



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

19 SEPTEMBER 2025 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 3)

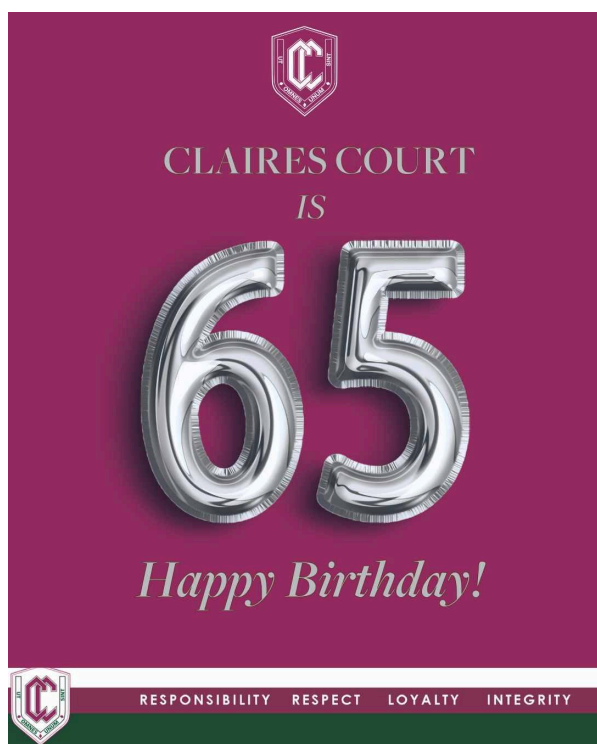
FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's weekly blog: ["Diplomacy -Whether to Grin or Bear It"](#)

Claire's Court is 65 today!

Claire's Court was founded on 19 September, 1960 by the parents of our Principals, Hugh and James Wilding. Find out more about the school's history [here](#).



Tempest School Photographs - **order by 22 September for free delivery**

In order to take advantage of free delivery to school, please order your son's school photograph via the QR code on the order form he brought home last week or via www.tempest-orders.co.uk using the reference number from the order form by Monday 22 September.

Jeans for Genes - **if you haven't yet donated, it's not too late!**

Thank you to all who wore denim and supported [Jeans for Genes'](#) 30th year celebration. Staff and boys did a great display of Dancing in Denim and have currently raised £500.20 so far and we're still counting. If you haven't yet donated you can still do so via the [Payment Portal](#), thank you.

Parking around School

Last Friday afternoon we had numerous messages and phone calls from our neighbours to report that cars were parked dangerously on the double yellow lines at the crossroads of Ray Mill Road East and Ray Park Avenue. Please note these double yellow lines are there for a reason - this is a dangerous junction and parked cars on them reduces visibility for both drivers and pedestrians therefore putting both at risk.

There were further reports of cars parked on the double yellow lines on the corners of Woodhurst Road and Ray Mill Road East, blocking visibility for drivers approaching school from Boulters Lock including our coaches and also limiting access of emergency vehicles into Woodhurst Road, which obviously caused concern for residents.

To date with your help we have managed to avoid the need for Traffic Wardens, but unfortunately our neighbours might push for this if cars continue to park on surrounding roads dangerously. Can we therefore kindly ask you to park legally and considerately for all, even if it means your son having to walk a little further down the road, to keep all our boys safe and our neighbours happy, thank you.

Flu Vaccinations - YES or NO Consent Required before 17 October

The Berkshire Immunisation team will be at Senior Boys on 3 November to administer Flu vaccinations, see [letter](#) for further details. Please complete the consent form for either the nasal (contains a small amount porcine gelatine) or injectable (does not contain porcine gelatine) vaccine below to either give or withhold consent using school code BK110153B. You will need your son's NHS number which can be found [here](#).

- [Nasal Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#)
- [Injectable Flu Vaccine Consent Form](#)

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](#)

Claire's Court SchoolTV

Please make use of this valuable resource available to all our parents - [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#). Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource that can support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. This award-winning resource helps build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

New, 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 FORTHCOMING DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please see our website [calendar](#) for this term's dates, which will be updated when new events and dates are confirmed.

Freedom From Abuse - 8pm Wednesday 24 September

Please join Marilyn Hawes for this online session next Wednesday 8 - 9.15pm where she will share insight into the hidden dangers children face today, both online and offline. WARNING - whilst this does contain hard-hitting information about online risks it is so important for parents to be aware. This event is not suitable for children. The link was emailed to you on Wednesday 17 September from the Registrar (please do not share this link outside the Claires Court community).

Seniors PTA Meeting - Friday 3 October

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.

After Dinner Speaker - GB Olympian Mark Richardson - 3 October

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, offering 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](#).



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.

Clares Court PTA's Annual Fireworks Night - Saturday 11 October

Join us from 5pm at Claires Court Juniors for this fantastic evening with low-noise fireworks from 7.15pm, fun stalls and activities for the whole family! Your ticket price also includes a burger or hotdog (vegetarian options available). Don't forget to bring your best carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize!

Purchase your tickets in advance before 6 October to.....

- avoid queues - wristbands will be given to your child to bring home on Thursday 9 October, so on the night you can just show your wristband and walk in, no need to wait at the gate!
- guarantee food - you will be able to get your food anytime after you arrive, tickets purchased on the night cannot collect food until after 6.30pm
- secure discounted ticket prices - save £5 on a family ticket!

Tickets:

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

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



The poster features a dark background with vibrant red and orange fireworks exploding. At the top center is the Claires Court PTA crest, which is a shield containing a large 'C' and the motto 'IN OMNES ANIMUS'.

Burger or hotdog included with your ticket.
(Vegetarian options available.)

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS
FIREWORKS NIGHT
SAT 11 OCTOBER
5 - 9PM
CLAIRES COURT JUNIORS

Low noise fireworks from 7.15pm
Plus stalls and activities provided during the evening

BOOK HERE



Online Tickets Adult £9, Child £5, Family £25 (2 adults and 2 children)	Price on the gate Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30* (2 adults and 2 children)	Prize for the best pumpkin, bring it on the night! ccpta.org.uk
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YEAR 7 ONLY

Parents' Workshare - Monday 13 October

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

YEAR 8 ONLY

Parent Workshop

Thank you to those who attended the Y8 Parent Workshop on Monday. We hope you found it useful and you can find the [presentation slides](#) from the evening for your reference.

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 the 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 a nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day, as well as pens/pencil and a clipboard (if possible)

YEAR 9 ONLY

Kew Trip - Monday 13 October

Further information to follow in due course.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Parent Workshop

Thank you to those who attended the Y10 Parent Workshop on Wednesday. We hope you found the session beneficial as your son starts these important GCSE years and please find shared the [presentation slides](#) from the session for your reference.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Parents' Evening - Thursday 2 October

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place from 6pm-8pm and all appointments with teachers will be bookable in advance via [SchoolCloud](#).

English, Maths, Science and Food teachers will be based in classrooms in the Maths block, with all other teachers in the Sports Hall, so please opt to **book MANUALLY (not automatically)** so that you can leave appropriate 'travel time' between appointments. Please use your son's full name as abbreviations are not recognised.

Booking will **open at 7am Thursday 25 September** and close 9am Wednesday 1 October. If there are no appointments available for Mr Gray, Mr Beck or Mrs Keeney, please email these teachers directly to arrange an alternative means of feedback.

TRIPS INFORMATION

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.

Belgium Choir Tour - Parent Information Evening - Thursday 25 September

Please join Mr Wolstencroft online at 6pm for this information session for all those travelling to Belgium for the Choir Tour over half term. The link was emailed to you today.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

In our '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 '**scope**' meaning '**see**'
- Example words include '**telescope**', '**microscope**' and '**periscope**'

A green rectangular graphic with a white central box. The title 'Root of the Week' is at the top in white. The word 'Scope' is in large purple font. Below it, 'Origin: Greek' and 'Meaning: See' are in black. To the right, under 'Examples:', are the words 'Telescope', 'Microscope', 'Periscope', and 'Endoscope' in black. Small school crests are in the top corners.

Root of the Week	
Scope	Examples:
Origin: Greek	Telescope
Meaning: See	Microscope
	Periscope
	Endoscope

'Of the Month'

Please find our new monthly section [Of The Month](#), starting with September containing interesting facts and information relating to each particular month as we roll through the academic year.

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for a great start to the school year:

KS3: Phoenix A, Jack M, Alex E, Manny B, Zak D, Will G, Rory M, Thomas A, Harry R, Harley S, Will H, Matteo S, Jonah V, Kody H, Will W

KS4: Jonah V, Kody H, Will W, Akhil V, Charlie V, Euan S, Jack H, Max B

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Henry B

Year 8: Ethan L, Jack G

Year 9: Fred L, Evan L

Year 10: Ben T, Ollie R, Danial T

Year 11: Ciaran W, James E

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Thomas K for excellent homework on Energy Stores

Year 10 - Cole G for great skill and understanding carrying out photosynthesis core practical

Year 10 - Frank V-D for excellent focus and effort in applying knowledge of photosynthesis core practical to exam questions

Year 11 - Will S for demonstrated determination and good recall when learning about menstrual hormones

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Jude A

Year 8 - Joe M

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 8 - Joe M, Robert S

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please let the School Office know by 9.30am in the morning on each day of absence by one of the following means (in this order of preference).....

- 'Absence Reporting' on the [Report Portal](#)
- Email to seniorboys@clairescourt.net
- Telephone to 01628 327600

Medical appointments should be notified in writing at least 24 hours in advance of the appointment where possible. Medicine (in its original packaging) should be handed into the office with a completed [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for the nurses to administer.

Please find below other links that you may find useful....

- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)

