



CLAIRES COURT SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025 SUMMER TERM WEEK 4

James Wilding Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, ["Conversation is a catalyst for innovation."](#)

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 & Canapés event, 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](#).

PTA and School Uniform Sales

Do you have any good quality uniform that your daughter has now outgrown and not needed (especially blazers) to donate to our PTA for their Nearly New Uniform sales. Please feel free to drop off at the school office and thank you in advance for all donations received.

FROM THE OFFICE.....

Summer Term Dates

These can be viewed on our [calendars](#) and please find a summary of some key dates below:

w/c 26 May - half term (*please note that the Senior Girls office will not be staffed on Monday 26 May, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May*)

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

Mental Health Awareness Week

Many thanks to those in Years 7 to 10 who participated in non-uniform day on Tuesday raising a grand total of £233 for Number 22 Counselling, thank you.

Tempest Whole School Photograph - deadline **TODAY, Friday 16 May, for free delivery back to school**

The link enabling you to place an order is [here](#).

Clares Court Senior Girls School

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

6th Form and Senior Girls - <https://htmp.st/121124-362>

Please include your child's full name 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

Maidenhead Festival Sound Lab - 27-29 May

Dive into the world of music over half term at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab - a fun, hands-on experience for all ages. Dawkes Music will be present with woodwind and brass instruments and will give short tutorials and let the children play the instruments. There will be a piano and youngsters have the opportunity to show off their talents much like 'The Piano' on the TV program. Please sign up via the [website](#).



MAIDENHEAD FESTIVAL

SOUND LAB

🎵 UNLEASH YOUR INNER MUSICIAN AT THE SOUND LAB! 🎵

This May Half Term, dive into the world of music at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab—a fun, hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE ENTRY

Dates: Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th May 2025

Time: 10am - 3pm daily

Location: Nicholson Shopping Centre

- Try instruments like trumpets, trombones, clarinets, saxophones, flutes, and piano
- Join The Piano Sessions - showcase your talent, inspired by Channel 4's The Piano
- Join a Ukulele Workshop
- Daily music sessions for under 5's
- Fun for all-kids and adults welcome!



Whether you're a complete beginner or just curious, come and get hands-on experience, learn how these instruments work, and find out how you can take your musical journey further through local lessons and support.

Sign up to join a session today on the website:
www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk

Don't miss this chance to explore music and discover your hidden talents!



Our Partners:

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**BERKSHIRE
MUSIC TRUST**
Leading music for all ages

PIANOZ

POWER OF UKE
Ukulele Sessions

Whole School Event - Cocktails and Canapés on Friday 6 June

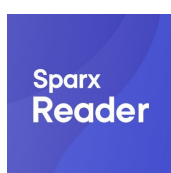
We'd love for you to come so please book your tickets [here](#) to allow us to plan for the event! It will be a wonderful way to meet fellow parents and enjoy a drink and some canapés in the sunshine.



Root of the Week this week is 'Pre' meaning 'before'

<p>Pre</p> <p>Origin: Latin</p> <p>Meaning: Before</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Pretense</p> <p>Prefix</p> <p>Prevent</p>
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Sparx Reader of the Week



Friday 16 May
 Year 7 - Izzy M-C
 Year 8 - Anni R

Accelerated Reader of the Week



Friday 16 May
 Year 7 - Ava
 Year 8 - Alice
 Year 9 - Thamarai

STAR Reading

The STAR Reading test results are now available in the Parent Portals for students in years 7, 8 & 9.

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.

Pupil Entrance/Exit Doors

Atrium Doors: Open 8am - 8.45am All senior girls should use this entrance and **not** the school office/reception door (this area can be quite busy with kitchen staff setting up for breakfast/morning break in the dining room and deliveries being received).

When the doors close at 8.45am the girls do have to come in via the office to sign in and may be considered as a late mark in the registers. All pupils using school transport are not marked late.

Office Hours: 8am - 5pm Please note if girls arrive early for a pre-arranged tutoring session/club the office may not be staffed until 7.45am so will not be able to enter the school until staff are there to buzz open the door.

End of Day: The Atrium doors will be open at **4pm** and then again at **5pm** and all girls must use this exit when leaving school at those times.

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 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

YEAR GROUPS 7 - 9

STAR Reading

The STAR Reading test results are now available in the Parent Portals for students in years 7, 8 & 9.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Marwell Zoo Trip - Tuesday 3 June

Year 8 will be going to Marwell Zoo on Tuesday 3 June as part of their Science curriculum to learn about adaptations and conservation. Pupils should arrive at school at the usual time wearing full school uniform and will need a nut free packed lunch and drinks for the day. Please find the [letter here](#) that was emailed home earlier this week.

YEAR 9 ONLY

New timetables after half term

As we begin the teaching of GCSE Option subjects after half term, girls will have new timetables to reflect this change. The timetables will be available to view on the Report Portal towards the end of the half term week, so you can let your daughter know which books she will need for Monday. Girls will be given a hard copy of their new timetables when they arrive at school Monday morning.

YEAR 10 ONLY

A message from Mr Richards

We are so proud of our Year 10 pupils and their levels of focus recently.

I would like to send them all a quick note to wish them good luck in their English exam next Friday. It has come around so quickly and we have every confidence their hard work will pay off. This time next week, they will have finished their English Language exam and will be heading off into the half term holiday.

I have also attached the [recording](#) of the recent Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in. It is vital that they plan their time effectively throughout the holiday to make sure they have enough time for rest, exercise and time with friends. However, their end of year [exams](#) will begin two and a half weeks after we return so it is important that the R&R is punctuated with enough revision to ensure they are prepared for these tests.

If you think Year 10 has gone quickly, Year 11 will be quicker, so let's make the most of our time at Claires Court Senior School.

Thank you and have a great weekend!



Year 10 Applications for Head Girl/Prefect Roles for September 2025

The Year 10 senior girls have been informed about applying for the position of head girl/prefect roles for the next academic year. Please can letters of application be addressed to Mrs Ruddick and handed into the school office or by email seniorgirls@clairescourt.com by **Friday 6 June** marking the subject line 'Prefect Application'.

Year 10 Spanish Trip - Tuesday 13 May





On Tuesday the Year 10 pupils enjoyed their cultural trip to London visiting the National Gallery to view artwork by Velázquez, Murillo, and Goya and Tate Modern to see contemporary art from Latin American artists. They finished their day at a Cuban restaurant sampling traditional dishes like *pollo criollo* and *ropa vieja*. "Gracias" to Ms Urzaiz for organising the trip.

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. Please find the [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#) for your reference.

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.....*

Year 11 Study Arrangements Google Forms

W/C 19 May: Please [complete this form](#)

W/C 2 June: Please [complete this form](#)

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

Please also find the [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#) which contains all the information you need to know for the forthcoming examination period.

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



LOYALTY



INTEGRITY