



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 8

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

The Independent Schools Inspectorate's report on their visit to Claire's Court last month is to be published next week. We are delighted that the report fully captures the strengths, breadth and depth of the school's achievements, and we look forward to sharing it with you as soon as possible thereafter. Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, "[The proof that Life imitates Art - Government policy meets Celebrity Traitors](#)"

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn Term. Hope you all enjoyed the two week break.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

[Anti-Bullying Week](#) is taking place across the UK from Monday 10 to Friday 14 November, with the theme "Power for Good." This campaign reminds us that everyone, including pupils, parents and educators alike, have the power to make a positive difference in standing up to bullying.

This is a timely reminder about [SchoolTV's Bullying edition](#), which provides practical guidance to help parents talk with their children about kindness, empathy and taking action when bullying occurs — both online and in person.

Please share this topic with your daughter as you think fit to encourage conversations that turn awareness into action and empower pupils to use their '**Power for Good**' to **speak out, support others and build a world where kindness wins.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Deadline to return boxes into school is Friday 14 November

Thank you for all the shoe boxes that have come back into school helping support the charity [Samaritan's Purse](#). You still have time to put some items together in your box or why not share a box with another pupil (including staff who wish to donate some items with another colleague). Please see the list below:

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

- ✓ **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.

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ **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)

Remember to
pray for the child
who will receive
your shoebox!



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

POPPIES ON SALE **NOW AND W/C 10 NOVEMBER**



Please support the Royal British Legion by providing some money for your daughter to buy a poppy from school. These are on sale either from the school office or by pupils volunteering to help sell them during break and lunch times. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE EVENT - TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

This will take place in school at 11am and all CCF cadets are to wear their uniform to school please.

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 parents next week.

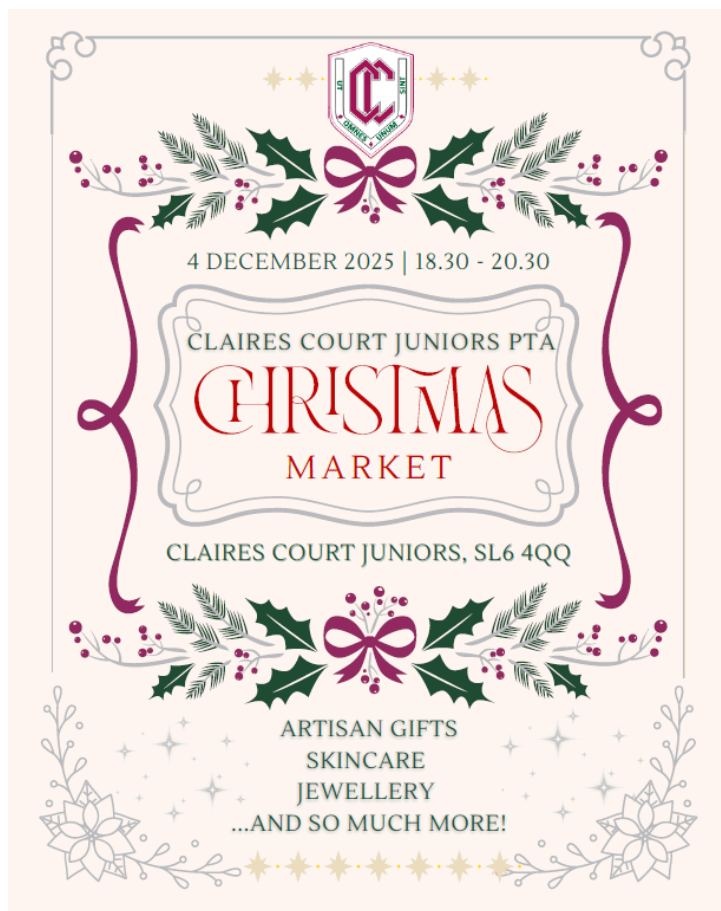
PTA QUIZ - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 6pm-8pm **Book your tickets now!**

Open to all our parents and staff to come along to our next PTA Quiz evening. 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!



CLAIRES COURT JUNIORS PTA - CHRISTMAS MARKET - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Are you thinking about starting your Christmas gift shopping yet? If you are looking for that special unique present or stocking fillers why not pop along to the Junior PTA Christmas Market being held at Juniors **(SL6 4QQ)** on **Thursday 4 December 6.30pm - 8.30pm**. All are welcome.



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:

- **1 December 2025**
- **12 January 2026**

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](#)

REWARDS AND SANCTIONS EMAIL

You should have received an email from your daughter's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your daughter has received in the last seven days. If you did not receive this, please check in your junk/spam folder and add the tutor's email address to your 'safe sender' list.

LOST/FOUND

We have in the office a 'coat with no name' (no cowboy movie puns please!!) - if your daughter has mislaid hers, please ask her to come into the office with a little description of style and to see if it fits. A reminder to parents to name all school uniform items as it is easier to reunite with their owners.

NEWS, 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 INFORMATION

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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

Remembrance Event - Tuesday 11 November

This will take place in school at 11am and all CCF cadets are to wear their uniform to school please.

Netball development

Please be reminded that netball development now takes 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.

YEAR 7-9

Academic Breakfast - Thursday 13 November

Academic Scholars are invited to the KS3 Academic Breakfast taking place in the Senior Girls Library 8.15am - 9am on Thursday 13 November. Please complete the google form emailed to you on Wednesday to confirm attendance and breakfast choice.

YEAR 7 ONLY

St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 5 to Sunday 7 December

Our Year 7 Senior Girls are busy making decorations for our sponsored tree at [St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#) - they have chosen a theme of 'Penguins and Presents' and 'Christmas Hats' - the girls have been told by HOY 7 Miss Ferguson if they are buying decorations to **not** spend a lot of money. Our tree and decorations will be donated by St Luke's once their event is over to a local care home or a family in need to enjoy over the festive period.

Calculators

There is no requirement for pupils to have a calculator for Maths in **Year 7**, but if they wish to bring one for other subjects, we strongly recommend the fx-83GTCW as this is the model they will need for their GCSE Maths. Pupils will be required to have a scientific calculator in Maths from Easter of Year 8.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Parents' Evening - Monday 10 November 6pm-8pm ***REMINDER***

The [Schoolcloud online booking form](#) is **open** enabling you to book your timed appointments to meet with subject teachers. 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

Year 9 'Online' Options Information Evening **Monday 24 November**

Please join Mrs O'Clee and Dr Loughran from 6-7pm for this online GCSE Options Information Evening. Further information can be found in the [Y9 GCSE Options Process Letter](#) which was emailed home yesterday.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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

Y11 Sixth Form Reference Requests

Most Sixth Forms will use an online system for reference requests that requires the applicant to put in the grades they are predicted to achieve. At Claires Court, we do not issue 'predicted' grades, but instead use 'working at' grades, which will be based on a combination of pupils' most recent grade cards:

- Year 10 Summer Exams Grade Card which covers Year 10 work and
- Year 11 Half Term Grade Cards which covers the start of Year 11

Pupils should therefore use these grade cards to enter a considered grade after which the application is sent to us and we will be asked to agree or disagree with the grades they have put in. We will be basing our judgement on the same grade cards that the pupils have used which should therefore ensure consistency. The picture will obviously build following the Year 11 Mocks in November and full report in January. If you have any queries over grades, please ask your daughter to discuss with their **form tutor** in the first instance.

Please note reference requests must come directly from the respective 6th Form College you are applying for - please ask that they email this to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com FAO: Mr Bennett (HOY 11).

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

Please find 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, a letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



[Welcome to November](#)

Root of the Week is..... 'Morph' meaning shape

Morph Origin: Greek Meaning: Shape	Examples: Polymorph Metamorphosis Morphology Amorphous Anthropomorphic
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 3 November

Year 8: French Ruby W - *for working so hard for the recent CT1 and for doing really well!*

Year 8: German Rosie P - *Working really hard in lessons*

Year 11: Spanish Izzy C - *Brilliant effort; you're becoming a confident linguist*

Scientists of the Week

w/c 3 November

Year 9: Emily W - *for her excellent CT1 result in Physics*

Year 9: Eleanor F - *for excellent graph drawing*

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 3 November

Year 7: Mia

Year 8: Evie

Year 9: Georgie C

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



LOYALTY



INTEGRITY