

Weekly Bulletin

14 NOVEMBER 2025 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 9)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 28 November - a few tables remaining so book 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



TAKE A LOOK AT Claires Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Please make use of this valuable resource available to all our parents - <u>Claires Court SchoolTV</u>. Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource that can support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. This award-winning resource helps build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

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 <u>ISA National Art Competition</u>. Well done to our ISA National Champion Anya (Year 13) and Runners-Up, Libby (Year 5) and Daisy (Year 9). 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.

PTA Nearly New Uniform

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 Amanda and Tonia who give up their time to manage our uniform (so a **big thank you** to them for all they do!).

Drop-in Flu Clinics - various dates

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:



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.lv/40gqNis 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.

IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!



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 - Wednesday 3 December 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 via the PTA website.



Claires Court Juniors PTA Christmas Market - Thursday 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!



YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

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.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Year 7 Winchester Science Trip - Wednesday 3 December

Please find the <u>Year 7 Winchester Science trip letter</u> taking place on Wednesday 3 December, noting that Senior Girls need to be dropped off near to the Senior Boys school (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 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 <u>Y9 GCSE Options Process</u> 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 <u>Y9 GCSE Options Process Letter</u> 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. There will be a further opportunity to sit another English Language Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

Year 10/11 Artist Visit - rearranged for 11 December

Due to the artist Ian Murphy being unwell on 16 October we have rearranged this workshop for Thursday 11 December. All details remain the same, so please find the <u>previous letter</u> amended accordingly.

YEAR 11 ONLY

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 and there will be a coach to take boys there after school. Please complete this <u>form</u> **by Monday 24 November** to confirm attendance and indicate arrangements for your son to travel home.

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

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

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 for the attention of Miss Mirza.

Year 11 Subject Directory

Please find for reference the <u>GCSE Subject Directory</u> containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

TRIPS INFORMATION

Residential Trips Brochure

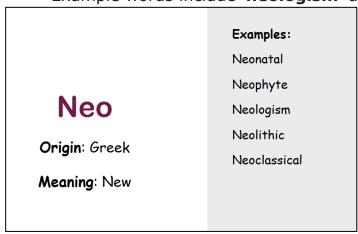
The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to <u>view</u>. As and when trips become available to book, an email letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

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 'neo' meaning 'new'
- Example words include 'neologism' and 'neoclassical'





Of the Month

Please find our <u>'Of the month' November</u> edition containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Our **'Composer of the month'** is Louis Armstrong, one of the most influential figures in jazz. His career playing the trumpet and singing spanned five decades and different eras in the history of jazz, listen <u>here</u>.

Linguists of the Week - Spanish

Year 10 for great work in lessons: Kody H, Felix G, Will W, Louis B, Alex W, Freddie H, Tom A, Ollie W, Santi P, Zac A

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Luca R, Arthur E

Year 8: Josh S, Errol W, Jack M

Year 9: Dylan M, Christian B, Callum W

Year 10: Luke B

Year 11: Harry M, Freddie R, Will B, Jacob S

Scientists of the Week

Year 8: Phoenix A for excellent revision preparation for his Common Task

Year 9: Max E for brilliant score in his Physics CT1

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Daniel TB & Jude A

Year 8 - Thomas A

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Freddie F

Year 8 - Jack G and Eddie C

Year 9 - Henry P and Thomas K

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 <u>Term Time</u> <u>Absence Request Form</u>. 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
- Claires Court SchoolTV
- CC Administration of Medicine Request Form

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