



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

4 JULY 2025 (SUMMER TERM WEEK 10)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Show up on time, know the text and have an idea." – Tom Hanks](#)

End of Term Arrangements

The wearing of **Claire's Court branded sports kit** to school continues next week until the end of term (other branded clothing is not permitted). Please ensure all lockers are left empty and unlocked for cleaning over the summer. If your son is not going to be in school on the last day please ensure this clearing is done prior to his last day. Anything left in lockers or items remaining in school will be bagged up if named and left for parental collection, with unnamed items being donated to the PTA or disposed of.

- **w/c 7 July** - no after school activities or study and early coaches departing Seniors Boys at 4.30pm
- **Monday 7 July Sports Day** - boys will need a T-shirt in their house colour, water, suncream & optionally money for ice cream. The afternoon will be spent doing activities, so boys will not need to bring books for lessons.
- **Tuesday 8 July** - [Y7 Lake Day](#) / [Y10 Film Day](#)
- **Wednesday 9 July B8 Drama Festival** - boys remain at school from 4pm, parent refreshments from 4.45pm
- **Thursday 10 July** - last day of term, school day finishes 4pm, boys will need Chromebooks only, games kit for Years 7-9
- **Friday 11 July** - end of term reports email home & on the report portal

PTA Uniform Sale

The uniform sale held this week raised an impressive £1,145.34, the proceeds of which all go directly to the PTA. Thank you to all who supported this event and a special thanks to our wonderful parents Amanda and Tonia for all their hard work preparing for the sale and throughout the year managing our nearly new uniform.

2025/26 Transport routes

The 2025/26 routes have now been published via Vectare and bookings are live, apologies for the earlier delay.

Parking reminder

A reminder to please park considerately for our neighbours when dropping off or collecting your son. We had a neighbour contact the school earlier this week with a photograph of a car parked across their driveway. We work hard to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and would appreciate your support, thank you.

2025 - 26 Senior Prefect Team

Thank you to all the Year 10s who submitted letters of application for the position of Head Boys or a Senior Prefect role and we are delighted to announce our Senior Prefect team for next academic as follows:



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Senior Prefect Team 2025-26

Head Boys

Eddie



Tom



Senior Prefects



Astor
Lucas



Grenfell
Josh



Spencer
Gabe



Winton
Harry



Academic
Tom



Academic
Max



Student Council
Chairman
Toby



Pupil Mentor
Harry



Environment
Akhil



Sports
Seb



Community/
Charity
Charlie



Return of Library Books

The Library is open for a few more days so please can boys return any overdue books before the end of Thursday. They are of course more than welcome to borrow books for the summer holidays to help complete the Library Summer Holiday Challenge (see below)!

Senior School Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Start planning your summer reading now! There are TWO reading challenges for Seniors:

- **Individual Challenge:** prizes for pupils who read and PASS an Accelerated Reader book quiz on at least THREE books inside their Reading Range between 11 July and 4 September.
- **House Challenge:** a House Point prize for the House that reads the most words over the summer break.

Accelerated Reader will be available for **Year 7- Year 10** to use every day, ALL summer long. Just make sure you log in through the Library Services Hub page and you know your AR username and password! Don't forget to use [AR Bookfinder](#) to find a great book inside your Reading Range. Need more help finding perfect summer reads? Try the recommendations on the library database or see all the reading lists and suggestions in your Library Services Google Classroom. This includes how and where to find FREE ebooks and audiobooks.

Instrumental Tuition for 2025/26

If you are interested in one to one music lessons for your son next year, please see our [Instrumental Tuition Leaflet](#) and complete the [Music Tuition Booking Form](#) so we can be in contact to make arrangements.

Smartphone Free Initiative

Claire's 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 Claire's Court will be shared with you soon.

U18 Tennis Boys Secure Third in the UK!

A massive congratulations to our U18 tennis boys who achieved a superb 3rd place in the UK at the recent National Finals in Nottingham! This is a tremendous result and something we are incredibly proud to celebrate.

After four days of hard-fought competition in the year's hottest temperatures, our squad—Rhys (Year 13), Max (Year 13), Danny, Murray, Harry Co, Harry Ca, and Theo—showed exceptional skill and resilience. They only lost to the eventual winners in this, the most prestigious tennis competition on the school calendar.

The boys convincingly beat Millfield to secure their third-place finish, having previously knocked out the 4th seeds in an earlier round. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and their success highlights the strength of our partnership with the Delgado & Lee Tennis Academy, where all these players train. Congratulations, boys—what an accomplishment!



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 was not to be. You did us proud, boys!

Our Girls' crew of Jemimah, Arabella, Lily and Lexie will be racing in their quarter-final at 7.30pm today against Wycliffe College BC. They will be boating from Bay L at 6.50pm if anyone is there to cheer them out.

Also, well done to the boys' eight crew Harry, Thomas, Joe, Teddy, Seb, Callum, Tom, Max and Oli who represented Claires Court 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 cannot make it to Henley, you can watch all the action here - [live stream](#)

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

Sports Day - Monday 7 July

Please see our [Sports Day webpage](#) with information on parking and further information can be found in the [Sports Day letter](#) emailed home this week. Pupils will need a coloured house t-shirt, water, suncream & optionally money for ice cream and further information can be found on our [Sports Day webpage](#). Boys will be doing activities in the afternoon rather than returning to timetabled lessons, so will not need their usual books.



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

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 outdoored@clairescourt.net.

Form Groups Next Year Correction

It is not Form groups going into Year 8 next academic year that are changing, it should have read groups going into Year 10 next academic year.

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Drama Festival - 5pm Wednesday 9 July

Boys should **remain at school from 4pm** to get ready for the performance and they will be given a slice of pizza and a drink as a snack after the main school day ends. **Light refreshments will be available for parents from 4.45pm**, so please do join us in the Sports Hall then and be in your seat by 5pm. Parking will be available in school, but please **do not drive in prior to 4.45pm**, after which time all the coaches should have safely departed school. The evening is expected to **finish by 6.30pm**.

Form Groups Next Year

Please be advised that there will be changes to the form groups going into Year 9 next academic year and the boys will be advised of their new form group when they return to school in September.

YEAR 9 ONLY

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Please be advised that there will be changes to the form groups going into Year 10 next academic year and the boys will be advised of their new form group when they return to school in September.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Film Day - Tuesday 8 July

Please find the [Year 10 Film Day letter](#) emailed home this week, noting the need for boys to arrive at school **by 8.30am** to take a coach to Senior Girls. If your son will not be able to attend please let the school office know in advance, thank you.

English GCSE Results - Thursday 21 August

GCSE results will be sent electronically at approximately **8:15 am** via email to your son's **school Gmail account**. Further information, including post-results guidance can be found in the [2025 Results Guidance Booklet](#).

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 before 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.

GCSE Results, Sixth Form & Post-Results - Thursday 21 August

GCSE results will be sent electronically at approximately **8:15 am** via email to your son'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 Booklet](#).

TRIP LETTERS

KS4 Auschwitz Trip February Half Term 2026

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

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Linguists of the Week

In Year 8 German for great presentations on talking about elements of the language in DIRT time - Leon H, Max E, Will H, George N, Harrison A-W, Dylan G

In Year 8 German for a excellent results in the CT3 - Oliver G, Noah P, Millun M

Scientists of the Week

Year 10 for their hard work completing their mock corrections and reflecting on areas to work on over the summer.

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Rhys N

Year 8 - Dexter H

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Freddie S

Year 8 - Henry P

Year 9 - Freddie C

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.net

