



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 3

FROM THE OFFICE

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend/"Star Wars Day!"

St Luke's Church 'A Celebration of Music and Flowers'

St Luke's Church
Maidenhead

A Celebration of Music and Flowers

Saturday 13 June

- **Church open 10.00am - 4.00pm:** for visitors to enjoy the floral displays and ad-hoc music performances.
- **7.30pm - Dryads Duo:** Piano and violin recital, £12 per ticket with wine and nibbles available in the interval

Sunday 14 June

- **10am - Parish communion:** family service, with St Luke's School performing their favourite song
- **3.30pm - It's us 2:** Summer jazz duo, £10 per ticket, with afternoon cream tea
- **6pm - Songs of praise:** Pick your favourite hymn for us all to sing

All are welcome.

St Luke's are planning a weekend of Music and Flowers Festival, as a celebration they would like to invite you to share the weekend with them. Please find [further details here](#).

PTA Summer Fete- Saturday 20 June



Bring the whole family for inflatable madness, artisan stalls, and a Pimms tent from 12pm–4pm. Advance family tickets are a steal at just £12—grab yours now at ccpta.org.uk

PTA Summer Party - Saturday 27 June



Dust off your "Summer Sophistication" attire for a night of nibbles and a live disco from 6pm until late at the Juniors. Tickets are £45 for an evening of effortless elegance—don't miss out! Book your tickets [here](#)

Parking Plea



Some of our neighbours have noted that a number of parents are consistently parking on the yellow lines opposite the school and on the bend. We have seen the traffic wardens on patrol again this week and they will issue tickets.

Charged Chromebooks

We kindly ask that you remind your daughter to charge her Chromebook at home each evening, just as she would her phone, so that she arrives at school fully prepared for learning. Unfortunately, we do not have enough spare chargers to provide to all students, and our capacity to charge devices on-site is very limited. At present, we are unable to accommodate the growing number of charging requests during the school day. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that all students are ready to learn.

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 sale dates at Senior Girls:

- **11 May**
- **1 June**

The PTA needs volunteers for their Monday morning sales. If you can help for an hour, please contact seniorgirls@clairescourt.com and we will inform the PTA.

School Uniform Donations

If you have any outgrown good quality school uniform you wish to donate to the PTA for their nearly new sales please drop off at the school office - **blazers and skirts** are always in demand. Thank you.

Claire's Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#) - available to all our parents. 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. With the current situation in the Middle East please take a look at this Special Report on [Discussing War and Conflict](#) which may help in any conversations you have with your children and this [KEYpoint factsheet](#).

Rewards and Sanctions email

Your daughter's Form Tutor sends out weekly emails detailing any rewards and sanctions she has received. Should you not receive this communication, please check your junk or spam folder and ensure the tutor's email address is added to your 'safe sender' list.

School Closure Policy

A reminder that if school is closed due to weather conditions or any other reason, an announcement will be posted on our website, so please check there as your main source of information. Depending on the circumstances for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communications will be sent directly from Vectare regarding coach operation.

News, 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 and Facebook plus photo albums from [Flickr](#) which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

ALL YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

Calendar

Please see our website [calendar](#) for this term's dates, which will be updated when new events and dates are confirmed.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Compass Award

Please find information about the [Compass Award](#), a programme designed to help ensure that every pupil leaves school with the practical skills, confidence, and independence needed for adult life and future success. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your daughter to take part over the summer term and further details can be found in your daughter's form group Google Classroom.

Language Choice for Year 8 - deadline to complete form 7 May

Having studied a range of Modern Foreign Languages so far at Claires Court, pupils now need to select the one language they wish to continue studying in Year 8, that being French, German or Spanish. When making this decision, we encourage pupils to think about which language they have most enjoyed so far, where they feel most confident, and which they are keen to develop further over the coming years. A positive attitude and enthusiasm for the subject are key factors in success. The Options Form was emailed home on 30 April and needs to be completed by Thursday 7 May.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Parents Evening - Tuesday 12 May 6pm-8pm ***SAVE THE DATE***

- 5 minute appointments available with parents able to see **ALL** of their daughter's subject teachers.
- Parents can begin making appointments via [Schoolcloud](#) from **6pm** on **Tuesday 5 May** and will close midday Tuesday 12 May. Please remember to use your daughter's full name, not a nickname or shortened version, when booking.
- A [parent booking guide is available here](#).
- As teachers will be in different rooms, please allow 5 minutes travel time between appointments. Please find a [rooming map here](#) which will help with making your appointments. Copies will be available on the 'sign in desk' upon arrival.

Change of Date/Venue: Year 8 Performance Evening - now Thursday 25 June and **NOT** Tuesday 30 June and is at College Avenue, SL6 6AW not Senior Boys as communicated in the end of term letter. Further details to follow.

HPV Vaccinations - Friday 3 July ***SAVE THE DATE***

The [NHS Berkshire Immunisation Team](#) will be visiting Claires Court Senior Girls on Friday 3 July to administer the HPV vaccine.

Please complete:

YES/NO [Consent Form](#)

You will also need the school code **BK110153G**

Further information about the HPV vaccine can be found on the [NHS website](#).

YEAR 9 ONLY

Year 9 Legoland Trip - Tuesday 19 May ***SAVE THE DATE***

Please find the Year 9 Legoland Trip letter taking place on Tuesday 19 May noting the following....

- Claires Court PE kit to be worn
- Arrive at usual school at normal time
- Return time **4.45pm** for collection on onward coach travel home
- Nut free packed lunch and water bottle required
- Waterproof jacket **or** sun cream (weather dependent)

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

Please find the proposed [Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable](#) for the summer term.

English Language IGCSE Revision Booklet

With the IGCSE English Examination fast approaching it is vital that pupils are organising their revision time effectively. Please find a [Revision Booklet](#) which has also been shared with Year 10 pupils to guide them in the best practical use of their time. Revision should be active, specific, visual and not easy. May we kindly ask you to discuss this with your daughter and support her with her revision in preparation for Thursday 21 May.

Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) that you kindly read this carefully as it contains important information that you will need to know for the GCSE Examination period. Please keep a copy for future reference as any questions you may have are likely to have the answers contained within.

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

Please find the proposed [Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable](#) for the summer term taking place 17 - 25 June, excluding Wednesday 24 June.

YEAR 11 ONLY



We would like to wish our Year 11s all the best for their forthcoming exams. "Stay focused, breathe, and trust in your hard work."



Year 11 Celebration Assembly

We trust that you and your daughter enjoyed today's assembly, where happy memories and, no doubt, a few tears were shared by everyone.



Study Leave

Please see the study leave forms below (these will be listed here each week for parents to complete):

[Study Leave Form for w/c 5 May here](#) - this should have been completed by midday today, Friday 1 May.

[Study Leave Form for w/c 11 May here](#) - to be completed by **midday Friday 8 May**.

If your plans for the week change after submitting the form please edit your responses if it's before the midday deadline otherwise please let the office know by emailing seniorgirls@clairescourt.com so we can make changes as required. Please ensure your daughter knows that leaving school is not permitted if you have indicated that she will be revising at school. If we are expecting her to be in a study room and she is not present we will send an email home to inform you so that you are aware and can follow it up with her. **For safeguarding purposes, all girls should sign out at Reception when they leave school.**

Reminders

- Tuesday 5 May - Study Leave commences/MFL Oral Exam German Language
- Thursday 7 May - Written GCSE Examinations commence
- Tuesday 23 June - Thorpe Park Trip
- Wednesday 24 June - GCSE Contingency Day/[Year 11 Prom](#)
- w/c 29 June - Work Experience week 1 including Young Leaders in the Workplace
- w/c 6 July - Work Experience week 2
- Tuesday 7 July - Year 12 Induction Day
- Thursday 9 July - Deadline to return chromebook/power lead
- Thursday 20 August - GCSE results day & Sixth Form Registration
- Wednesday 9 September - Sixth Form Induction
- Thursday 10 September - Autumn Term commences

Year 11 Prom - **deadline to purchase tickets 1 May**

The [Year 11 Prom](#) will be held at Moor Hall in Cookham (SL6 9QH) on Wednesday 24 June. Tickets are priced £25 and are now 'bookable' via the [Payment Portal](#). The **deadline to purchase tickets is Friday 1 May**, so ensure payment is received by then. Parents are invited to a drinks reception on arrival at 6.30pm. After parents depart at 7.30pm there will be dinner and a disco for pupils. Carriages 10pm, but no earlier than 9pm please.



Examination Dates & Booklet

Please find a generic copy of the [GCSE Written Examination Timetable](#) noting that all pupils need to be available all day for Contingency Day on Wednesday 24 June.

Please also find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) which we kindly ask that you read carefully as it contains important information that you will need to know for the GCSE Examination period. Please keep a copy for future reference as any questions you may have are likely to be answered within.

Year 11 Useful Links

[Revision Calendar Template](#)

[GCSE Subject Directory](#)

[Claire's Court GCSE handbook](#)

[Work Experience letter](#)

[GCSE Support Clinics](#)

TRIP INFORMATION

Residential Trips Brochure

The 2025- 2026 Residential Trips Brochure is now available to [view](#). As and when trips become available to book, an email letter will be sent containing all the details you need to know.

Bronze DofE Training Expeditions

Please find shared the [Bronze DofE Canoe letter](#) for the training expedition taking place 9-10 May.

Claire's Court Combined Cadet Force Letters

For our Y9-13 CCF Cadets Only

CCF Annual Camp 'Exercise Southern Fire' 21-26 June*

Please find an att'd [letter](#) emailed home to parents yesterday of our current Y9-13 CCF Cadets - the deadline for the payment via the Payment Portal of £50 is **Wednesday 25 March**.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Welcome to [May](#)



What do you know about May? Can you find out any other facts?

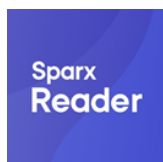
Root of the Week... 'Cide' meaning 'to kill'.

An infographic titled 'Root of the Week' with a green background and school crests. It features the word 'Cide' in red, its origin as Latin, its meaning as 'To kill', and a list of examples: Pesticide, Homicide, Suicide, and Genocide.

Cide Origin: Latin Meaning: To kill	Examples: Pesticide Homicide Suicide Genocide
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 27 April

Year 7: Amelie W

Year 8: Clodagh E

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 27 April

Year 7: Evelyn E

Year 8: Harmony C-T

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your daughter 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 seniorgirls@clairescourt.net
3. Telephone to 01628 327500

Other absences during term time will need to be requested using the [Term Time Absence Request Form](#). 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](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Claires Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

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