



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

10 OCTOBER 2025 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 6)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's weekly blog here: ["Comfortable Fictions – why it's easier to make some stuff up rather than go by the evidence!"](#)

The Claire's Court Art staff, led by Martyn Goddard, Area coordinator and Lauren Moorhouse, Head of Art, hosts the annual ISA Art Exhibition every year at Norden Farm. Over 120 schools have the opportunity to exhibit their work, and the incredible range is showing in this Art showreel, <https://schl.cc:443/hv>. See you at the Fireworks!

Claire's Court PTA's Fireworks Night **SL6 4QQ** - Saturday 11 October

If you did not purchase tickets in advance, it's not too late! You can buy tickets on the gate and join us for this fantastic evening with low-noise fireworks from 7.15pm, fun stalls and activities for the whole family! Don't forget to bring your best carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize!

Tickets on the Gate: Adult £10, Child £6, Family £30 (2 adults & 2 children)

For those who purchased tickets in advance, your (eldest) child should have brought them home yesterday and you would have received an email to confirm this, so please make sure you have safely received them. Remember to wear your wristbands, then you can skip the queue at the gate and just walk in! Lost or forgotten wristbands will be charged at £1 each for replacements wristbands. We recommend you collect your food early and before 6.30pm when access is opened up to all.

Please note: Strictly no dogs allowed in cars or on site.



Flu Vaccinations - **Please remember to complete your YES or NO Consent before half term**

Flu immunisations will take place at Senior Boys on **3 November** ([letter](#)). Please complete the consent form **before 17 October** 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.

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

Christmas Shoeboxes

We will once again be supporting the [Samaritan's Purse project](#), Operation Christmas Child: "Send a shoebox gift to a child in need so they know they are loved and cared for this Christmas". Your son's form tutor has been given a number of shoe boxes to fill and you can find below a list of suggested items to include. We will be keeping a tally on how many boxes each form fills, so please do send your son in with some items to support this charity work, thank you.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:	DO NOT INCLUDE:
✓ SOMETHING TO WEAR: T-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc. ✓ SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc. ✓ SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc. ✓ SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc. ✓ SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc. ✓ SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.	✗ ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough ✗ FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND: (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins ✗ USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys ✗ BREAKABLE ITEMS: including glass, porcelain and mirrors ✗ ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including Halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones ✗ GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes ✗ RELIGIOUS LITERATURE: including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)



These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints.

ISA Arts Regional Competition

This week Claires Court submitted a number of artworks across Textiles, Art and Photography to the regional competition for ISA Arts. We received incredibly positive feedback from the judges and despite an incredibly high level of talent on show with over 400 different artworks, a number of our entrants received recognition in the rankings. Please take a look at some of the wonderful submissions in this [slideshow](#)!

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

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

Seniors PTA Meeting - Friday 7 November TBC

Apologies for the postponement of the Seniors PTA Meeting. We are planning to hold this on Friday 7 November again at 1pm virtually and the MEET link will be emailed out to you after half term once the date is confirmed.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Parents' Pastoral & Workshare Evening - 6pm Monday 13 October

Form Tutor appointment booking via [Schoolcloud](#) is now open and will close at 9am Monday 13 October. Instructions can be found in this Booking Guide. On the evening, there is no formal start time/presentation so please arrive anytime to suit from 6pm. You can park in school after 5.45pm, but not before please. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive.

On arrival, please make your way to the Dining Room to sign in and collect a [map](#) showing you teacher locations. There will also be refreshments available here. The Form Tutor appointments will take place in Form rooms, so Room 21 for Mr Perez 7A and Room 7 for Mr Thompson 7B, and therefore these rooms will not be in general use. Head of Year 7, Mrs Pitt, will be based in Room 18 if you wish to speak to her. Your son will be your guide for the evening and will show you around his new school. In an attempt to spread people around the school you are asked to follow the route shown below according to the first letter of your surname:

- A-F Science Block → Main House → Maths/English/Geography Wing
- G-L Maths/English/Geography Wing → Science Block → Main House
- M-Z Main House → Maths/English/Geography Wing → Science Block

YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 12 November

*** SAVE THE DATE *** Further information to follow

YEAR 9 ONLY

Y9 Bronze DofE Programme

Please find shared the [recording](#) from Monday's DofE meeting, along with the [Bronze DofE Programme letter](#) noting the deadlines to complete the [DofE Google Form](#) is Wednesday 15 October.

Kew Trip - Monday 13 October

Please find the [Geography Kew Gardens trip letter](#) for all pupils in Year 9. Boys should wear their full school uniform and will need to bring a waterproof coat, writing equipment and clipboard (if possible), a nut free packed lunch and drinks. There may be the opportunity to buy a drink or souvenir.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Artist Visit - Thursday 16 October

Year 10 artists will be participating in a [creative workshop](#) day on Thursday 16 October at Senior Girls. Boys should therefore be dropped directly at College Avenue, although those travelling on school coaches will be transferred on the link bus. They will need to bring with them their pencil cases and photographs they have prepared work from.

B10 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 4 November

Booking via Schoolcloud will open 7am Wednesday 15 October and close midday Monday 3 November. Please opt to book **manually** (not automatically) so you can leave sufficient travel time between appointments with English, Maths, Science and Food teachers who will be based in the Jubilee Wing (Maths block) and all other teachers in the Sports Hall. All appointments will be five minutes apart from Science where you have been allocated one teacher who will discuss all three Science subjects and therefore these appointments are ten minutes.

On the night parking will be available in school but please do not drive in until after 5.45pm when all the school coaches will have safely departed. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. On arrival please make your way to the Wellbeing area to sign in and refreshments will also be available here.

B10 English Mock Examinations - Friday 28 November

Year 10 will be sitting their mock English Language examination during the morning of Friday 28 November. There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Language Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Mock Examinations - w/c 17 and 24 November

Please find shared the [Mock Examinations timetable](#) taking place from 17 - 28 November, noting the additional dates outside of these two weeks for MFL listening and speaking exams, as well as Food and Art practical exams. There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Literature Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February. Please see the links below to the documents that our exam officer will be sharing in a hard copy booklet for pupils to have:

- [JCQ Information for Candidates AI in Assessments](#)
- [JCQ Warning to Candidates 2025](#)
- [JCQ Unauthorised Items](#)
- [JCQ Instructions for use AI September 2025](#)
- [JCQ Information for Candidates for Written Examinations 2025](#)
- [JCQ NEA Information for Candidates 2025](#)
- [JCQ ICE Warning to Candidates 2025](#)
- [JCQ AI Infographic Guide for Candidates 2025](#)

Year 11 Subject Directory

As mentioned at the Year 11 Parent Workshop, please find shared the [GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

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.

Cologne Trip Parent Information Evening

Please find the [presentation](#) from the Information Evening. A reminder if you have not already made the **final £135 payment to please do so as soon as possible**.

Naples Trip Parent Information Evening

Please find the [presentation](#) from the evening noting links on the following pages:

- Slide 20 - [GHIC](#)
- Slide 29 - [Administration of Medication](#)
- Slide 30 - [Parental consent form for overseas trips](#) - Mr Gray must receive a completed, physical copy

Turkey Watersports Trip - 20-27 October 2026

Please find the [confirmation letter](#) for the Turkey Watersports trip noting the £300 non refundable deposit payment deadline of 11am Monday 13 October via the [Payment Portal](#).

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 '**sol**' meaning '**alone**'
- Example words include '**solitary**', '**desolate**' and '**sole**'

The graphic is a green rectangular banner with two small school crests at the top corners. In the center, the word 'Sol' is written in a large, bold, purple font. Below it, the text 'Origin: Latin' and 'Meaning: Alone' is displayed in a smaller, black font. To the right of this, a light gray box contains the heading 'Examples:' followed by a list of words: 'Solitary', 'Soliloquy', 'Desolate', 'Solo', and 'Sole'.

Sol Origin: Latin Meaning: Alone	Examples: Solitary Soliloquy Desolate Solo Sole
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'Of the Month'

Please find our October [Of The Month](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal!

Linguists of the Week - Spanish

Year 7 for great engagement: Beau C, Ben W, Harry H, Luca R

Year 10 for helping with the European Day of Languages Assembly: Kody H, Jonah V, Felix G

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Harry H, Freddie F

Year 8: Errol W, Fin M, Freddie M

Year 9: Henry P, Christian B, Dylan G

Year 10: Dillon B, Harry W, Tom A, Vihaan T

Year 11: Jack H, Darius S, Myles B, Sam P, Charlie G

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Tom K and Tyler K: Brilliant work on thermohouse designs

Year 9 - Finlay M: Excellent work on nutrients

Year 9 - Dexter H: Amazing focus and chief data recorder during the turbines investigation

Year 9 - Oliver W and George N: Best turbine with a paper plate

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Daniel TB & Beau C

Year 8 - Joel Z

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Henry B

Year 8 - Manny B

Year 9 - Olly N-B

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.

Other absences during term time will need to be requested using the [Term Time Absence Request Form](#). Whilst we may 'approve' these absences they will invariably be recorded as 'unauthorised' due to the strict Department for Education guidelines to which we adhere.

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

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)

