



**CLAIRES COURT**  
**SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 6 March 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 9**

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Fifty Years and Counting: Leadership, Management and Teaching Through The Ages - A Precipitous Journey"](#)

## **LTC Announcement**

On Monday, 23 February, we announced that Claives Court has joined the LTC Education Group (LTCEG), the education arm of the Licensed Trade Charity.

This partnership represents a proactive and forward-looking step, carefully planned to safeguard our school's legacy and ensure that Claives Court continues to flourish for both current and future pupils.

The school will retain its name, ethos and traditions, and the day-to-day life of our pupils remains unchanged, supported by the familiar staff and pastoral structures that our families value so highly.

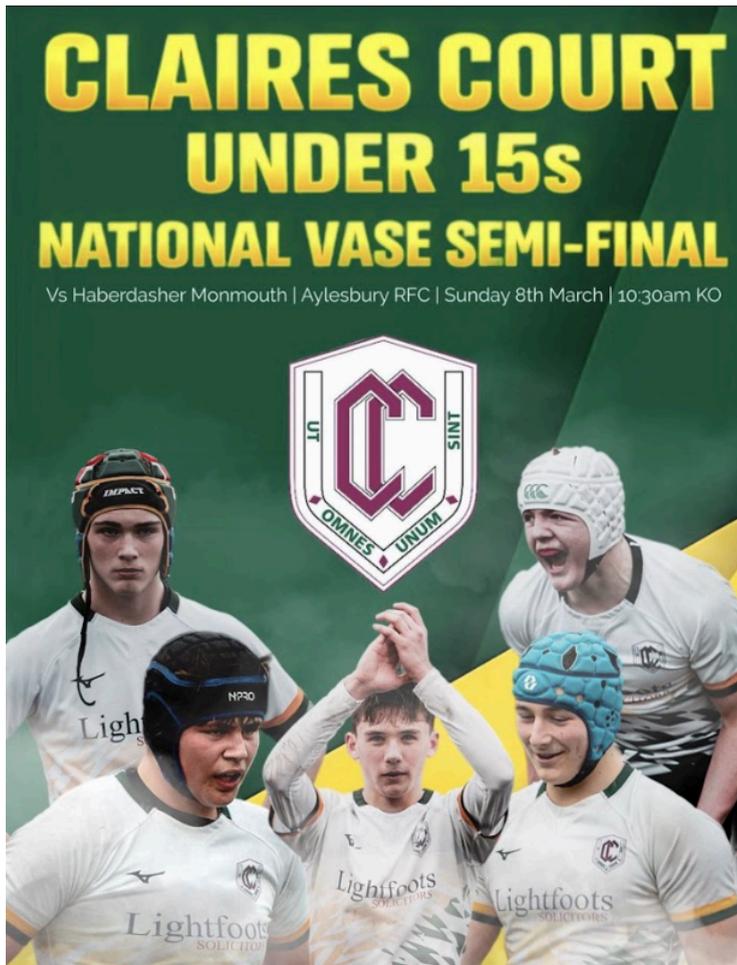
By joining LTCEG, we are strengthening our foundations and creating new opportunities for future investment in facilities, ensuring that Claives Court continues to thrive for generations to come.

If you were unable to join us on Wednesday evening to hear from James Wilding, Principal, and Christine Cunniffe, Executive Principal, you can watch a recording of the event on our YouTube channel via the link [here](#).

Please also see [here](#) for the most up to date FAQ document for detailed information regarding the transition. If you have further questions, please direct them to [parents@ltceducationgroup.org.uk](mailto:parents@ltceducationgroup.org.uk).

## **U15 National Vase Semi-Final - Sunday 8 March**

The U15 National Vase Semi-Final game against Haberdashers Monmouth is this Sunday at Aylesbury RFC (HP225RN) and kicks off at 10.30am. Anyone that is interested is welcome to come and watch and it will also be live streamed via the RFU YouTube Channel - [Claives Court V Haberdashers](#).



## FROM THE OFFICE

### Activities Booking - Opens Monday 9 March

Booking of activities opens 9am Monday 9 March but the activities are now visible on our [webpage](#). Please note that bookings will close on Monday 16 March. Parents will require their Report Portal login details in order to book their child into activities, and will need to select something for after school each day of the week Monday through to Friday whether that be an activity, study or going home. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here:

### Activities Guide.

### Charity Week w/c 16 March

Pupils across all year groups will be taking part in our annual Charity Week the week commencing 16 March. Please send your daughter into school with loose change to support this initiative and raise valuable funds for [Thames Hospice](#) with the following activities taking place throughout the week:

**Monday 16 March** Lunchtime: Year 7 - Games and Bake Sale

**Tuesday 17 March:** Year 8 - [Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk](#)

**Wednesday 18 March:** Year 10 - Charity Netball Match vs. Senior Girls

**Thursday 19 March** Lunchtime: Year 7-11 'Dance-a-thon' all can get involved for £2

**Friday 20 March** Lunchtime: Year 8 - Bake Sales and Year 10 'Easter Egg Raffle'

**Junior Bake off - applications open until 15 March**

Applications are now open for the 12th series of Junior Bake Off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent! Young budding bakers between 9-15 years old can apply here - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk). Applications close 15 March, with filming taking place from July 2026.



### **PTA Summer Party - 27 June 2026 \*SAVE THE DATE\***

The PTA Summer Party date has now been confirmed as Saturday 27 June in the grounds of the Junior School. Further details will follow in due course.

### **Clares Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE**

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Clares 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](#).

### **School Closure Communication**

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 here as your main source of information. Depending on the circumstances for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communication about coach operation will be sent directly from Vectare to all coach users.

### **Calendar**

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

### **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

### Message from the PE Department PE and Games Lessons

Pupils are **not** permitted to wear jewellery for PE and Games lessons in line with the Association for PE guidance, this includes earrings. Earrings cannot be taped as this does not prevent injury to them or others. Therefore we ask that you please schedule any ear piercings at the start of the Summer holidays so that your daughter has the appropriate 6 week period to allow them to heal before removing them for lessons. Thank you in advance.

### Non Uniform Day - Thursday 12 March



All staff and pupils are invited to wear non uniform for a **£2 donation** in support of [International Women's Day 2026](#) who this year are celebrating 115 years (1911-2026). The £2 donation can be paid directly in cash to the form tutor on the day or via our Payment Portal as from **Monday 2 March** through to **Friday 13 March**. Thank you in advance for help supporting this worthy cause.

### Spring Concert - Joint Selected Seniors and Sixth Form Pupils Wednesday 18 March

For those parents whose child is participating in this event please don't forget to complete the Google form emailed home earlier this week by Friday 13 March so we have an idea on numbers for hall capacity and refreshments. Thank you.

### Tuesday 28 April - Whole School Photo **\*SAVE THE DATE\***

Tempest School Photography will be in to take the whole senior girls school photo at 11.30am-12.30pm. Please can all the girls (Y7-11) wear full school uniform including blazers, bring in a hairbrush for neat, tidy hair (long hair to be tied back off the face).

We will inform parents when the photo is available to view/order.

### 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 two sale dates at Senior Girls:

- **20 April 2026**
- **11 May 2026**

Our PTA is looking for volunteers to help at their sales on a Monday morning. If you have an hour to spare, please contact the office [seniorgirls@clairescourt.com](mailto:seniorgirls@clairescourt.com), and we can then let the PTA know.

**School Uniform Donations** - The PTA would welcome any donations of good quality uniform for their nearly new sales - blazers and skirts are always in demand - please feel free to drop off at the school office. Thank you.

### **Rewards and Sanctions email**

You should have received an email from your daughter's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your daughter has received in the last seven days. If you did not receive this, please check in your junk/spam folder and add the tutor's email address to your 'safe sender' list.

### **Well done to our Gymnastics Squad!**

Congratulations to all the girls who represented Claires Court last Sunday in Southampton at 'Southern Region Sports ACRO Competition' where the pairs won silver and bronze medals. Thank you to Mrs Young and the team for all their hard work.



### **YEAR 7 ONLY**

#### **Year 7 Dorney Court - Tuesday 10 March**

Please find the Year 7 Dorney Court History Trip letter. As this trip takes place during the school day pupils should arrive at school at the normal time wearing school tracksuit and will need the following:

- rainproof coat
- nut-free packed lunch and drinks

### **Year 7 Science Fair - Friday 13 March**

Parents are invited to our inaugural Claires Court Year 7 Science Fair hosted at the Senior Boys Science Department (SL6 8TE) from 3.30pm, further information can be found in this [letter](#). Please complete this [form](#) **by today 6 March** to indicate whether you plan to attend and whether you will pick your daughter up from the Senior Boys school or Senior Girls. Unfortunately there is no parking at Senior Boys, so please park considerately for our neighbours on the surrounding roads.

### **YEAR 8 ONLY**

#### **Year 8 Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk - Tuesday 17 March**

Year 8 will be embarking on a Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk as part of Charity Week taking place in the afternoon of Tuesday 17 March. The theme is 'Superheroes' and they will be raising money for the [Thames Hospice](#). Pupils should arrive at school in uniform and change into their outfits at lunchtime, bringing with them water and any healthy snacks they might want for the walk. The deadline to hand in sponsorship money is the end of term, so **by Wednesday 25 March**, preferably via the [Payment Portal](#) or alternatively in cash to Form Tutors.

### **YEAR 10 ONLY**

#### **Year 10 GCSE German Pupils only!**

#### **German Day 'Goethe Institute', London - Thursday 23 April**

Please find att'd [letter here](#) which was emailed home yesterday to parents whose child is studying GCSE German. The cost of the trip is £35 and is available to pay via our [Payment Portal](#) by Monday 9 March please.

#### **Exam Regulations Booklet**

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) handed out to the Year 10 girls this afternoon. Please 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.

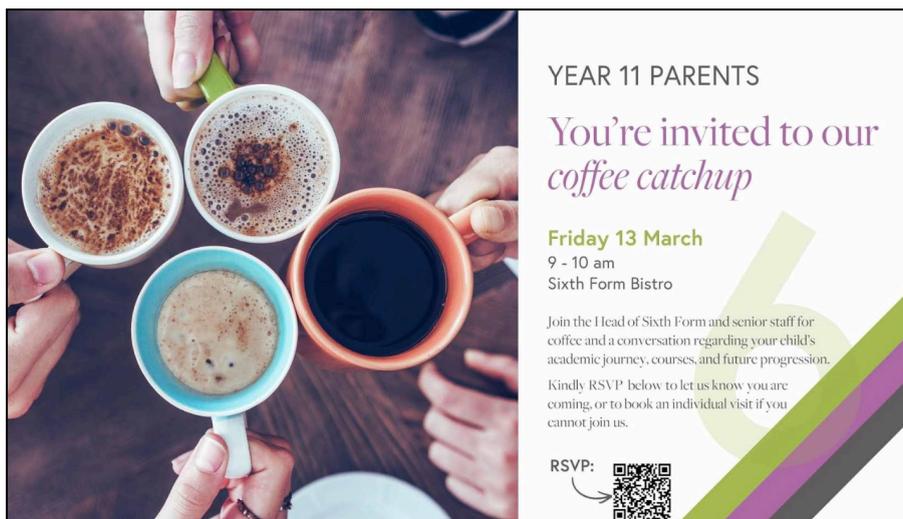
### **YEAR 11 ONLY**

#### **Year 11 Fun & Formal Photographs - Wednesday 11 March**

Please save the date and ensure your daughter is in school and looking her best in smart uniform (including blazer), neat hair (tied back if long), polished shoes etc. on Wednesday 11 March for her Form Group and Year 11 photographs which will take place during form time 8.50am-9.10am. The photographs will be available to purchase and ordering details will be shared afterwards.

#### **Year 11 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March**

Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#).



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### **Practical Examination Dates are shown below:**

- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams French & Spanish starting 1.20pm
- 5 May - MFL Speaking Exam German starting at 1.40pm
- TBC - PE

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday 23 June - Thorpe Park Trip  
Wednesday 24 June - Year 11 Prom

### **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.

#### **Ski Trip - 28 March - 4 April**

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from the Ski Trip Information Evening. If there are any changes to times/plans etc. these slides will be updated

accordingly.

### **Turkey Watersports Trip - 20-27 October 2026**

A few spaces have become available on our October half term watersports trip to Turkey. Please find a copy of the [original letter](#) sent out in September. If you would like any further information or if your child is interested in participating please contact the Outdoor Education team via [outdoored@clairescourt.net](mailto:outdoored@clairescourt.net). For those already booked on the trip the payment schedule can be found in the [second letter](#).

### **Margam Park Geography Trip - 19-21 March**

Please find the [final Margam Park letter](#) containing information about itinerary including departure/collection details, kit list, emergency contact number, mobile phones etc. noting the following requirements:

- Pay final £185 via [Payment Portal](#) by **1 March**
- Sign [UK Residential Trip Ground Rules](#)
- Complete Administration of Medicine Form and hand it into the school nurse **by Wednesday 11 March**

### **Hazewinkel Rowing Camp, 26 March - 2 April**

Please find the [final letter](#) for Hazewinkel Rowing Camp containing departure/return details, kit list, money/food requirements etc. noting the following actions required of you **by Tuesday 17 March please:**

- Completion of [Consent Form](#)
- Final Payment of £375 via [Payment Portal](#)
- Print [document](#) to sign by hand & return
- Sign up to Ground Rules included in [letter](#)
- Check medical details are up-to-date

### **Spanish Trip - 17-20 October 2026**

Now open to all pupils currently in Years 9 and 10, please find the [Spanish Trip letter](#) taking place in October Half Term. Places are confirmed by payment of a £300 non-refundable deposit via the Parent [Payment Portal](#) and completion of the [Consent Form](#) **by Friday 27 February**. If oversubscribed places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **French Trip - 17-20 October 2026**

Please find the [Paris Trip letter](#) taking place in October half term open to pupils currently in Years 9 and 10. To secure your place please pay the £300 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete [Consent Form](#) which was requested **by Monday 2 March**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be offered on a first come first served basis and students in KS4 from September 2026 will be prioritised.

## **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION**



Welcome to [March](#)

## Root of the Week..... 'PHON' meaning 'SOUND'

<h1>Phon</h1> <p><b>Origin:</b> Greek</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> Sound</p>	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <p>Phonic</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Phonics</p> <p>Microphone</p> <p>Cacophony</p>
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**Well done to all the girls named below this week!**

### Linguist of the Week

**w/c 2 March 2026**

Year 7: FRENCH: Isabella M *"For producing a beautiful poster in French about likes and dislikes"*.

Year 7: SPANISH: Kaliyaani M *"Showing great enthusiasm for Spanish and making good progress"*.

Year 8: GERMAN: Ellie G: *"Great result in the Common Task and a very positive attitude to German"*.

### Scientists of the Week

**w/c 2 March 2026**

Year 7: Amelia W and Isabella M *"for a fabulous Q and A on Mass and Weight"*

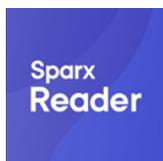
Year 8: Peyton R *"for an incredible presentation on the gas exchange in Axolotls"*

Year 9: Jenny B and Darcy B *"What a fantastic poster on Transport in Cells"*

Year 10: Josie G *"for a great Root Tip Squash practical"*

Year 11: Maisie J *"for an excellent graph on pollution"*

### Sparx Reader of the Week



**w/c 2 March 2026**

Year 7: Sophia D

Year 8: Molly K

### Accelerated Reader of the Week



**w/c 2 March 2026**

Year 7: Sophie N  
Year 8: Harmony C-T  
Year 9: Ellie H

## **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](mailto: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](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

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