



## CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

# Weekly Bulletin

### FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025 SUMMER TERM WEEK 2

#### James Wilding Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, ["Diversity in the Curriculum Matters"](#)

#### PTA News

##### Seniors PTA ONLINE MEET Friday 23 May

Please join Mr Richards (Head of Seniors Boys and Girls) and Ms Nicola Kelly (PTA Chair) virtually at 10.30am for the next Seniors PTA meeting. The agenda will cover planning for the 6 June Cocktails & Canapes event, push the Summer Fete and a look ahead to next year. The MEET link will be sent w/c 19 May.

#### PTA Events for Summer

With such a packed term ahead, we wanted to give you advance notice of all the upcoming PTA events [here](#).

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

Apologies for the non delivery of our bulletin last Friday - those pesky gremlins found their way into the system again! You can always find our bulletins to view (including ones from previous weeks) on our [website](#) after they have been emailed home to you.

#### Summer Term Dates

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

**Monday 5 May** - May Day Bank Holiday - **school is closed on this day**

**Monday 12 May** - PTA Senior Girls Nearly New Uniform Sale 8am-9am (entrance via Atrium doors with the sale in the first room on your right as you enter - card only please as cash not accepted)

**Tuesday 13 May** - Mental Health Awareness Non-Uniform Day

**For pupils in Year 7 to Year 10 only** 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

**Saturday 21 June** - PTA Summer Fete - held at Juniors, SL6 4QQ - further details to follow

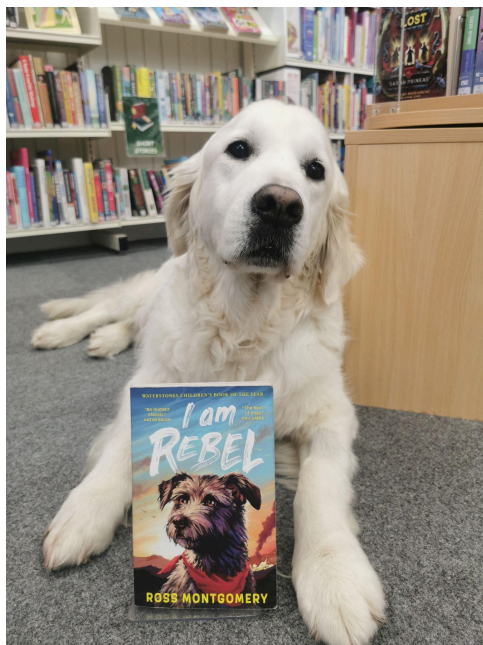
**Thursday 10 July** - end of Summer Term

### **Senior Girls' Divisional Whole School Photograph**

The Senior Girls group photograph is now available to view and order online via Tempest with a 'back to school' delivery and no P&P charges for parents if you order within the next 2 week deadline of **Friday 16 May**. The link enabling you to place an order was emailed home earlier this week.

### **May is 'National Share a Story Month'**

Our Library is making a display of books that staff and pupils would recommend reading and Derek (our therapy dog) would like to recommend 'I Am Rebel' by Ross Montgomery (Waterstones Children's Book of the Year 2024) - thank you, Derek.



### **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!



## **Holyport Village Fair 80th Anniversary - Saturday 7 June**

Please see details below (Please don't forget to **\*save the date\*** for the Claires Court PTA Summer Fete on Saturday 21 June):



## **New Claires Court PE 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 [here](#). The kit will be introduced gradually from June 2025 with the expectation that all students will have the new kit only from September 2026.

## **Calling All Singers!**

Do you want to find your voice, have fun and build confidence? Mr. Orme (visiting music instructor) has space for more singing pupils and would love to hear from you! Whether you want to work towards singing grades or just de-stress from your academics, singing lessons can benefit you and stimulate other areas of learning and creativity. Discover your potential and give it a try! Register your interest with the [Google form here](#) for next steps.

## The London Marathon

Congratulations to Claires Court staff, Mr and Mrs Beck (not forgetting Mr Beck's sister, Jo) who ran the 26.2 mile course last Sunday - Mr Beck's time was 4 hours 7 minutes. Well done to all of you! If you wish to donate towards their £7,500 target you can still do so [here](#). Thank you!

## Root of the week returned this week with..... 'Astro - meaning Star'

<b>Astro</b>  <b>Origin:</b> Latin  <b>Meaning:</b> Star	<b>Examples:</b> Astronomical Astrophysics Astrology Astronaut Astronomer
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## 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.

## 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:** Please complete the [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#).

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

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

### ALL YEAR GROUPS

#### 'My Neighbour Totoro' in London - Tuesday 6 May

**For all parents whose son/daughter is attending the theatre trip next week**

The bus will leave the College Avenue site at **4.45pm**. Both Junior and Senior students who are on the trip will be brought over to the College site on a link bus.

If you would prefer to pick your child up from school yourself and bring them to College Avenue (Senior Girls) please do so by **4.30pm**. If you are planning to bring them to the school yourself, please could you email [cmb@clairescourt.net](mailto:cmb@clairescourt.net) to let him know. Please could you remember to provide your child with a packed tea and plenty of fluid. Most theatres are cash free. So if they want to buy a program, they may need a bank card.

School bags can be left at the respective sites overnight or go into the luggage hold on the coach for pupils to take off when arriving back. We aim to be back at the College Avenue Site around **10.45pm**. This will, of course, depend on traffic. If there are any delays we will inform you via text message.

Please may we ask that noise is kept to a minimum for our neighbours at that time of night as sound does carry through the night air. Thank you.

## **YEARS 7-10**

### **Non-Uniform Day Mental Health Awareness - Tuesday 13 May**

**Girls in Years 7 to 10** are invited to wear non-uniform Non-uniform day for Mental Health Awareness month for a £2 donation raising money for [Number 22 Counselling](#). Payment can be made in cash direct to the Form Tutor or via the Payment Portal which will be made available for parents to pay as from Tuesday 6 May. Thank you for your support once again.

## **YEAR 7 ONLY**

### **Year 8 Language Choice - deadline to complete form 7 May**

Please complete by Wednesday 7 May the Year 8 Language Options Form that was emailed to you on 30 April to select your daughter's language choice for next academic year.

## **YEAR 8**

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

For those parents whose daughter is participating in the outdoor weekend trip to Wales please find the [kit list here](#). The online information evening is on **Tuesday 6 May** at **6pm** - details have been emailed home to you earlier this week.

### **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 **close 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 10

### Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in

Thank you to those who joined Mr Richards and Miss Lowry on Wednesday evening for the Exam Support Drop-In, we hope both you and your daughter found the session useful. Apologies to those who were unable to join due to coaches, athletics, tutoring etc. but as promised, please find shared the [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) from the evening for your reference.

### 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.....*



We hope everyone enjoyed today's Celebration Assembly - no doubt, a few tears were shed but at the end left with many happy and funny memories to look back on. Good Luck to all the girls for their GCSEs and wishing all Year 11 success and happiness in their future endeavours!

### 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). A nice keepsake for your daughter.

### **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
- Wednesday 25 June - all day

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