

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 9

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, "#MakingHistoryEveryDay"

FROM THE OFFICE

PTA QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

We have a couple of tables still available - book now!

It's time to dust off those thinking caps, rally your friends, and get ready for a fantastic night of fun, friendly rivalry, and fundraising at the annual Claires Court PTA Quiz Night! Come on down to College Avenue from 6-8pm on Friday 28 November.

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 NATIONAL ART COMPETITION 2025

Following their superb performance at the Regional Competition, we are proud to announce the results achieved by our students at the **ISA National Art Competition**.

The four qualifying pieces demonstrated outstanding talent and dedication across our schools.

To achieve four national-level placements, including a national title, is a truly remarkable feat and one of the finest results in the school's history. A huge congratulations to all the students involved. Their hard work, passion, and commitment have brought tremendous honour to Claires Court.

Well done to our ISA National Champion Anya (Y13) and Runners-Up, Libby (Y5) and Daisy (Y9)

NHS BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE 'DROP-IN' FLU CLINICS

NHS Berkshire Health will be holding drop-in flu clinics for those who missed the school immunisations at Foundation House, Windsor at the times shown below:



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 are having a pre-Christmas clear out, the PTA would gratefully receive any donations of good quality school uniform and sports kit. All money raised from uniform sales go directly to the PTA to provide valuable funds to support the school, so please feel

free to drop any items into the school office. If you wish to purchase any uniform, please contact the school office who can put you in touch with our amazing parent helpers who give up their time to manage our uniform (so a big **thank you** to them for all they do!).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Payment Portal
- Sports Website
- Coach Booking
- Claires 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
- <u>Term Dates</u>

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS!

Take a look here..... https://bit.ly/40qqNjs 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.

CHRISTMAS.....

As Christmas is almost upon us please see below some information for parents that you may be interested in. Don't forget to keep looking at our weekly bulletin each week for further news on festive and end of term arrangements to update your calendar.



CHRISTMAS TREES ON SALE AGAIN They're Tree-Mendous!

Get your Christmas tree and support the Claires Court Boat Club this festive season!

- How to Order: visit our PTA website and order by Tuesday 25 November
- **Pick-up:** from Claires Court Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) Friday 5 December (4.45pm-5.45pm) or Saturday 6 December (10am-12pm)

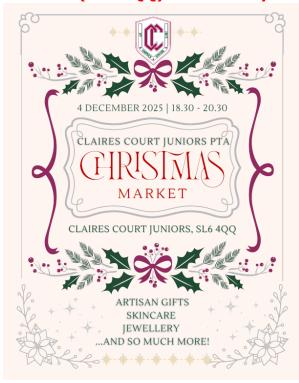
CC SAILING CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING (£35 per person)

CC Sailing department and the PTA warmly invite you to a Christmas Wreath Making evening on Wednesday 3 December at Senior Boys. Ticket price includes: drinks, nibbles, an oasis ring and small decorations. Bring your own foliage and clippers and any additional decorations that you would like to add to your wreath. Book here via the PTA website.



JUNIORS PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET Thursday 4 December - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Whether you're looking for that special, unique present or some perfect stocking fillers, there's something for everyone. 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.



YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please see our website <u>calendar</u> for this term's dates, which will be updated when new

events and dates are confirmed.

Dining Room Spend

The default daily spending limit for Seniors has been increased to £10 as a result of the recent catering price increase. If you would like to increase this further please contact the school office via seniorgirls@clairescourt.net

YEAR 7 - 9 ONLY

Science Week 'Dress up Day' Friday 12 December

Pupils in Year 7-9 have been invited to wear something into school along the theme of Science on Friday 12 December.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Year 7 Winchester Science Trip - Wednesday 3 December

Please find the Year 7 Winchester Science trip letter taking place on Wednesday 3 December, noting that Senior Girls need to be dropped off near to the Senior Boys school (e.g. Ray Park Avenue) by 8.35am. Normal collection arrangements will apply, so your usual school at the usual time or school coaches. Pupils will need a nut-free packed lunch and drinks for the day and should wear their school uniform.

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 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 <u>Y9 GCSE Options Process</u> Letter which was emailed home recently.

Year 9 Options Fair Tuesday 2 December 6pm-7.30pm SAVE THE DATE

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 <u>Y9 GCSE Options Process Letter</u> 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 <u>Mock Examination Timetable</u>. There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Language Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

Year 10, 11 & 12 GCSE/A Level Art Students - Thursday 11 December

Due to the artist, Ian Murphy, being unwell on 16 October we have managed to rearrange the visit for **Thursday 11 December**. All details remain the same as in previous information which you can find again here.

YEAR 11 ONLY

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

Good luck to all girls with their <u>Mock Examinations</u> starting next week. Please check out these resources about exams on <u>Claires Court SchoolTV</u>. FYI, there will be a further opportunity to sit another English Literature Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

Post Mocks Movie Evening - Friday 28 November

Year 11 boys and girls are invited to a movie night with pizza and popcorn to celebrate the completion of their mock exams. This will take place at Senior Girls. Please complete this form by Monday 24 November to confirm attendance and indicate arrangements for your daughter to travel home.

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 <u>Mock Examinations timetable</u> 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

JCO Warning to Candidates 2025

JCO Unauthorised Items

JCO Instructions for use AI September 2025

JCO 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 <u>GCSE Subject</u> <u>Directory</u> 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 <u>view</u>. As and when trips become available to book, a letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION





Root of the Week is...... 'Neo' meaning new

Reonatal
Neophyte
Neologism
Neolithic
Neoclassical
Meaning: New

Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 10 November

Year 7: French: Florence M - for good independent work in French and showing she wants to do well.

Year 7: German: Isabelle M - great contribution, often first to answer in class.

Year 9: Spanish: Eva F - great attitude to learning. Your hard work is paying off. Very

impressive!

Scientists of the Week

w/c 10 November

Year 9: Eva F - brilliant work in her Science CTs

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 10 November

Year 7: Evelyn E Year 8: Scarlett K

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 10 November

Year 7: Ada Year 8: Ava Year 9: Emily W