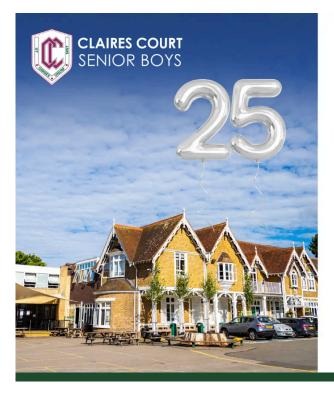
YEAR 11 ONLY

MFL GCSE Speaking Exams - Monday 28/Tuesday 29 April

B11 Celebration Assembly - Friday 2 May

Your son should arrive in school at the normal time smartly dressed in full school uniform, bringing with him a spare white shirt for signatures and change of clothes (non-uniform/sporty/casual) for the afternoon at Phoenix.

Please join us for refreshments from 10.45am on Friday 2 May to <u>celebrate</u> your son's time with us at Senior Boys. The assembly will start at 11am and is expected to finish at approximately 12.15pm. Unfortunately parking is not available in school, so may we kindly ask that you park considerately for our neighbours on surrounding roads.



Invitation to Year 11 Celebration Assembly

Friday 2 May 2025, 11am

Dear Parents and Guardians, We have pleasure in inviting you to join us at Senior Boys for the Year 11 Celebration Assembly.

Arrivals for refreshments from 10.45am.

We look forward to celebrating your time with us here at Senior Boys.

B11 Study Leave - w/c 5 May

If you have not already done so, please complete the Study Leave form - <u>Study</u> <u>Arrangements w/c 5 May</u> **by Friday 2 May** - to indicate if your son wishes to study in school so we can ensure sufficient space is available in Study rooms. Please note that leaving the school site is not permitted for those who have indicated their preference to revise at school. If your son chooses to leave the school site without school consent, then you agree to accept responsibility for him.

If your plans change before the deadline please edit your responses, if they change after the deadline please email the school office via ayh@clairescourt.net so we can make a note of any changes.

Year 11 Photographs

The Year 11 form and year group photographs that were ordered to school for 'pupil post' delivery have arrived and are being handed out to boys currently. If you have not ordered and would like to, you can still do so via <u>Classpicks</u> using the access code that was emailed to you on 4 April.

GCSE Examination Timetable

Please find the <u>Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable</u> and the <u>GCSE Rules and</u> <u>Regulations Booklet</u> for your reference, noting the following Contingency Days that all pupils must be available for:

- Wednesday 11 June afternoon
- Wednesday 25 June all day

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Linguists of the Week

<u>In German for great participation in the lesson on adjectives:</u> Freddie C, Rushil H, Jack H, George L, Harrison Mc, Vihaan T, Michael O, Cole G, Ben D, Kody H, Toby P, Caius B.

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - George L for brilliant classwork during the waves topic Year 10 - Tom H for working really hard in Physics recently, particularly on the past paper questions

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Phoenix A Year 8 - Dexter H Year 9 - Sam H

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Payment Portal
- <u>Sports Website</u>
- <u>Coach Booking</u>
- <u>Claires Court SchoolTV</u>
- <u>CC Administration of Medicine Request Form</u>
- Term Time Holiday Request Form
- Absences: <u>Report Portal</u> / <u>seniorboys@clairescourt.com</u> / 01628 327600