



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

6 JUNE 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 6)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding: ["Time passes, Lives change but Memories last forever. Reflections on Thank a Teacher Day."](#)

PTA Nearly New School Uniform Donations - by Friday 27 June please

We are hoping to hold a Nearly New Uniform Sale in July, but are currently very low on stock. Could we therefore kindly ask if you have any good quality school uniform that your son has outgrown, especially blazers, to please drop this into the school office over the next few weeks. These donations help our PTA raise valuable funds for the school and are therefore greatly appreciated, so thank you ever so much in advance.

Residential Trips Brochure

The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to [view](#).

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 Summer Fete - Saturday 21 June

Tickets are now available for the Claire's 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, so [purchase your tickets](#) now for the advance ticket sales price of £4/individual or £12 for a family ticket.



Sports Day - Monday 7 July

Sports Day will be held during the morning of Monday 7 July at Thames Valley Athletics Centre. Further information regarding parking and timings will follow in due course, but in the meantime please be aware that boys will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house.

CCF Biennial Inspection - Monday 7 July

For parents whose **child is currently a recruit** in the Claire's Court Combined Cadet Force, this will be held at Claire's Court Senior Girls from 3pm - 5pm (arrival from 2.45pm). As we have limited parking on site please use the surrounding roads but may we ask that you park considerately for our neighbours (please do not use our coach bay as school transport will be arriving from 3.30pm). Please complete the [google form](#) by **Friday 27 June** to confirm attendance and we look forward to you joining us.

YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Drama Festival - 5pm Friday 4 July

*** Save the date ***

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Drama Festival - 5pm Wednesday 9 July

*** Change of date *** If this change of date causes any problems with your son's availability, please let the school office know as soon as possible, thank you.

Battlefields of Flanders - December 2025

Please find the [Year 9 History Trip letter](#) which was emailed home earlier this week to current Year 8's moving into Year 9 in Autumn. If your son is interested in going on the trip please pay the £150 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday 13 June.

YEAR 9 ONLY

A Message from Mr Richards

I wanted to let you know how well the boys have settled into their full GCSE programme. The teachers have been very impressed with the levels of focus and the positive start the boys have made. As a new parent of a boy in this year group, I have seen the impact of our unique education and the surrogate family that surrounds all of our young people. The adage that it takes a village to raise a child is so true, and this is especially important in the teenage years. We have a fantastic group of boys in Year 9, a great group of staff and it is a pleasure to be part of it.

We always move Year 9 to their GCSE option subjects at this time of year to give them a head start prior to September, because I am sorry to say that GCSEs are far more difficult now than when we sat them and the boys need a bit more time. As a result of our successes in recruiting into Year 9, some of the class sizes have temporarily crept up for this interim six week period. Please rest assured that we will be adding further sets to the timetable in September and this will ease the numbers.

I am not on any of the wider communication groups for the year group, which is probably a good thing, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like any more information on this matter; I am always happy to listen and help where I can.

Homework Timetable

With the move to the GCSE options timetable, please find shared information for the new [Year 9 Homework timetable](#) for the remainder of this year.

Year 9 Bronze DofE Canoe Assessment 14-15 June

Please find the [Bronze DofE Canoe Assessed Expedition letter](#) shared earlier this week noting the need to complete the [Google Form](#) to confirm you have understood the letter **by Tuesday 10 June** as well as submit any medication if required to the school nurse by this same date.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Summer Art Exam - w/c 9 June

The Summer Art exams will take place on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 June.

Year 10 Academic Breakfast - Thursday 12 June

Academic Scholars have been invited to College Avenue (SL6 6AW) for 8.15am on Thursday 12 June to discuss preparations for the summer examinations.



Invitation KS4 *Academic Scholars*

12 JUNE, 2025

8.15am – 8.50am

LOCATION:

College Site Library

Question: "How are you preparing for the summer examinations and what study skills have you learnt to help you?"

RSVP to Louise Thomas at ljt@clairescourt.net

Boys will be given transport back to SB site.

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. They will be doing their usual games afternoon so will also require their sports kit.



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

B10 Parents Evening - Wednesday 2 July

*** Save the date ***

YEAR 11 ONLY

Return of Chromebooks - **by Thursday 10 July please**

All Claires Court issued Chromebooks and power supplies need to be returned to Senior Boys 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 Study Leave - w/c 9 & 16 June

If your son would like to study in school the w/c 9 June or 16 June, please complete these forms:

- [Study Arrangements w/c 9 June](#) **by close of play Friday 6 June**
- [Study Arrangements w/c 16 June](#) **by midday Friday 13 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

Ski Trip 2026

Please find next year's [Ski Trip letter](#) to Italy taking place 28 March to 4 April. If your son would like to join the trip please pay the £300 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) by 12 noon on Thursday 12 June. Initially places are limited to 40 and if the trip is oversubscribed and we are unable to secure additional place, names will be drawn from a hat.

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 '**Auto**' meaning '**self**'
- Example words: automatic, autobiography, autonomy

Auto

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Self

Examples:

Automatic
Autobiography
Autocratic
Autonomy
Autoimmune Disease
Automation

Linguists of the Week

In Year 7 French for great engagement with End of Year Exam preparation:

Matty T, Zack G, Rhys N, Ethan L, Joey F, Harley S, Charlie C, Josh S

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Alex E

Year 8 - Oliver W

Year 9 - Ewan G

Year 10 - Monty E

Scientists of the Week

Year 7 - Connor O - brilliant effort in Science

Year 9 - Zac A - excellent focus and progress on revision questions

Year 10 - Zach R - really good focus in Chemistry

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Alex E

Year 8 - Christian B

Year 9 - Aaron R

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

