



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 7

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Diamonds in the Sky - hopes and values in 2025-26"](#)

FROM THE OFFICE



HALF TERM MONDAY 20 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

We would like to wish all our pupils, parents and staff a lovely half term break. Although the school is open over the break the office at senior girls will not be manned during the first week w/c 20 October so if you are requiring assistance please telephone our general number 01628 327700 which is monitored throughout holidays. We look forward to seeing all the pupils back for the last half of the Autumn term which commences on Monday 3 November.

PS. Don't forget to put your clocks back by 1 hour on Sunday 26 October!

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER "Happy Diwali to all our families and staff who will be celebrating next week".



FLU IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7 - YEAR 11 ***REMINDER***

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)



POPPIES ON SALE W/C 3 NOVEMBER

We are supporting the Royal British Legion again this year and we will have poppies on sale after half term so please may we ask if you could provide your daughter with some money to purchase a poppy. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A reminder if you have a box to fill please bring it in by **Friday 7 November**. Thank you once again for helping support the [Samaritan's Purse](#).

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.

SENIORS PTA MEETING - FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER **CONFIRMED**

Apologies for the chopping and changing of the Seniors PTA Meeting date. This has now been confirmed for **1pm Friday 14 November** and will be held virtually in the hope that as many senior parents as possible can attend. The MEET link will be emailed out to you after half term.

****PTA QUIZ - 28 NOVEMBER**** **BOOK YOUR SEATS NOW!**

Get ready to test your wits and have a fantastic night out! The Claires Court PTA presents its unmissable Quiz Night on **Friday 28 November**, from 6pm to 8pm on College Avenue.



Hosted by our brilliant Quizmasters, Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee, this is your chance to form a team (up to 10 people per table), have some fun, and raise funds for the PTA! We'll have a bar run by the PTA selling refreshments, and you're invited to bring your own picnic dinner or takeaway to enjoy during the evening. Tables cost £100 (max 10 people) or £10 per person. Don't miss out on this great community event. Book your tickets and table online now at www.ccpta.org.uk!

ISA ARTS REGIONAL COMPETITION

This week Claire's 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](#)!

PTA NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE DATES

All Nearly New Sales are on a **Monday morning from 8am-9am** and take place just inside the Atrium entrance. Payment is by card only and **NOT** cash. Please see below the next two sale dates at senior girls:

- **3 November 2025**
- **1 December 2025**

If you have any good quality uniform you wish to donate to the PTA please drop off at the school office (blazers and skirts are always in demand). Thank you.

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](#) / seniorgirls@clairescourt.com /01628 327500 (please report absences **before 9.30am** for each day of sickness)
- [Senior Girls Calendar here](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school and as such no nuts or products containing nuts should be brought into school, either as snacks, lunch or ingredients for food tech.

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

Welcome to our new Science Teacher

David Marsh will be joining us after half term and will be teaching both boys and girls so a warm welcome to him.



Message from Mrs Lee, Director of Sport - Senior Girls Netball development

Due to the clocks going back over half term, please be reminded that netball development will take place at Braywick Leisure Centre from November until February half term. The club will run until **5:15pm** and pupils should be collected by parents please.

Looking for something for the children to do over October half term? How about.....



What's on at Woolley Firs

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust

Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre, Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 3LJ (just off A4)

Halloween Special – Autumn half term

'Bone-anza'

Monday 27, Wednesday 29 or Thursday 30 October 2025 10am – 2pm

Dive into the fascinating world of bones in this hands-on, interactive event full of experiments, crafts and puzzles. All ages welcome but activities are aimed at ages 4-14 years, but younger / older siblings are welcome to accompany.

On site we have undercover areas in case of rain. Tea and coffee on offer all day.

£10 per child, accompanying adults free. Booking essential.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- 01628 829574 or berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk

bbowt.org.uk More nature everywhere

YEAR 8 ONLY

Parents' Evening - Monday 10 November 6pm-8pm ***SAVE THE DATE***

The [Schoolcloud online booking form](#) will **open** on **Monday 3 November** at **9.30am** and please see details [here on how to book your appointment](#). Please ensure you use your daughter's full name as nicknames/shortened versions will not be recognised. We would also suggest you book your appointments manually and leave a few minutes between booking each appointment to allow a little 'travel' time.

YEAR 9 ONLY

G9 'Online' Options Information Evening

Monday 24 November 6pm-7pm ***SAVE THE DATE***

Further information to follow.

YEAR 10 ONLY

G10 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 5 November 6pm-8pm

!!Schoolcloud is now open!!

Booking via Schoolcloud is available to book your timed appointments to meet with subject teachers. Please ensure you use your daughter's full name as nicknames will not be recognised.

[Schoolcloud online booking form](#)

[How to book your appointment](#)

G10 English Mock Examinations - Friday 28 November

Year 10 will be sitting their mock English Language examination during the morning of Friday 28 November as shown in the [Mock Examination Timetable](#). There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Language Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6 November

Don't miss our upcoming **Sixth Form Open Event**! This is your chance to tour the facilities, meet current students, and find out exactly what Sixth Form life at Claires Court has to offer. It starts from 4pm

Mr. Hope will deliver his talk at **5pm** and **6pm**, giving you the flexibility to attend around other commitments. Join a tour before or after the talk! To help us ensure we have enough student guides available, please confirm your attendance and indicate which Headteacher's Talk you plan to attend. **RSVP [here](#)**

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.

TRIP 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.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



Welcome to [October](#)

Root of the Week is..... 'Vac' meaning 'empty'

Vac Origin: Latin Meaning: Empty	Examples: Vacuous Evacuate Vacancy Vacation Vacuum
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 13 October

Year 10: French - Frankie T *"for consistent hard work and amazing streak on duolingo!"*

Year 10: Spanish - Lily M *"Great attitude to learning and brilliant effort. Gaining confidence, well done!"*

Year 10: German - Alex B *"Showing consistent recall and understanding."*

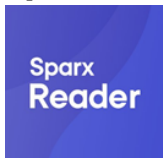
Scientists of the Week

w/c 13 October

Year 8: Amelie W and Scarlett K *"Fantastic digestion storyboard!"*

Year 9: Eva F and Darcie B *"Incredible cell models."*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 13 October

Year 7: Charlotte N

Year 8: Amelie W

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 13 October

Year 7: Sophie B

Year 8: Ruby W

Year 9: Tiana K

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



LOYALTY



INTEGRITY