

# **Weekly Bulletin**

# 13 June 2025 (Summer Term Week 7)

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### **Principal's Blog**

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding: "The High Court decision on the government's decision to impose VAT on independent school tuition fees is to be published at 10am on Friday 12 June"

PTA Nearly New School Uniform Donations - by Friday 27 June
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 school over the next few weeks. These
donations help our PTA raise valuable funds for the school and are
therefore greatly appreciated, so thank you in advance.

#### **Tempest Whole School Photograph**

Please be aware that the Whole School Photograph taken at the start of the term is still available to <u>order</u>. Orders will be sent directly to your home address. If you require any assistance please contact Tempest directly via 01736 752411 option 3 to place an order and option 5 for customer services.



# **Claires Court Senior Boys**

Tempest Photography are pleased to report your group photographs are still available to view and order via the following weblink:

Senior Boys - https://htmp.st/120031-416

Direct delivery only (P&P applies)

For assistance, please call 01736 752411 Option 3 - Place an order (P&P applies) Option 5 - Customer services

#### **Residential Trips Brochure**

The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to <u>view</u>. As and when trips become available to book will be emailed a letter containing all the details you need to know.

#### **Year 7 RS Tribes Project**

The Year 7s have been hard at work creating their own tribes in RS and then recording a short documentary about them.....look at that focus!







#### New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <a href="https://bit.ly/40qgNjs">https://bit.ly/40qgNjs</a> 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.

EOT clearance

### YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

#### **ALL YEAR GROUPS**

#### 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, so <u>purchase your tickets</u> now for the advance ticket sales price of £4/individual or £12 for a family ticket.



## Sailing Summer BBQ - Tuesday 24 June

Please join the Sailing Team for their Summer BBQ from 4.30pm at Summerleaze Road (SL6 8HZ). There will be a raffle and wetsuit sale, and most importantly the bar will be open!



#### **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 Claires Court Combined Cadet Force, this will be held at Claires 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 <u>Year 9 History Trip letter</u> 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 <u>Payment Portal</u> and complete this <u>Google Form</u> by Friday 13 June.

#### **YEAR 9 ONLY**

#### **Homework Timetable**

With the move to the GCSE options timetable, please find shared information for the new <u>Year 9 Homework timetable</u> for the remainder of this year.

#### **Year 9 Bronze DofE Canoe Assessment 14-15 June**

Please find the <u>Bronze DofE Canoe Assessed Expedition letter</u> shared earlier this week noting the need to complete the <u>Google Form</u> 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 Mock Examinations - 19 - 27 June (excluding 25 June)
Please find the <u>recording</u> of the recent Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in and the <u>timetable</u> 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.



# 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

**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 16 June

If your son would like to study in school next week (the last form!) please complete the <u>Study Arrangements w/c 16 June</u> by close of play 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 <u>ayh@clairescourt.net</u> so we can make a note of any changes.

#### Thorpe Park - TUESDAY 24 June!!

Please find all the information you need in the Final Arrangements letter.

#### **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

#### **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 'Greek' meaning 'over'
- Example words: hyperactive, hyperventilate, hyperextend

# Hyper

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Over

## Examples:

Hyperactive

Hypertension

Hyperventilate

Hypercritical

Hyperextend

Hyperthermia

Hyperbole

Hypercool (French!)

#### **Historians of the Week**

#### **Linguists of the Week**

<u>In Year 7 German for excellent revision for their Common Task:</u> Charlie C, Fin D, Ethan L, James R, Errol W, Tim F, Jack M, Robert S, Alex E, Noah Mc, Jake M, Fin M, Cameron S.

In Year 10 German for the thorough preparation of their Speaking Mock exam: Peter A-L, Ben G, Ben H, Harry N, Eddie T.

#### **Mathematicians of the Week**

Year 7 - Drake P, Thomas A

Year 8 - Hayden D, Henry P

Year 9 - Dan W, Freddie C, Laurence M, Anton Z

Year 10 - Josh M

#### **Scientists of the Week**

Year 7 - Harry R for excellent write up of the core practical

Year 9 - Felix R for amazing work in the lead up to their assessments

Year 10 - Freddie R for amazing work in the lead up to their assessments

Year 10 - Will B for really good independent revision for the Science mocks

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

Year 7 - Alex E

Year 8 - William B

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

Year 7 - William G

Year 8 - David S

Year 9 - Vihaan T

**Sports Results** 

**Cooks Corner** 

A Golfer's Life for Me.....

RESPONSIBILITY ◆ RESPECT ◆ LOYALTY ◆ INTEGRITY