

# **Weekly Bulletin**

#### FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025 SUMMER TERM WEEK 10

# **Principal's Blog**

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, <u>"Show up on time, know the text and have an idea." - Tom Hanks</u>

# **Smartphone Free Initiative**

Claires Court will participate in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's (RBWM) Smartphone Free Schools Consortium. By the end of 2025, smartphones will either not be allowed on our school sites, or will become inaccessible during the school day and on school trips. This initiative aims to reduce smartphone use among children in RBWM.

Further details on how this policy will be implemented at Claires Court will be shared with you soon.

#### Henley Rowing Regatta Update (As of midday 4 July)

Unfortunately, the outcome of this morning's Borough derby in the Fawley Cup quarter-finals did not go our boys' way. Windsor Boys, who have been the in-form J4x crew this season, proved to be too strong. While Tommy, James, Arthur, and Josh put up a spirited fight, it wasn't to be. You did us proud, boys!

Our Girls' Crew of Jemimah, Arabella, Lily and Lexie will be racing in their quarter-final at 7:30 PM today against Wycliffe College BC. They'll be boating from Bay L at 6:50 PM.

Also, well done to the boys' eight who represented in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup on Tuesday. It was great to see them qualify and give a valiant effort against King's Chester.

If you can't make it to Henley, you can watch all the action live: Watch Live Stream Here

# 25/26 Transport routes

The 25/26 routes have now been published via Vectare and bookings are live.

# **Sports Day**

Sports Day was full of fun and great memories at the Thames Valley Athletic Centre. For a look back at some of the highlights, visit our Flickr link here.

#### FROM THE OFFICE......



As this is the last bulletin from the office we would like to wish all our families a lovely summer break. Thank you for reading our bulletins throughout the year and don't forget to continue to do so in the new academic year.

#### From our Librarian

The Library is open for a few more days; please will you return any overdue books before the end of Thursday next week. You are more than welcome to borrow some books for the summer holidays to help you complete the Library Summer Holiday Challenge!

#### The hot weather continues.....

Therefore so does the wearing of sports kit to school for next week. **Claires Court branded sports kit only** please, a gentle reminder that other brands are not permitted.

# **End of Term Arrangements**

Please ensure all lockers are emptied and left unlocked for cleaning over the summer. May we politely ask that if your daughter might not be in on the last day of term, please ensure this is done prior to her last day in school. Anything left in lockers or items remaining in school will be bagged up if named and left centrally for collection. If unnamed will be given to our PTA for their uniform sales or disposed of.

# Week commencing Monday 7 July

**Early finish** at **4pm** all week with early buses (as per a Friday timetable), **no clubs or activities** available.

# Last day of term Thursday 10 July

A full day of school finishing at 4pm.

# Friday 11 July

End of term reports will be emailed home.

# Welcome to our New Head Girls/Pupil Senior Leadership Team/Prefects for September

Thank you to all the Year 10 girls who applied for the various roles from Head Girls, House Captain and Prefects for Year 11 starting September. The calibre of candidates this year was so strong that we have taken the decision to create a brand new opportunity - the **Pupil Senior Leadership Team**. This team will work closely with staff, support the wider student body, and play an active role in shaping the future of school life. Please find the <u>link here</u> to see the list of pupils and roles awarded and congratulations to all of them.

# **CCF Biennial Inspection - Monday 7 July**

\*For parents whose **child is currently a recruit** in the Claires Court Combined Cadet Force\*

**Venue:** Claires Court Senior Girls 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).

# Sports Awards Evening - Wednesday 9 July 6-8pm Year 7 - Year 13 Senior Girls/Sixth Form Girls

Please find further information <u>here</u> about the evening, which was emailed home recently. A great evening, so don't forget to purchase your tickets.



# **Instrumental Tuition for 2025/26**

Please see our <u>Instrumental Tuition Leaflet</u> and if you are interested in booking any one to one music lessons for your daughter for next year please complete the <u>Music Tuition Booking Form</u>.

# Calling all singers!

Do you want to find your voice, have fun and build confidence? Mr. Orme has space for more singing pupils in September and would love to hear from you! Whether you want to work towards singing grades or just de-stress from your academics, singing lessons can benefit you- and stimulate other areas of learning and creativity. Discover your potential and give it a try! Register your interest with the google form for next steps.

## **Claires Court SchoolsTV**

Sibling relationships are often a child's first and longest-lasting social connection. These bonds can offer companionship, support and opportunities to develop important life skills such as empathy, negotiation and conflict resolution. However, like all close relationships, sibling dynamics can be complex. Differences in temperament, age, needs and parental attention can all contribute to tension or rivalry. It's not uncommon for children to compete for attention, especially during times

of change or stress. As a parent or caregiver, your role in shaping the tone of sibling relationships is vital, so please take a look at <u>Sibling Relationships on Claires Court SchoolsTV</u> Creating a home environment that celebrates each child's unique strengths and avoids direct comparisons helps reduce rivalry and fosters mutual respect.

#### **School Uniform Donations**

If you have any outgrown/unwanted school uniform and are happy to donate to the PTA please drop off at the school office (blazers and skirts are always in demand). Thank you.

# **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.

# **Sparx Reader of the Week**



Friday 4 July Year 7 - Mimi S-S Year 8 - Alice J

# Accelerated Reader of the Week



Friday 4 July Year 7 - Izzy Year 8 - Tiana Year 9 - Julieta

# News, 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.

# \*Reporting Sickness/Medication/Holiday Requests\* Sickness/Medical Appointments: Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via:

- 1. Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website)
- 2. <a href="mailto:seniorgirls@clairescourt.com">seniorgirls@clairescourt.com</a> (this is looked at by both desks in the office so if one of the team is off sick it can be picked up by the other team member)
- 3. 01628 327500

Please **do not** email the individual members of staff when reporting a medical or illness as often these can get lost in other correspondence communications coming in.

For medical appointments we would appreciate 24 hours' notice, where possible, so that the office can inform the teaching staff if a pupil has to leave a lesson early or is missing in the morning due to an appointment.

**Medication:** Any medication must be handed into the school office together with a completed <u>Administration of Medicine Request Form</u>. Both will be given to the nursing team to keep and administer.

**Holidays:** Please complete the <u>Term Time Holiday Request Form</u>.

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION/LETTERS/TRIPS.......

Reminders below but please do look at the school calendar

#### **YEAR 7 ONLY**

### Year 7 Lake Day - Tuesday 8 July

Please find the Year 7 Lake Day letter taking place on Tuesday 8 July. If you have any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:outdoored@clairescourt.net">outdoored@clairescourt.net</a>.

Drop off at Claires Court Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) for all year 7 Senior Girls.

#### **Form Groups Next Year**

Please be advised that there will be changes to the form groups going into Year 8 next academic year and the girls will be advised of their new form group when they return to school in September.

#### YEAR 8 AND 9 ONLY

#### **Hockey Tour to Brighton November 2025**

Please find information <u>here</u> regarding the hockey tour in November - this has been emailed home to all parents of our current Year 8 and 9 who will be in Years 9 and 10 in September. The non-refundable deposit payment of £150 to be paid via our Payment Portal no later than **Friday 11 July**.

#### **YEAR 9 ONLY**

#### **Homework Timetable**

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

# Year 9 And Year 10 Senior Girls & Boys KS4 Auschwitz Trip February Half Term 2026

There are 15 places remaining on the <u>Auschwitz Trip</u> taking place February 2026. If your son or daughter would like to attend, please pay the £300 non-refundable deposit via the <u>Payment Portal</u> to secure their place.

Please direct any questions you may have to Ms Bullough (<u>CRB@clairescourt.net</u>).

#### YEAR 10 ONLY

## **Year 10 Film Day - Tuesday 8 July**

Please find the <u>Year 10 Film Day letter</u> emailed home this week. If your daughter will not be able to attend please let the school office know in advance, thank you.

#### **YEAR 11 ONLY**

#### **Return of Chromebooks**

Please can all Year 11 girls return their Chromebooks and chargers by **Thursday 10 July** to the school office. Those staying on into our Sixth Form will be provided with a new one at the start of the Autumn term.

GCSE results, Sixth Form & Post-Results - Thursday 21 August
GCSE results will be sent electronically at approximately 8.15am via
email to your daughter's school Gmail account. Teaching Staff will be
available between 9am - 10am at Senior Girls/Sixth Form for any pupils
who wish to come to get their printed official Examination Results Slip and
to celebrate their successes with fellow candidates. Mr Gary Hope, Head
of Sixth Form, will also be available at the College site from 9am so you
can sign up for your Sixth Form Course Choice options. Further
information can be found in the 2025 Results Guidance Candidate-Parent
Booklet.

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