



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 2

Principal's Blog

We would like to remind parents of the upcoming presentation by Marilyn Hawes for this online information session from 8-9pm a week Wednesday. WARNING - whilst this does contain hard-hitting information about online risks it is so important to be aware.

Please read Mr Wilding's blog here, ["Making Sense of the World of Marginal Gains"](#).

FROM THE OFFICE

Claire's Court Run Club - Every Friday during term time

CC RUN CLUB

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Every Friday during term time
Arrive 7:20am for a 7:30am start
Meet at Senior Boys Reception
Choose from two routes: 3.5km or 5km

SCAN HERE

CLAIRES COURT
RUN CLUB

Mr Richards and Mr Jost would like to invite you to the Claire's Court Run Club!
This run club is open to all parents, guardians, staff and students, regardless of

experience level. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting out, everyone is welcome to join!

- **When:** every Friday morning, 7.20am arrival for 7.30am (sharp!) start
- **Where:** starting and finishing from outside the Senior Boys' reception.
- **Distance:** choose between a 3.5km ([Sheep](#)) or 5km ([Double Sheep](#)) route

The plan is to make sure we are back at school by 8am, so if you think a 5km run might take longer than 30mins, please opt for the 3.5km option. If you're interested, please could a parent/guardian fill in [this consent form](#) **before** the first run.

After Dinner Speaker - GB Olympian Mark Richardson



AFTER DINNER SPEAKER SERIES

**DATE**
03 October, 2025

**TIME**
6-8PM

**LOCATION**
College Avenue

**BYO**
Food and Drink

**TICKET PRICE**
Adults £5
Accompanying children free (1:1)



MARK RICHARDSON
GB OLYMPIAN

An inspirational speech from ex-CC student and world champion athlete, followed by informal panel discussion and live podcast style Q&A.

Book your tickets for the first in our Claires Court After Dinner Speaker Series on 3 October, from 6-8 PM at College Avenue. The event will feature an inspirational speech from Mark Richardson, a world champion athlete and GB Olympian, who is also an ex-CC student.

The evening will include an informal panel discussion and a live, podcast-style Q&A, providing valuable insights and networking opportunities. We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be an engaging and motivating event. You can book tickets via the PTA site [here](#).

Join us for Claires Court PTA's Annual Fireworks Night!



Date: Saturday, 11 October


Time: 5 PM - 9 PM **Location:** Claire's Court Juniors, SL6 4QQ

Enjoy a fantastic evening with low-noise fireworks from 7:15 PM, fun stalls, and activities for the whole family! Your ticket even includes a burger or hotdog (vegetarian options available).

Don't forget to bring your best carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize!

Tickets:

- Online: Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25 (2 adults & 2 children)
- On the Gate: Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30 (2 adults & 2 children)

 Book your tickets now via the QR code on the flyer or visit: ccpta.org.uk

Please note: On-gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly **no dogs** allowed in cars or on site.

Current coach availability

We would like to make you aware of the availability on some of our bus routes for the new school year. This is a great opportunity to secure reliable and convenient transportation for your child.

You can find all the information on our routes, costs, and how to make a booking by visiting **Vectare**. For any questions, please contact them directly at contact@vectare.co.uk.

To make managing your child's journey easier, we recommend the **VecTive Passenger App**, available for both Android and Apple devices. The app allows you to make and amend bookings and provides live tracking of our coaches. Just search for "VecTive Passenger App" in your app store.

Stationery Required at School

Please ensure your daughter has the following equipment with her in school so she is ready for learning and to minimise disruption in lessons. Could we kindly ask you to periodically check that she still has all the items required in the list below, thank you.

- Glue stick and scissors
- Pens (black or blue for writing, plus purple for tests and green for corrections)
- Pencils, eraser and sharpener (with container for shavings)
- Ruler (30cm), geometry kit
- Scientific calculator (Year 8 summer term upwards Casio FX-83GTCW)

Chromebooks

May we kindly ask for your support in encouraging your daughter to charge her Chromebook each evening ready for the following school day, in the same way she would her mobile. Please find shared for your reference the [Claire's Court Chromebook Policy](#), noting any non-school issued chromebooks will need to have the Claire's Court Google licence installed to ensure compatibility with school systems, safety online and security of all pupils. Further information can be found in the [appendix](#) of the policy.

Instrumental Tuition for 2025/26

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

Residential Trips Brochure

The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to [view](#). As and when trips become available to book, an email letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

Personal Details Check

If you have not yet reviewed the information we hold for you and your daughter on the Report Portal please do check and confirm this **by Friday 19 September** via the drop down menu "**Details Checked for 2025/26**". This can be found under "Child Details" (on the left hand side), "Other Consents" (third tab across), then click the drop down for "Details checked for 2024/25" and select "Consent Given"

Reporting Absences

Please report all absences daily to the school office before **9.30am** either via:

1. [Report Portal](#) (preferred choice by the office and accessible via the parents page of our [website](#))
2. seniorgirls@clairescourt.com (this is looked at by both desks in the office)
3. 01628 327500

News, News, News!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40ggNjs> 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 INFORMATION

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please see the link to the [Senior Girls Calendar here](#) which will be updated when new events and dates are confirmed and also [term dates](#)

Tempest School Photographs Year 8 - Year 11

Tempest Photography were at Senior Girls yesterday taking individual school photographs, so all pupils should have brought home an order form, Years 8-11. You can order via the QR code on your order form or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk and enter your reference number from the order form.

PTA Nearly New Sale - Monday 15 September

Our PTA is holding a nearly new sale on Monday 15 September 8am-9am via the Atrium entrance. Payment is via card only **NOT** cash. Please may we ask that you do not park in staff bays as teachers need to get to their classrooms for the start of registration or early morning departmental meetings.

If you have any good quality but outgrown/unwanted school uniform and are happy to donate to the PTA for their nearly new sales, please drop off at the school office (blazers and skirts are always in demand). Thank you.



Jeans for Genes - Friday 19 September

Pupils are asked to wear something denim for a £2 donation to support Jeans for Genes' 30th year celebration. Payment can be made via the Payment Portal or cash direct to the relevant Form Tutor.

Freedom From Abuse - Wednesday 24 September *SAVE THE DATE*

Please join Marilyn Hawes for this online information session from 8-9pm a week Wednesday. WARNING - whilst this does contain hard-hitting information about online risks it is so important to be aware.

PTA Meeting Senior School - Friday 3 October - 1pm *SAVE THE DATE*

Please join Steve Richards, Head of Seniors, and Nicola Kelly, Seniors PTA Chair, for the first Seniors PTA meeting of this year which will be held at 1pm virtually to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Flu Immunisations Year 7 - Year 11 Senior Girls - Monday 3 November

NHS Berkshire Health will be in school on Monday 3 November to administer the flu vaccinations. Please may we ask that you complete the **YES/NO** consent form mentioned in their [letter here](#) (the school's unique code is **BK110153G**) before Monday 27 October for either:

[Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#) (contains a small amount of porcine gelatine)
[Injectable Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#) (does not contain porcine gelatine)

Find your child's NHS number - [link here](#)

Further information can be found in these documents:

- [Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)
- [Protect yourself against flu; Information for those in secondary school](#)
- [BIMA Flu Vaccination Guides 2025](#)



Please find a new monthly section [here](#), starting with the month of September, of interesting facts and information relating to each particular month as we roll through the academic year.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Tempest Individual Pupil Photographs

If you haven't ordered your daughter's Year 7 photo taken on the Induction Day Wednesday 3 September please do so no later than **Wednesday 17**

September to take advantage of the free delivery back to school. Orders received by Tempest after this date will be posted back direct to home addresses which includes a delivery charge.

Parent Workshop

We hope you found the Parent Workshop on the 3 September informative and please find the links to the [slide presentation](#) and [video regarding Sparx Reader and Accelerated Reader](#) which has been emailed home also.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Monday 15 September 6pm-7pm *SAVE THE DATE*

G8 Parent Workshop with HOY Presentation

Please find further information [here](#) and Google [form](#) for completion - thank you.

Rushall Farm Trip - Tuesday 23 September

Year 8 Rushall Farm Trip - Tuesday 23 September

Please find details of the Year 8 Geography Field trip to Rushall Farm noting the following details:

- Pupils should travel to school as normal to leave at 9am and will be returning by 4pm for usual afterschool activities or travel home
- Pupils should wear non-school uniform suitable for the weather e.g. warm and waterproof, and a change of footwear is **essential**
- Pupils will need nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day, as well as pens/pencils and a clipboard (if possible)

YEAR 9 ONLY

Parent Workshop

Thank you to those who attended this workshop last night, we hope you found the session beneficial at the start of this important academic year. For your reference and for those who were unable to attend please find the [slide presentation here](#) and [video recording here](#) from Mr Wespieser on Sparx Reader and Accelerated Reader at Claires Court.

Kew Trip - Monday 13 October

Further information to follow in due course.

YEAR 9 & 10 ONLY

Hockey Tour to Brighton November 2025 *A few spaces still available*

Please find information [here](#) regarding the hockey tour in November. The non-refundable deposit payment of £150 to be paid via our Payment Portal asap!

YEAR 10 ONLY

Wednesday 17 September 6pm-7pm *SAVE THE DATE* G10 Parent Workshop with HOY Presentation

Please find further information [here](#) and [google form](#) for completion - thank you.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Parent Workshop

Thank you to those who attended this workshop on Tuesday evening, we hope you found the session beneficial at the start of this important academic year. For your reference and for those who were unable to attend please find the [slide presentation here](#).

Tuesday 30 September 6pm-8pm *SAVE THE DATE* G11 Parents' Evening

An email will be sent out to parents prior to confirming when the online booking is live enabling you to book your appointments. Details on how to book your appointment can be found [here](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Linguist of the Week

w/c 8 September

Year 10: Tabby S - French

Scientists of the Week

w/c 8 September

Year 11: Maila P - Very strong knowledge of the hormones topic in Biology

Year 10: Amelia M and Kaja S - Brilliant recall of electrolysis definitions

Year 8: Delilah C - For asking some excellent questions in Science