



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

6 MARCH (SPRING TERM WEEK 8)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

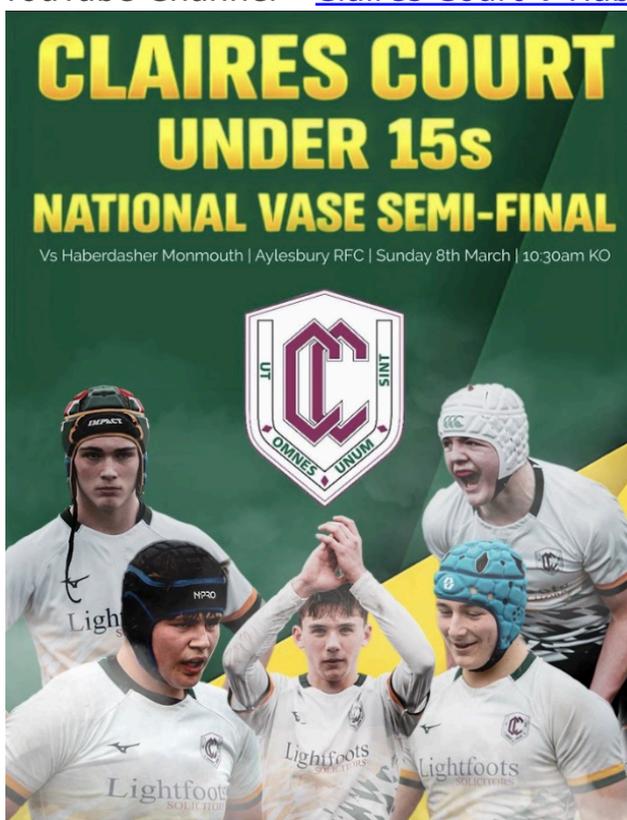
Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Fifty Years and Counting: Leadership, Management and Teaching Through The Ages - A Precipis"](#)

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**.

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 - [Claire's Court V Haberdashers](#).



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 son 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:

- Year 7 - Cake sales
- Year 8 - [Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk](#) (Tuesday 17 March)
- Year 9 - [Sponsored Rowathon](#) (Monday 16 March)
- Year 10 - Charity Netball Match vs. Senior Girls (Wednesday 18 March)
- Year 11 - Raffle

Does your Child Suffer with Hayfever?

Hayfever medication should be commenced at least 2-4 weeks before your symptoms usually begin to achieve maximum effectiveness. For most people this means starting treatment in early Spring (March). Using medication before coming into contact with pollen helps stop the release of histamine, which triggers the symptoms. Hayfever, if poorly controlled, can be very disruptive to your child's day, especially for Year 11's sitting their GCSE's. Timing to consider:

- Tree Pollen: start early March
- Grass Pollen: start mid-March - April

Please ensure your child takes their chosen medication every day before school. Thank you for your help.

Tub-to-Pub Results are in!

Thank you to everyone who donated tubs to this year's collection. We are pleased to inform you that we collected an incredible **416 tubs** in total across our three school sites! That's amazing considering last year we collected 127. A special mention to Max H in 6C who collected over 150 tubs from his local village! Well done Max!

And now the statistics you never knew you needed! Tub totals by type: Heroes 125, Celebrations 113, Quality Street 104, Roses 40, Swizzles 16, Haribo 13, Family Circle 2, Jacobs 2, Halloween Sweets 1. So Heroes, living up to their name, the most popular Christmas confectionery amongst the Claires Court family! Most importantly, not only does this mean 416 tubs not heading for landfill, 100% of the funds raised by the Greene King Tub-2-Pub collections will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.



LTC Announcement

On Monday, 23 February, we announced that Claires 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 Claires 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 Claires 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.

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. Applications close 15 March, with filming taking place from July 2026.



Claires Court SchoolTV

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claires Court SchoolTV](#) - available to all our parents. 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 [KEYpoints factsheet](#).

Rewards and Sanctions email

You should have received an email from your son's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your son 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.

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 FORTHCOMING DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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

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](#) #IWD2026 #GiveToGain. IWD has been around for over a hundred years, as have many of the issues still impacting women's advancements. Please support this cause by making a £2 donation via the [Payment Portal](#) (from Monday 2 March through to Friday 13 March) or in cash on the day to the form tutor.



Seniors Spring Concert - Wednesday 18 March

For those parents whose child is participating in this event please don't forget to complete the [Google form](#) by Friday 13 March so we have an idea on numbers for hall capacity and refreshments.

YEARS 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:

- rain proof 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 Friday 6 March** to indicate whether you plan to attend. 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 9 ONLY

B9 Sponsored Rowathon - Monday 16 March

On Monday 16 March Year 9 will be doing a Sponsored Rowathon for Charity Week and this will take the place in their games afternoon. A sponsorship form is contained in the letter and they will be raising money for the Thames Hospice. 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

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 son and support him with his revision in preparation for the 21 May.

Exam Regulations Booklet

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

German Day Goethe Institute - Thursday 23 April

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Year 10 GCSE German Language trip to London on Thursday 23 April. The cost of the trip is £35 and is available to pay via our [Payment Portal](#) by Monday 9 March please.

YEAR 11 ONLY

GCSE Examination Dates & Regulations 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. Confirmed dates for the Practical Examinations are:

- 5/6 March - Food Practical Exam
- 12 March - Drama Practical Exam
- 22 April P2/3 - MFL Speaking Exams (German & French)
- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- 24 April P4/5 - MFL Speaking Exams (Spanish & French)
- TBC - PE

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 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March

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



YEAR 11 PARENTS

You're invited to our
coffee catchup

Friday 13 March
9 - 10 am
Sixth Form Bistro

Join the Head of Sixth Form and senior staff for coffee and a conversation regarding your child's academic journey, courses, and future progression.

Kindly RSVP below to let us know you are coming, or to book an individual visit if you cannot join us.

RSVP: 

Form and Year Group Photographs - Friday 20 March

Please save the date and ensure your son is in school and looking his best in smart uniform (with tie!), neat hair, polished shoes etc. on Friday 20 March for his Form Group and Year 11 photographs. The photographs will be available to purchase and ordering details will be shared afterwards.

Year 11 Useful Links

[Revision Calendar Template](#)

[GCSE Subject Directory](#)

[Claire's Court GCSE handbook](#)

[Work Experience letter](#)

Year 11 Drop-In Timetable

B11 Subject Drop-In TT 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	*Art (1-1.30, Rm17) D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) English (1-1.30, Rm4) German (1-1.30, Rm20) RS (1-1.30, Rm18)	Art (1-1.30, Rm17) Biology (1-1.30, Rm10) Business (12:50-1.10, Rm2) D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) Drama (1-1.30, Rm29) Geography (1-1.30, Rm7) Maths sets 1&2 (Rm1) Spanish (1-1.30, Rm21)	Drama (1-1.30, Rm29) Food (1-1.30, Rm30) PE (1-1.35, Rm3)	D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) French (1-1.30, Rm22) Maths - all sets (1-1.30, Rm1) *Music (1-1.30, Rm28) Physics (1-1.30, Rm12)	Art (1-1.30, Rm17) *D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) Food (1-1.30, Rm30) *History (1-1.30, Rm19) *ICT (1-1.30, Rm16) *PE (1-1.35, Rm3)
After school 4.15-5.15	*English (Library) History (Rm19) Music (Rm28) Physics (Rm 12) RS (Rm 18)	Art (Rm17) Chemistry (Rm9) Drama (Rm29) *French (Rm22) Maths sets 3&4 (Rm8) Physics (Rm 12) RS (Rm F14 at SG)	*Business (POD) *Food (Rm30) *German (Rm20) Physics (Rm 12)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Rm12) *Spanish (Rm7)	

TRIP INFORMATION

Ski Trip - 28 March - 4 April

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from the Ski Trip Information Evening last week. 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. 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](#) 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

Root of the Week

In our 'Root of the Week', 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 '**phon**' meaning '**sound**'
- Example words include '**phonics**' and '**microphone**'

Phon

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Sound

Examples:

Phonic

Phone

Phonics

Microphone

Cacophony

'Of the Month'

Please find our **March** ['Of the month'](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Thought of the month....."By March, the worst of winter is over. And so hope springs once more and calls on us to make real the dreams of winter."

Linguists of the Week

In German for great effort:

Year 7: George L, George F, Hugo F, Ben W, Jude A, Thomas H, Riley L

Year 8: Ewan D, Alex E, Noah Mc, Jack M, Fin M, Cameron S, James R

Year 9: Oli G, Will H, Thomas K, George N, Noah p, Flynn S

Year 10: Freddie C, Ben D, Rushil H, Kody H, Harrison Mc, Vihaan T, George L

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Sammy A-O, Beau C

Year 8 - Thomas A, Harry R

Year 9 - Jay S, Riley L-P, Jacques A

Year 10 - Vihaan T

Year 11 - Aaron R, Ciaran W, Finn P

Scientists of the Week

Year 7 - for their great evidence collection this morning as part of their Forensics project

Year 10 - Blake, Jacob, Seb, Laurence for their great work on their Physics CT2

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Archer S

Year 8 - Elliot K-H

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Sam A-O

Year 8 - Zack G

Year 9 - Henry P

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your son 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 seniorboys@clairescourt.net
3. Telephone to 01628 327600

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](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)

