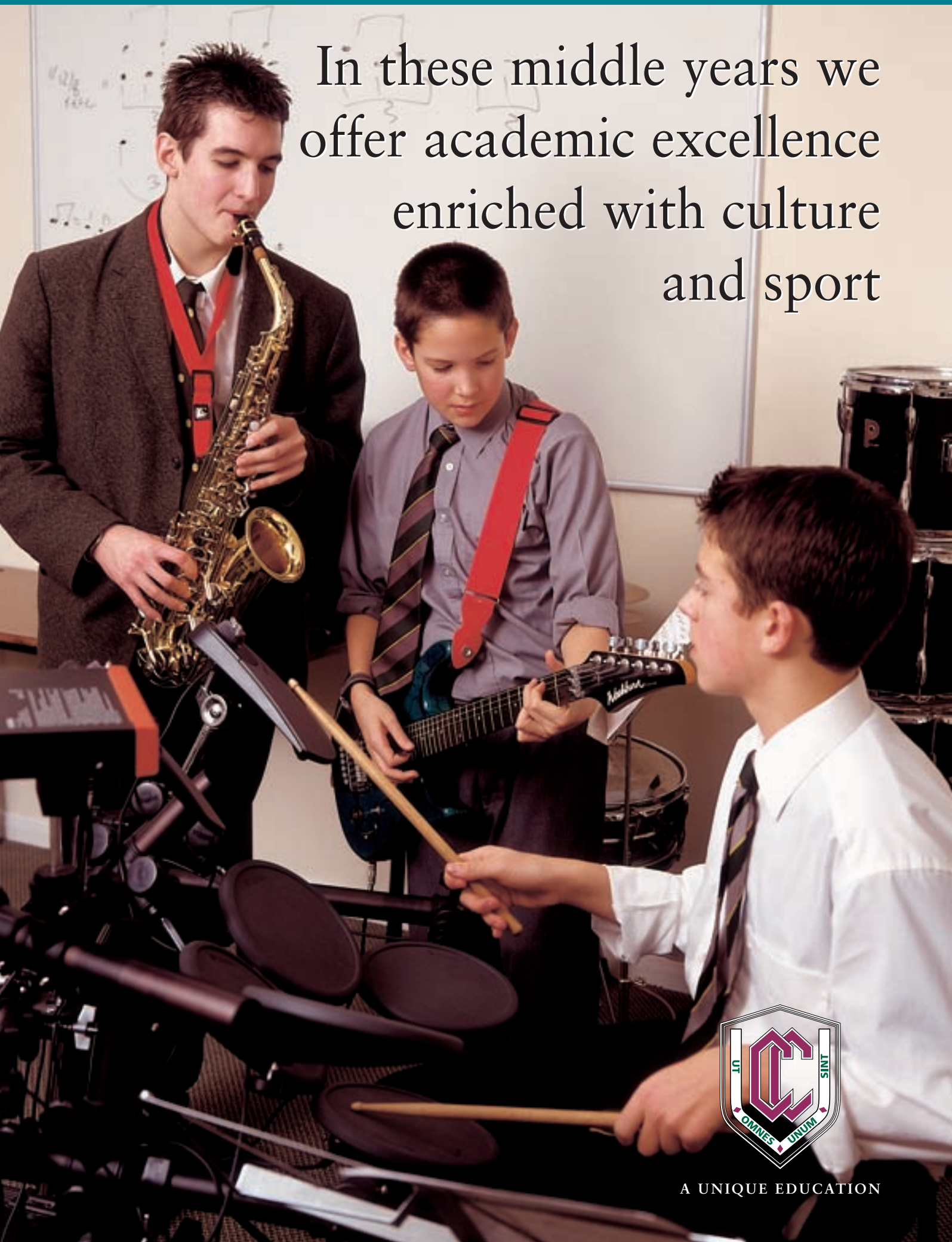


In these middle years we offer academic excellence enriched with culture and sport



A word from our young men...

A competition was held during the production of this prospectus to find out the best and worst things about being at Claires Court – what follows are the selected winning answers.



CRAIG

YEAR GROUP 7 AGE 11

The best thing about Claires Court is...

That I have made lots of new friends, the teachers are all extremely nice and have made me feel comfortable in lessons. BY doing this I have learned an awful lot in just one term. In fact the best thing about this school is that it is perfect for me!

And the worst thing about Claires Court is...

Well I don't think there is anything wrong with this school, it's GREAT!



THOMAS

YEAR GROUP 9 AGE 14

The best thing about Claires Court is...

I love my school because of Art free periods and school trips.

*Great school dinners a la cart
Mr Milner-Smith, and his quips*

*Geography can be really great
As is sailing, with my mates*

And the worst thing about Claires Court is...

*Mr Rayers long assemblies
causes stress and lethargy*

*On the bus an hour a day
leaves me little time to play*

*Chemistry, thats the worst of all
tubes and burners drive me up
the wall*

*Macbeth is a waste of space
and my homework is a hopeless
case*

*This Verse is to read out loud
so my entry stands out from
the crowd.*



BEN

YEAR GROUP 8 AGE 12

The best thing about Claires Court is...

The attention You get from the teacher whether You're good or bad and happy or sad.

And the worst thing about Claires Court is...

ME!! (only joking) and when You haven't done Your homework.

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Welcome to Claires Court



Everything here is geared to developing bright, confident, caring young men who can achieve their full potential – academically, socially, on the playing fields and in the arts.

With just 300 boys aged between 11+ - 16 on the school roll, we are small enough to provide the caring, confidence building atmosphere young men need, and big enough to offer competition and strength of challenge.

Every boy knows he is an important member of our school community and has the opportunity to make a significant contribution to school life.



As part of the Claires Court group of schools we also have the facilities and resources to offer an enormous range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities.

Our teaching staff is committed and enthusiastic and we continue to invest heavily in books, equipment and technological resources.

We encourage a partnership where teachers, parents and pupils work together to ensure achievement and success.

We hope this prospectus gives you a taste of life at Claires Court. You can find out more by visiting our website at www.clairescourt.com.

The best way to experience our caring, confidence-building atmosphere is to come and visit during the working day. Please contact our Registrar on (01628) 411472 to arrange an appointment to visit.

We hope to welcome you and your son soon.

James Wilding, Principal

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Our commitment to your Son

At Claires Court we understand the need for our boys to achieve good academic results – their choice of career may depend on it.

When they move on to their sixth form studies, we expect them to take a clutch of top GCSE grades with them.

We hope they will also leave with other qualities too - good leadership skills, a sense of purpose, reliability, determination, self-belief, consideration for others, some life-long friends and a good dose of common sense.

Everything and everyone at Claires Court is geared toward producing successful, confident, caring young men.

Our Aims

- ◆ *To provide a modern relevant education*
- ◆ *To instil and promote a life-long love of learning*
- ◆ *To equip our boys with a range of life-skills – academic, social, musical, creative and sporting*
- ◆ *To build confidence and self-esteem and prepare our boys for the next steps in their lives*

- ◆ *To promote the spiritual development and moral welfare of each individual*
- ◆ *To generate an understanding of the need for care and consideration for others within our community and the wider world*
- ◆ *To work in partnership with parents and guardians to help our boys achieve their full potential*





Modern and relevant education is our primary aim

Clares Court boys will receive an education that is both enjoyable and purposeful.

Our teaching staff works hard to provide a stimulating learning environment that is both challenging and motivating. Our boys have

access to the best facilities and resources available.

The School has been considerably extended to provide specialist classrooms for all secondary subjects.

These include purpose-built laboratories for the sciences

and information technology and studio workshops in art, design and technology. Boys are encouraged to develop their talents in all areas of school life – in sport, music, art and drama as well as the academic disciplines.



They are also encouraged to take advantage of the superb range of activities, outings and residential trips that we make available.

We keep a close eye on the boys' development and keep parents closely informed of their son's progress.

Key Stage 3 – Year 7 to Year 9

On joining Year 7 at Claires Court all boys should have a good grasp of the primary skills.

To ensure that everyone is learning at an appropriate level, we set the boys in English, Mathematics and French.

We offer a broad course of study to ensure the boys will have a wide range of subject choices in the run up to their GCSE years. This includes a number of languages, including German, Spanish and Latin. We also introduce learning methods, study techniques and thinking skills. At this stage, there are plenty of opportunities to work collaboratively with the girls at The College.

The timetable includes music, drama and P.E. and we provide a wide range of materials and techniques for the boys to use in art and in design and technology.

Boys make extensive use of our well-equipped Information Technology centre, both during and outside of class time.





In addition to a wide range of activities we organise cultural, language and sporting trips to Europe and beyond.

There are opportunities for boys to take part in outward-bound activities as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award group and our sports teams tour widely.

GCSE/Key Stage 4 – Years 10 & 11

Particular care is taken when boys select their final GCSE courses to ensure as many options as possible are kept open. Most boys will take 9 or 10 GCSEs including core subjects: English, Mathematics, Modern Languages and the Sciences. They also select from a wide range of optional



subjects which can include: Art, Business Studies, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, Latin, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies and Technology.

Good career guidance is crucial at this stage and is covered explicitly in the final three years of senior school.

This will include lessons, conventions, visits and counselling as well as the opportunity to be involved in work experience programmes.

Most boys progress to our Sixth Form when they complete their GCSEs. During their

final year of study we liaise closely with boys and parents to ensure that the most appropriate choices are made prior to selecting sixth form courses and destinations.





Developing fitness, leadership, competition and a sense of fun

Claires Court has a fine sporting tradition and all our boys are encouraged to take part to the best of their ability.

Our sporting structure offers many opportunities for boys to excel or just to enjoy themselves.

Sport is available to boys at least twice a week – and for those with a particular talent or who play for one of the teams there are additional training sessions.

All boys have the chance to try out and learn our major games – rugby, soccer, cricket, athletics, rowing and sailing.

The physical education programme includes: badminton, basketball, golf, handball, hockey, skiing, snowboarding, squash, tennis and volleyball.

Most of these activities take place in our fully equipped sports hall, on the adjacent all weather surface area or on our extensive playing fields at Taplow.

Play to Win

Claires Court has an excellent sporting record. We coach to a national standard and every year a number of our boys are

picked to represent their country, region and county at rugby, cricket, tennis, athletics and rowing. We compete regularly against other schools





in all the major games and within the School we encourage friendly house competition.

Sport for all

Not all our boys are destined to be sports stars – but



everyone is given the opportunity to take part at a level that suits them.

Sport teaches valuable life-lessons – about teamwork, tactical awareness, leadership and achievement. It will also

help build undying friendships and a sense of team spirit.

More than that we hope your son will develop a life-long love of sport that will keep him fit and healthy in a competitive world.





Creativity and Expression – key skills for life

The creative arts play a very important role at Claires Court.

Music

Music enjoys a high profile and most of our boys take advantage of the extensive instrument tuition available.

We work closely with our musicians at The College and our choral and musical groups participate in a number of external concerts with other schools and organisations.

In addition to the school orchestra and choir, both



much in demand locally, boys can also channel their musical talents into our various traditional, jazz and rock ensembles. All pupils have the chance to study for the

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music grade exams.

Drama

As with music, we encourage boys to participate in drama either for enjoyment or more seriously as an academic discipline.





We put on a range of productions each year from big shows to improvisation pieces. The School has its own lighting rig and sound equipment which boys learn to use.



Whether on stage or behind the scenes, our productions give the boys a tremendous sense of achievement and

work wonders on their self-confidence and self-reliance.

Activities

There is more to life than schoolwork. We work hard to achieve academic success but it is important that this is balanced with other interests and hobbies.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular and after-school activities to encourage the boys to find out what they enjoy and what interests them. Among the most popular are art and design clubs, chess, computing, electronics, science club and Duke of Edinburgh Award.

