



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

7 NOVEMBER 2025 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 8)

FROM THE OFFICE

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](#)"

A message from Mr Richards

Dear parents of teenage boys

Welcome back to school and I hope you enjoyed the half term break. Whilst we are fortunate enough to be surrounded by great people to help us bring up our boys, being a good parent is hard. There is no manual, it is impossible to get right all of the time and we all make mistakes. It seems that parents of teenagers are the target audience for the latest [John Lewis advert](#) released this week (other shops are available). I really enjoyed this narrative and very clever messaging behind the trials and the rewards of parenting, the mourning of Christmases when they were young, and of course how cool we all were in the 90s! I thought I would share this with you and remind you that we have access to a fantastic parenting resource [Claire's Court School TV](#) which has helpful tips and useful information on the minefield that is parenting teenagers in the 21st century.

Anti-Bullying Week

[Anti-Bullying Week 2025](#) will take 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 encourage your son to use his 'Power for Good' to speak out, support others and build a world where kindness wins.**

Rewards and Sanctions Email

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

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.

Remembrance Event - Tuesday 11 November

We will be holding a Remembrance event in school at 11am on 11 November. All cadets should therefore wear their CCF uniform to school please. We are supporting the Royal British Legion again this year and have poppies on sale at reception if you wish to provide your son with some money to purchase a poppy.

Seniors PTA Meeting - Friday 14 November

The Seniors PTA meeting has 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 next week.

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 28 November - **[book your tickets 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 at 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 will 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 and we will put teams together. Don't miss out on this great community event. Book your tickets or table online now at www.ccpta.org.uk!



Clares Court Juniors PTA Christmas Market - 4 December

Please come along to the Juniors PTA Christmas Market (SL6 4QQ) and start your Christmas shopping. Join us from 6.30pm - 8.30pm for artisan gifts, skincare, jewellery and so much more!



YEARS 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. Transport will be provided back to Senior Boys after the event.

YEAR 7 ONLY

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

B8 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 12 November

Booking via [Schoolcloud](#) is now open and will close midday Tuesday 11 November. Please **prioritise up to ten subjects** that you would like to book five minute appointments for. If your son is taught by Mr Wootton for both DT and ICT, please only book one appointment with him, and likewise for Miss Farley with History and RS. Our new Science teacher Mr Marsh will be doing 8D Science appointments. Please opt to book **manually** (not automatically) so you can leave sufficient travel time between

appointments with English, Maths and Science teachers who will be based in the Jubilee Wing/Maths block and all other teachers in the Sports Hall (see [map](#)). Further instructions can be found in this [Booking Guide](#). If you cannot book an appointment with a subject you have prioritised, please email that teacher directly to arrange an alternative means of feedback.

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.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 Online GCSE Options Information Evening - Monday 24 November

Please join Mrs O'Clee and Dr Loughran from 6-7pm for this online GCSE Options Information Evening where they will offer guidance on selecting the most suitable subjects for study. Further information can be found in the [Y9 GCSE Options Process Letter](#) which was emailed home yesterday.

Year 9 GCSE Options Fair - Tuesday 2 December

Parents and pupils are invited to the GCSE Options Fair from 6pm - 7.30pm at College Avenue (SL6 6AW) where each of the Options subjects will have a stall so you can ask any questions you may have about studying that subject at GCSE. Further information can be found in the [Y9 GCSE Options Process Letter](#) which was emailed home yesterday.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 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 son to discuss with their form tutor in the first instance and references should be directed to the office FAO Miss Mirza.

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.

Year 11 Subject Directory

Please find for reference 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.

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 '**morph**' meaning '**shape**'
- Example words include '**polymorph**' and '**morphology**'

Morph

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Shape

Examples:

Polymorph

Metamorphosis

Morphology

Amorphous

Anthropomorphic

'Of the Month'

Please find our '[Of the month](#) November' edition containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Our '**Talk about this month**' is the word November comes from the Latin word novem, meaning "nine," because it was originally the ninth month of the Roman calendar. When January and February were added, November became the eleventh month but kept its original name.

Linguists of the Week - German

Year 7 for great engagement in lessons: Sammy A-O'N, Hugo F, Ben C, George L

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Ben C

Year 8: Errol F, Jake M, Alex E, Harry B

Year 9: Max I, Charlie C

Year 10: Josh W, Zac A

Year 11: Tom H, Josh N-B, Aaron R

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Christian B for his excellent score in his Physics CT1

Year 9 - Charlie C for really strong revision recall in Biology

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Hugo F

Year 8 - James C

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Alex H and Archer S

Year 8 - Cameron S and Errol W

Year 9 - Christian B and Ethan A

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

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

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

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](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)

