



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

10 JANUARY 2025 (SPRING TERM WEEK 1)

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: ["Welcome to a New Year at Claire's Court – Making our mark in 2025"](#)

The Court Report 2022-24

We invite you to read the Court Report covering the past two years' highlights across the school - <https://bit.ly/4gNJChn>

FROM THE OFFICE

It's a wrap & Happy 2025!

As we start the new year we are thrilled to share the wonderful results of our Christmas fundraising efforts:

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: Thanks to your generous contributions, we raised a fantastic £426.71 for this worthy cause.

St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival: The Alexander Devine Children's Hospice tree was voted "Best Dressed" at this year's festival (pictured below). The church was a sight to behold with its dazzling array of decorated trees. The voting boxes alone collected an impressive £4,900 for Thames Valley Heartbeat, and further funds were raised for the church from the sale of refreshments, craft/produce stall, raffle and donations. So a big 'thank you' to everyone who visited the festival and a special thanks to our Year 7 students for their creative talents in designing the Senior Boys Simpsons Christmas tree!



Alexander Devine Children's Hospice

Tub-2-Pub

If you still have any remnants of Christmas in the form of empty plastic sweet/cracker tubs please do bring them to school to be recycled raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. Head of Outdoor Education Mr Wragg will be taking them to his local GREENE KING establishment, deadline Monday 10 February 2025. More information can be found at Tub2pub.co.uk.



TUB-2-PUB

Leave your plastic tubs
in the School Office

Tubs will be recycled by Greene King pubs, which
in turn raises funds for Macmillan Cancer
Support!

"Tens of millions of plastic tubs containing our festive favourite
treats are sold each year. Following the success of last year's
Tub2Pub collection scheme, we've partnered with co-Cre8 once
again to recycle these empty tubs to help the environment and
raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support." -Greene King Tub-2-Pub
Scheme

Full details at tub2pub.co.uk
Final Collections Monday 10 Feb 2025

Thank You, Mr Wragg
(Head of Outdoor Education)

 GREENE KING
 MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Warm welcome to our new Chemistry Teacher

Please join us in welcoming Ms Patel to the Science Department.

Reminder - Friday Morning Run Club

It's that time of year when people are trying to start new habits and get back in shape. So in the hope of supporting that, a reminder about our weekly run club that happens every Friday morning for staff and pupils. This is open to everyone, you don't have to be a seasoned runner to get involved, in fact you don't even have to run it, but it's an opportunity every week to train at a set time with a good group of people. This [Consent Form](#) will need to be completed prior to participating in first run.

- **When:** Every Friday morning 7.20am arrival for a 7.30am (sharp!) start
- **Where:** Starting and finishing from outside the Senior Boys' reception
- **Distance:** Choose between a 3.5km ([Sheep](#)) or 5km route ([Double Sheep](#))

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.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES & INFORMATION

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Lions Club Swimathon - Sunday 12 January

Please pop along to support our Claires Court swimmers and Maidenhead Lions Swimathon event at [Braywick Leisure Centre \(SL6 1BN\)](#) from 1pm-2pm on Sunday. The event is a fund-raising opportunity for the school and for the Lions Club of Maidenhead. Half of the funds raised will go to the Lions Club of Maidenhead and the other half we will pledge to the school's Ukrainian fund. If you would like to donate money the easiest way to do this is through the [Just Giving page](#) we have set up.

Parent Drugs Talk - Wednesday 15 January

All parents are invited to this informative talk by Bob Tait on Wednesday 15 January, further information can be found in this [letter](#). Pupils in Years 7 and 9 will also be having a talk from Bob Tait earlier during the school day. Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#) by Monday 13 January so we can accommodate numbers accordingly.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Sparx Reader

Please find [information regarding Sparx Reader](#) which was emailed home earlier this week and watch this [series of short videos](#), explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works.

B7 Parents Evening - Wednesday 5 February

SAVE THE DATE Further information to follow.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Sparx Reader

Please find [information regarding Sparx Reader](#) which was emailed home earlier this week and watch this [series of short videos](#), explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works.

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 GCSE Options Form

Reminder that the deadline to submit your son's GCSE Option choices is TODAY. Those who had not submitted it by this morning were emailed a reminder.

B9 Immunisations Consent Form

Please find a shared letter from the Berkshire NHS Immunisation Team who will be at Senior Boys on Wednesday 12 March for Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY & the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) vaccinations. Please complete a YES or NO Consent Form using school code BK110153B at your earliest convenience. You will need your son's NHS number which can be requested here if not known. Further information can be found in the following publications:

- Leaflet for Secondary School Vaccinations
- Meningitis ACWY leaflet
- Teenage 3-in-1 booster

B9 Parents Evening - Thursday 13 February

SAVE THE DATE Further information to follow.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Geography Trip to Margam Park - March 2025

Please find the [Margam Park Geography trip letter](#) taking place 20-22 March 2025, where boys will undertake fieldwork to collect data for their paper 3 Geographical Investigations. The [consent form](#) should be completed and the non-refundable £360 [payment](#) made by Friday 28 February 2025.

Year 10 English Language Mock Exam - Tuesday 11 February

A further English Language mock exam has been scheduled for Year 10 during the morning of Tuesday 11 February.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Reports - Friday 17 January

Year 11 Full Reports will be emailed home to parents on Friday 17 January and will also be available on the [Report Portal](#).

*** NEW DATE * Exam Preparation Evening - 6.30pm Monday 20 January**

Mr Richards will be hosting an online 'Exam Preparation Evening' at 6.30pm on Monday 20 January. The meeting will last approx. 30 minutes and will provide you with information on what to expect in the coming months and how you can support your child's GCSE exam preparation. Please join the MEET with your camera and mic turned off. The meeting will be recorded and shared via the Bulletin for anyone unable to attend.

B11 Coursework Evening (online) - Tuesday 21 January

Parents of selected pupils will be invited to book an online appointment to discuss Art, Design & Technology, Food and/or Music coursework on Tuesday 21 January. These appointments are for those pupils who teachers feel would benefit from additional support with their coursework at this stage. The appointments will be held virtually via schoolcloud and can be booked in advance - if applicable you will receive an email with booking information.

Year 11 English Literature Mock Exam - Tuesday 11 February

A further English Literature mock exam has been scheduled for Year 11 during the afternoon of Tuesday 11 February.

Year 11 GCSE PE Practical Mock Moderation - Friday 14 February

Year 11 GCSE Food Technology Practical Exam

The Food Technology Practical Exams will be taking place on Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 March, and boys have been allocated to one of these three sessions.

Year 11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 19 March

A full Parents Evening will be held in person in school for all pupils and parents, covering all subjects, on Wednesday 19 March.

B11 Subject Drop-in Sessions

Year 11 teachers will be running weekly drop-in sessions according to this [timetable](#), so if your son has any questions that arise from his revision or requires help in these subjects please encourage him to come along and make the most of this resource.

TRIP LETTERS/INFORMATION

Year 10 Cultural French Trip to London - [Letter](#)

Berkshire Book Awards Event - [Letter](#)

Ypres Trip - [slide presentation](#)

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

A reminder about 'Root of the Week' where 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 '**Fac**' meaning '**to make**'
- Example words: manufacture, factory, faction, factorise, benefactor

Fac

Origin: Latin

Meaning: To make

Examples:

Manufacture

Factory

Faction

Factorise

Benefactor

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for a great start to the term:

Hayden D, Oliver N-B, Oliver W, Henry P, Will H, Charlie V, Euan S, Max B, Akhil V.

Scientists of the Week

Year 8 - Monty G and Benedict B for super work on the phases of the moon with the oreos in STEAM

Year 10 - Jack L for an excellent piece of homework on the Group 7 elements

Year 10 - Jackson M, Dylan S, Charlie G and Dylan H for brilliant work on making their AC and DC stop motion videos

GENERAL INFORMATION

Term Time Absence

Please see our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#) noting that absence for holidays is not encouraged during term time and will not normally be authorised for the first or last week of any term. If you do wish the headteacher to review a request please complete the [Request for Term Time Absence Form](#).

Sickness Absence

Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)), by email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com or 01628 327600.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment via email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

Medication

Any medication should be handed into the school accompanied by the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

Illness and Games afternoons

If your son is unable to play sport, he is expected to accompany his year group to games and will be given an alternative role. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses (Medical-CC@clairescourt.net) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter (sic@clairescourt.net).

