



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR BOYS**

## Weekly Bulletin

**23 MAY 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 5)**

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### **Mrs Tarr**

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying farewell to our wonderful Receptionist, Mary Tarr, on Friday 13 June (unlucky for not just some, but all of us!). The Claire's Court Senior Boys family will miss our point person so much; she has such a wonderful heart and genuinely loves the boys and families she serves. She has delivered an untold number of messages, thousands of lunches, forgotten games kits and food tech ingredients throughout the years and all with such kindness and a smile. Working with Mary provides us all with a nice reminder that making people feel known, loved and cared for, regardless of the task at hand, is essential. Mary is irreplaceable, but these are the qualities and values we will ensure the next occupant of the Senior Boys front of house has.

Mary joined Claire's Court in 2019 after moving to the UK the previous year. She was very soon an integral member of the Senior Boys family, loved by parents, boys and staff alike. Her dream was to become British and own her forever home, and she has now achieved both those goals. Last Summer she celebrated her British Citizenship Ceremony and this Summer she will move into her forever home in Wiltshire with her husband, congratulations Mary; we are so very proud of you.



Whilst we will miss Mary incredibly, we wish her so much joy in this next chapter of her life, and know that her warmth will continue to make people feel loved in the West County...totsiens Mrs Tarr!

### **PTA Nearly New School Uniform**

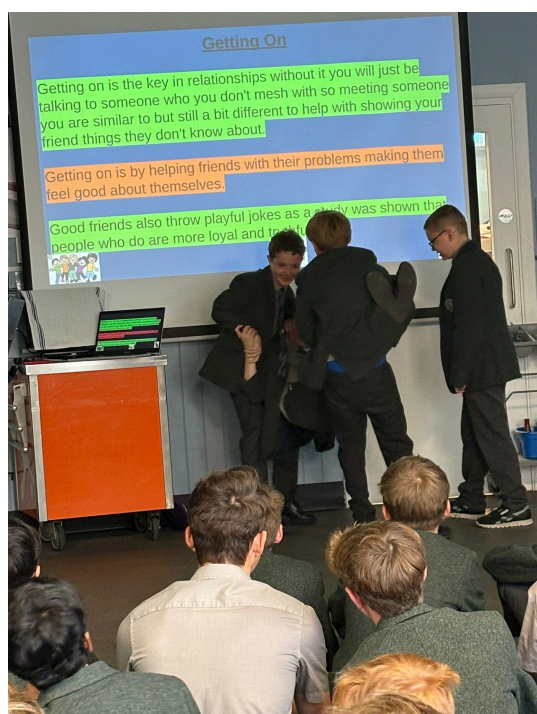
Please drop off any good quality school uniform that your son has outgrown, especially blazers, to the school office after half term. These donations to our PTA for their Nearly New Uniform sales help raise valuable funds for the school and are therefore greatly appreciated, thank you.

### **The Year 7s have been busy!**

In Design and Technology the boys have been busy creating keyrings and here they are celebrating the completion of their project.



The PSHEE topic for Year 7 has been 'relationships' and the message has been well received amongst the year group. In assembly the delivery and acting by the boys were extremely professional!





## 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](https://www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk).



The poster is for the Maidenhead Festival Sound Lab. It features a blue background with a pink banner at the top that says 'SOUND LAB'. The festival logo is in the top left corner. The text 'MAIDENHEAD FESTIVAL' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'SOUND LAB' is in white letters on a pink background. The text 'UNLEASH YOUR INNER MUSICIAN AT THE SOUND LAB!' is in white letters with musical notes. Below this, it says 'This May Half Term, dive into the world of music at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab—a fun, hands-on experience for all ages!'. To the right, 'FREE ENTRY' is written in large, pink, outlined letters. Below this, the dates 'Dates: Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th May 2025', time 'Time: 10am - 3pm daily', and location 'Location: Nicholson Shopping Centre' are listed. A list of activities includes trying instruments like trumpets, trombones, clarinets, saxophones, flutes, and piano; joining piano sessions inspired by Channel 4's 'The Piano'; joining a ukulele workshop; daily music sessions for under 5's; and fun for all-kids and adults welcome! An illustration of a yellow trumpet is on the right. An illustration of a pink grand piano is on the left. Text next to the piano says '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.' Below the piano, it says 'Sign up to join a session today on the website: [www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk](https://www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk)'. At the bottom, it says 'Don't miss this chance to explore music and discover your hidden talents!'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The bottom section lists partners: dawkes, BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST, PIANOZ, and POWER OF LIKE.

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**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
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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.

## Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding: ["Death is swallowed up in Victory - The Reverend James Wilding 1781-1863"](#)

# YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

## ALL YEAR GROUPS

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

We would love for you to **please book your tickets now** 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](#)!



### PTA Summer Fete - Saturday 21 June

Tickets are now available for the Claires Court PTA Summer Fete taking place at the Juniors (SL6 4QQ) on 12 June. There will be lots going on as you can see from the poster below, so [purchase your tickets](#) now for the advance ticket sales price of £4/individual or £12 for a family ticket.



## YEAR 7 & 8



## Timetable changes

There will be some minor changes to Years 7 and 8 timetables after half term and boys have been told what they will need for school on Monday 2 June. They will be given a copy of their new timetable on arrival at school, and you will be able to view it on the Report Portal towards the end of the half term 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

### Head Boy & Prefect applications - deadline Monday 2 June

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. Letters of application to be submitted in hard copy after half term **on Monday 2 June**.

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

Please find the [recording](#) of the recent Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in and the [timetable](#) for Year 10 mock examinations commencing 19 June.

### Sixth Form Taster Morning - Wednesday 25 June

Year 10 pupils are invited to experience life at Claires Court Sixth Form on Wednesday 25 June. Pupils should arrive at Senior Boys as usual in the morning and transport to Sixth Form will be provided.



**CLAIRES COURT  
SIXTH FORM**

*You're invited...*  
Wednesday 25 June 2025

Find out first-hand what it's like to be a Sixth Form student.

It will be as part of the school day so please arrive at your usual school, at the normal time, and transport will be arranged for the Senior Boys to College Avenue.

With 23 A-Levels, 4 BTEC/Level 3 qualifications and additional supplementary courses to choose from, it could be your chance to try a new subject such as Economics, Psychology, Media Studies, Music Tech, Photography or BTEC Sport.

We can't wait for you to have a look for the next stage of your Claires Court journey. There will be a presentation to students the first week after half term with more details on the day.

More information for parents to follow.

*Your place is here*

AIM HIGH • BELIEVE IN YOURSELF • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## YEAR 11 ONLY

## Return of Chromebooks - by Thursday 10 July

All Claires Court issued chromebooks and power supplies need to be returned to school prior to the last day of term, so please bring these to Reception at a convenient time post exams and by 10 July latest. Those continuing with us into Sixth Form will be issued a new chromebook for their Sixth Form studies.

## 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 or 9 June, please complete these forms:

- [Study Arrangements w/c 2 June](#) by midday Friday 30 May
- [Study Arrangements w/c 9 June](#) by midday Friday 6 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](mailto: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.

# 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 '**Sub**' meaning '**under**'
- Example words: submarine, subconscious, subtract

# Sub

**Origin:** Latin

**Meaning:** Under

### Examples:

Submarine

Subconscious

Subliminal

Submerge

Subcutaneous

Subtract

## Linguists of the Week

In year 9 Spanish for great End of Year exam preparation:

Ollie W, Tom A, Alex W, Freddie H, Aaron R, Zack A, Taylor C, Freddie F, Blake R, Kody H, Rushil H, Harrison M.

### **Mathematicians of the Week**

Year 7 - Deston C, Cameron S

Year 8 - Dylan M

Year 9 - Harrison S

Year 10 - Tom Hi, Tee G

### **Scientists of the Week**

The following boys for taking part in the Eco Competition:

Year 7 - Fin D

Year 8 - Nathaniel W and Henry P

Year 9 - George L, Varan P, Freddie C, Vihaan T and Lawrence M

### **Sparx Reader of the Week**

Year 7 - Oscar P

Year 8 - Artem L

### **Accelerated Reader of the Week**

Year 7 - Thomas A

Year 8 - Jacques A

Year 9 - Laurence McM, Harrison McN

## **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](mailto:seniorboys@clairescourt.com) / 01628 327600

