



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

14 FEBRUARY 2025 (SPRING TERM WEEK 6)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week: ["Halfway through the academic year, it's Valentine's Day, and a good chance to be positive!"](#)

Thames Hospice (Red/White/Pink) Non-Uniform Day

Thank you so much for supporting our efforts to raise funds for this amazing local [hospice](#). Senior Boys have currently raised £519.30 and still counting! If you have not yet donated, it's not too late, so please do so via the [payment portal](#) thank you.

Invitation to the PTA AGM - Friday 7 March

All parents are invited to attend the PTA AGM at our Junior School on Friday 7 March at 12.30pm with a sandwich lunch and ending at 1.45pm. It is a good chance to see how the PTA supports the school. Please complete this [form](#) if you would like to attend so we can plan for catering.

Friday Morning Run Club - **Parents welcome!**

Friday Morning Run Club invitation extended to all our parents. You don't need to be a seasoned runner to get involved, in fact you don't even have to run it, you can walk! It's a great opportunity every week to train at a set time with a good group of people and Mr Richards would love you to join him!

- **When:** Friday 28 February 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](#))



Nearly New Uniform Plea

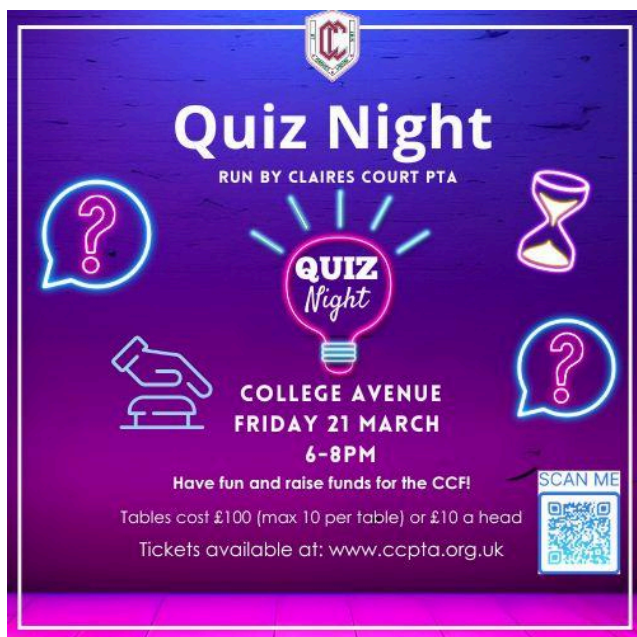
If you have any uniform that your son has grown out of please drop it off at reception for the Nearly New Uniform shop that our fantastic PTA volunteers organise. Please only send in uniform in good condition and CLEAN. You will understand that we cannot accept dirty kit or kit that we cannot sell. If you would like to purchase any uniform, please get in touch with the school office at 01628 327600 or seniorboys@clairescourt.com who can provide you with all the information you need.

ADHD & Autism Support Group Coffee Morning - Friday 14 March

The Croft Clinic are hosting a coffee morning (10am @ Odney Club SL6 9SR) to offer a supportive space for parents to connect, share experiences, and build a strong community with others who understand the unique challenges and joys of raising children with ADHD and Autism. **RSVP by Friday the 7 March** to admin@thecroftclinic.com.

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 21 March - **ALMOST SOLD OUT!!**

We only have a few seats remaining which means you will be joining another group to make up a 'mixed' table of 10 - please double check with the office hcp@clairescourt.net before paying £10 per ticket [here](#). The quiz is in the hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW from 6-8pm. There will be a bar (card payment only) with thanks to the PTA and bring your own food or order food in.



Seniors Spring Concert - Thursday 27 March * **SAVE THE DATE** *

This music concert will be held at College Avenue and further details will be shared in due course.

New, 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

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Study Skills - Tuesday/Wednesday 25/26 February

Selected pupils have been invited to attend a Study Skills session on Tuesday or Wednesday after half term (you would have received a letter from the office yesterday). Boys will need to take their chromebook, pens/highlighter and text/exercise books to the session.

B9 Immunisations - Wednesday 12 March

The Meningococcal ACWY and the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) vaccinations are taking place in school on 12 March for those who have provided YES Consent. Those with missing consent forms would have received an email reminder yesterday. Further information can be found in this [letter](#).

YEAR 10 ONLY

English GCSE Examination - Friday 23 May

Pupils will have received confirmation of their GCSE English Exam from their Form Tutor either this morning or yesterday, so please do check with your son for safe receipt of that. This also contains details of the examination charges that will be added to your end of term invoice.

Year 10-12 Drama Theatre Trip - **payment deadline TODAY!**

A reminder that the deadline for the [Consent Form](#) and £46 non-refundable [payment](#) is today 14 February for the [Y10-12 Drama Theatre Trip](#) to see Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal Windsor on Wednesday 26 February.

Year 10 GCSE Art Pupils V&A Trip - Wednesday 5 March

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Year 10 GCSE Art & Textiles trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum on 5 March. The payment of £18 to cover the cost of travel is available to pay via our [Payment Portal](#) now. Pupils should wear school uniform and will require a nut-free packed lunch, small sketchbook/paper & drawing materials and a small amount of money.

Year 10 Geography Trip - **payment deadline 28 February**

A reminder that the deadline for the [consent form](#) and non-refundable £360 [payment](#) is Friday 28 February 2025 for the [Margam Park Geography trip](#) taking place 20-22 March 2025

YEAR 11 ONLY

GCSE Examination Timetable

Please find the generic written [GCSE examinations timetable](#). Pupils will have received a **personalised individual timetable** from their Form Tutor this morning or yesterday, so please do check with your son for safe receipt of that. This also contains details of the examination charges that will be added to your end of term invoice.

Playworker Programme - application deadline 14 March

Please see information here about the [Playworker Programme](#) which will be running w/c 30 June. Year 11 pupils will have an assembly about the scheme after half term and those interested in applying should complete an [application form](#) by 14 March. Further information about Work Experience w/c 23 and 30 June can be found in this [letter](#).

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Year 11 GCSE Food Technology Practical Exams - 5-7 March

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

*** Save the date ***

B11 GCSE Subject Directory 2024/25

Please find the [Senior Boys GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing the various subjects/exam board/coursework deadlines/exam dates. You will also find a link to the GCSE handbook on the document.

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.

TRIPS INFORMATION

Belgium Choir Tour - October half term

[Belgium Choral Music Tour letter](#) 18 - 21 October for pupils currently in Years 7-12. To secure a place, a non-refundable £350 deposit is required via the [Payment Portal](#) by Monday 3 March.

Ski Trip Information Evening - Thursday 27 February

Mr Carter will be holding an information evening for the Ski Trip in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys school at 6pm on Thursday 27 February.

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 '**Super**' meaning '**Over or Above**'
- Example words: supersonic, supersensitive, superhero, supervisor

Super

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Over or Above

Examples:

Supersonic

Supersensitive

Superhero

Supervisor

Linguists of the Week

In Year 9 and 10 German for excellent result in Common Task 2:

Ben D, Kody H, Toby P, Freddie C, Rushil H, George L, Harrison Mc, Michael OF, Vihaan T, Anton Z, Ben G and Eddie T

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 11 - Henry A, Aarron C, John Ross A, Monty M

Scientists of the Week

Year 11 - Caspar B, Josh C, Nathan D, Niall G, Milan T, Noah F-R, Cameron P, Adam P, Henry A, Tom, James J, Danny J, Oscar L, Zac T, Seb vS, Harry C, John Ross A, Tayte F, Harry L, Oli P-J, Zac P for their incredible hard work and dedication to their past papers and past paper trackers this half term!

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Joel Z (7B)

Year 8 - Rahul M (8A)

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Josh W

Year 8 - Rahul M

Year 9 - Jacob T

Chef's Corner

It has been an incredibly busy, yet extremely fun half-term for all pupils in Food Studies. Years 7 and 8 have been working up an appetite by making their own Healthy Pot Noodle; Chicken Goujons and Breakfast Muffins! The Year 9's have been learning how to chop a variety of fruits and vegetables safely using the 'Claw Grip' and 'Bridge Hold' and designing their own Eatwell Guide Salad. The Year 10's have impressed by making Chocolate Orange Mousse, Potato Dauphinoise, Macaroni Cheese and Portuguese Custard Tarts. The Year 7 afterschool club have also been very successful in making a Salmon, Potato and Leek dish; Lamb Shish with Tahini Yoghurt and French Toast. Great work to all!



A Golfer's Life For Me....

This half-term's golf sessions started with the weather being so cold and wet that the pupils had to be coached inside. They were introduced to club control skills via putting and chipping and were educated about the rules via a fun quiz. They have been rotating around using the range, practicing their short game and learning the practical rules and etiquette which has been really well received.

The boys have been really committed this half-term and interacted with the golf coaches very well and asked lots of questions about how they can improve. It has been fantastic to watch the progress and enthusiasm of the golfers this half-term.



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.

