

Weekly Bulletin

2 MAY 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 2)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's weekly blog: "Diversity in the Curriculum Matters"

Bank Holiday - Monday 5 May

School is closed, enjoy the long weekend and we will see the boys on Tuesday! Whilst boys have been permitted to go blazer free this week with the warm weather, we return to full school uniform next week, so please ensure boys return to school smartly dressed after the Bank Holiday weekend.

Whole School Photograph - order by 16 May for free delivery to school



Claires Court Senior Boys

Tempest Photography are pleased to report your whole school group photograph is available to view and order via the following weblink:

Senior Boys - https://htmp.st/120031-416

Please include your <u>child's full name</u> to assist with distribution at the school.

Order within two weeks to avoid P&P charges. (Delivery to school).

For assistance, please call 01736 752411
Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies)
Option 5 - Customer services

PTA Events for Summer

With such a packed term ahead, we wanted to give you advance notice of all the upcoming PTA events here. Please also refer to our School Calendar for additional Summer term dates.

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 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.

New, 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.

YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Seniors PTA ONLINE MEET - Friday 23 May

Please join Steve Richards (Head of Seniors) and Nicky Kelly (PTA Chair) virtually at 10.30am for the next Seniors PTA meeting on Friday 23 May. The agenda will cover planning for the Cocktails and Canapés event, as well as promotion of other upcoming summer term and autumn events. If there is anything you would like the PTA to discuss or consider please contact Nicky via +44 (0) 7887568255. The MEET link will be sent by email in due course.

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 here now!



YEARS 7-10

Non-Uniform Day Mental Health Awareness - Tuesday 13 May

Boys in Years 7 to 10 are invited to wear non-uniform on Tuesday 13 May for a £2 donation raising money for Number 22 Counselling.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Language Choice for Year 8 - 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 son's language choice for next academic year.

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 15 May

Parents Evening will be held **virtually** on Thursday 15 May via <u>Schoolcloud</u>.

You will be able to book appointments with up to ten teachers, so please prioritise subjects accordingly. Please note that some teachers teach more pupils than there are appointments, so availability is on a first come first served basis. There will however be enough appointments for everyone to speak to their English, Maths and Sciences teachers, with **Miss Teasdale holding an additional evening on Thursday 22 May** for those unable to book with her on 15 May (bookable separately via schoolcloud). If you are unable to make an appointment for a subject that you had prioritised, please email that teacher directly to arrange an alternative means of providing feedback.

Booking via <u>schoolcloud</u> will **open at 7am on Wednesday 7 May** and close at 7am on Wednesday 14 May (<u>booking guide</u>). Please use your son's full name, as abbreviated names are not recognised.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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 son 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 <u>recording</u> and <u>presentation</u> <u>slides</u> from the evening for your reference.

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 GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet 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

We hope you enjoyed the Celebration Assembly this morning and left with fond memories of your son's time here at Senior Boys. We wish everyone the best of luck over the next two months, it'll be over before you know it, just like the last five years!

September 2020



May 2025



B11 Study Leave - w/c 12 May

If your son would like to study in school the w/c 12 May, please complete this form **by midday Friday 9 May** - <u>Study Arrangements w/c 12 May</u>. If your plans change before the deadline please edit your responses, or if they change after the deadline please email the school office via <u>ayh@clairescourt.net</u> so we can make a note of any changes.

GCSE Examination Timetable

Please find the <u>Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable</u> and note the following Contingency Days that all pupils must be available for:

- Wednesday 11 June afternoon
- Wednesday 25 June all day

Please also find the <u>GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet</u> which contains all the information you need to know for the forthcoming examination period.

TRIP LETTERS / INFORMATION

Theatre Trip My Neighbour ToToRo - Tuesday 6 May

The bus will leave the College Avenue site at 4.45pm. Senior Boys 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 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 wanted to buy a program, they may need a bank card. We aim to be back at the College Avenue Site around **10.45pm**. This will of course depend on traffic. If there are major delays, we will inform you via text message.

Year 10 Spanish Study Day - 13 May

Please find the initial letter and further information will follow.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

Pupils learn one new word root each week in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension.

- The root this week was 'Astro' meaning 'star'
- Example words: astronomical, astrophysics, astrology, astronaut, astronomer

Astro

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Star

Examples:

Astronomical

Astrophysics

Astrology

Astronaut

Astronomer

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for great preparation for their speaking exams:

Michael C, Josh B, Harry C, Liam B-M, Alex R-H, Danny J, Noah F-R, Finley G

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Joey F, Jack G

Year 8 - Theo K, Hayden D & Dexter H

Year 9 - Will MJ

Year 10 - Dylan S

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Ollie W for really good work in the last couple of lessons on exchange surfaces and blood

Year 10 - Dylan H for using his art skills to help another student draw a diagram of the core practical

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Elliot H

Year 8 - Henry P

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Jack G

Year 8 - Rahul M

Year 9 - Danial T

GENERAL INFORMATION

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