



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

16 MAY 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 4)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

Whole School Photograph - **deadline now Monday 19 May for free delivery**

Due to the link not working earlier in the week, we have extended the deadline to order with free delivery to school to Monday 19 May so you have the weekend to order via <https://http.st/120031-416>. Please include your **child's full name** to assist with distribution at the school. For assistance please call Tempest on 01736 752411 choosing:

- Option 3 to place an order (P&P applies)
- Option 5 for Customer services

Whole School PTA Event - Cocktails and Canapés on Friday 6 June

We'd love for you to **please book your tickets soon** 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. Please book your tickets [here](#) now!

Claire's Court PTA

COCKTAILS & CANAPÉS

FRIDAY 6 JUNE
7PM – MIDNIGHT

Auction, Dancing & Music
All Parents Welcome

Tickets £34
Includes welcome drinks & canapés

Location:
CIM, Moor Hall,
Cookham

Dress: Summer Chic

Tickets available at
www.ccpta.org.uk

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 £452 for Number 22 Counselling, well done and thank you!

Years 7-9 Star Reader Reports

This term's STAR Reading test results are now available for viewing on the [Report Portal](#) for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.

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. There will be short tutorials and woodwind and brass instruments for children to play. There will also be a piano present and youngsters will 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!

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!

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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

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.

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 the school office who will pass a message onto Nicky. The MEET link will be sent out by email next week.

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.

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 New timetables - w/c 2 June

As we begin the teaching of GCSE Option subjects after half term, boys 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 son know which books he will need for Monday. Boys 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 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!

Head Boy & Prefect applications

The Year 10 boys have been briefed about the process for applying for either the Head Boy position or a role within the Senior Prefect team. In order for boys to concentrate on their English exam, letters of application are due to be submitted in hard copy after half term **by Monday 2 June**.

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 School Uniform during Examination Period

May we politely remind all parents that the Year 11 boys are required to be in full school uniform for their GCSE Examinations, including **black leather looking polishable school shoes** and not trainers. Thank you for your support.

B11 Study Leave - w/c 2 June

If your son would like to study in school the w/c 2 June, please complete this form **by midday Friday 30 May** - [Study Arrangements w/c 2 June](#). If your plans change before the deadline, please edit your responses, or if they change after the deadline, please email the school office via ayh@clairescourt.net so we can make a note of any changes.

GCSE Examination Timetable

Please find the [Year 11 GCSE Written Paper Timetable](#) 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 [GCSE Rules and Regulations Booklet](#) which contains all the information you need to know for the forthcoming examination period.

TRIP LETTERS / INFORMATION

Year 10 Spanish Trip - Tuesday 13 May

On Tuesday the Year 10 Spanish 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 the day at a Cuban restaurant sampling traditional dishes like *pollo criollo* and *ropa vieja*. "Gracias" to Ms Urzaiz for organising the trip.



DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

Pupils learn one new word root and its meaning each week, along with examples of words containing that root in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension.

- The root this week was '**Pre**' meaning '**before**'
- Example words: pretense, prefix, prevent

Pre

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Before

Examples:

Pretense

Prefix

Prevent

Linguists of the Week

In Year 8 German for great preparation for the End of Year exam:

Will H, Millun M, Noah P, Oliver G, Harry R, Nathaniel W, Henry P, Jacques A.

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Manny B, Zach G

Year 8 - Jay S

Year 9 - Luke B

Year 10 - Finn P, Will S

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Rushil H for superb work on Chemistry homework balancing equations

Year 9 - Louis C for a brilliant job attempting exam question on the heart

Year 10 - Josh M for brilliant work on his revision booklet and checklist in Physics

Year 10 - Ciaran W and Felix R for excellent lab safety in Chemistry practical

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Joel Z

Year 8 - Callum W

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - James R

Year 8 - Henry P

Year 9 - Caius B

GENERAL INFORMATION

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- Absences: [Report Portal](#) / seniorboys@clairescourt.com / 01628 327600

