

Weekly Bulletin

9 MAY 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's weekly blog: "Lamplight of Peace - Lessons from VE Day"

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

Non-Uniform Day for Years 7-10 - Tuesday 13 May

To support Mental Health Awareness boys in Years 7 to 10 are invited to wear non-uniform on Tuesday 13 May for a £2 donation via the <u>Payment Portal</u> or in cash to Form Tutors raising money for <u>Number 22 Counselling</u>.

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!



YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 15 May

Parents Evening will be held **virtually** on Thursday 15 May via <u>Schoolcloud</u> and appointment <u>booking</u> is now open and closes 7am 14 May. 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.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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

B11 Study Leave - w/c 19 May

If your son would like to study in school the w/c 19 May, please complete this form **by midday Friday 16 May** - <u>Study Arrangements w/c 19 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

Year 10 Spanish Study Day - 13 May

Pupils may wear their own clothes and should bring a **pen.** They will need to meet at the Senior Girls school at 8.50am to walk to the station for the 9.24am train. If you drive your son to school please drop him at Senior Girls (**not** Senior Boys), and if he catches a school coach he can depart at College Avenue or catch the link bus up to College Avenue. We plan to return to the Senior Girls school by **4.40pm**, in time for the **5pm buses** and onward travel to the **Senior Boys school**.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

A reminder about 'Root of the Week' where 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 'Mono' meaning 'one'
- Example words: monologue, monochrome, monotonous

Mono

Origin: Latin

Meaning: One

Examples:

Monologue

Monochrome

Monotonous

Monophonic

Monomer

Monopoly

Monorail

Une famille monoparentale

Linguists of the Week

In Y9 French for great End of Year exam prep

Toby W, Seb B, Jacob T, Jacob M, Harry J, Seb S, Ewan G, George R

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Ethan L, Oscar B

Year 8 - Christian B, Albert H, Dylan G

Year 9 - Alfie B, Felix G

Year 10 - Theo A, Max B, Charlie G, Ciaran W

Scientists of the Week

Year 8 - Henry P for his brilliant teamwork making jelly sweets in STEAM club

Year 10 - Tudor S for working hard on his energy revision in Physics

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Jack M

Year 8 - William B

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - James R

Year 8 - Gus S

Year 9 - George L

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