



**CLAIRES COURT  
SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 20 March 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 11**

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Beyond the Digital Wilderness: Finding Our "Rat Park" in the Age of AGI."](#)

## **Interactive School Stories Awards**

Claire's Court recently earned two Bronze awards at the Interactive School Stories Awards, an event celebrating digital storytelling in schools.

Congratulations to the Library team and therapy dog Derek for their success in the 'Best Pets Story' category, and to Mrs Ainsley from the Nursery for her award-winning reel capturing our pupils' return from Forest School. These awards are a wonderful reflection of the authentic community life that defines our school.

You can view the winning links here:

<https://www.instagram.com/claairescourtschool/p/DJHfB4VvWWm/>

<https://www.instagram.com/claairescourtschool/reel/DJodqrII1t-/>

## **Seniors and Sixth Form School Spring Concert**

College Avenue Hall was the setting for a fantastic evening of music at our Seniors and Sixth Form Spring Concert. The programme showcased the breadth of talent across the school, featuring performances from SB and SG Voices, the Joint Ensemble, The Jalapenos, the Sixth Form Band, and the CC House Band, alongside several exceptional soloists.

The evening was particularly significant as it marked the final Claire's Court performance for many of our Year 13 musicians. We thank them for their years of dedication to the music department and wish them the very best. Thank you to the many families and staff who joined us to support our performers.

The Photo Highlights Album can be found [here](#)

## **Rugby U15 National Vase Final**

It was a historic afternoon for Claire's Court rugby as our U15 boys competed in the Continental Tyres Schools National Vase final at Trailfinders Sports Club. While the match ended in a 32-19 defeat to Wirral Grammar, becoming National Runners-Up is a monumental achievement for our school.

Special mention must go to Frank Voster-Davidson, who put in a phenomenal performance to score all three of our tries. Director of Rugby, Simon Carter, noted that reaching a national final is a massive feat for a year group of just 50 boys. We are incredibly proud of the squad and Mr. Bolton for a season that has rewritten the school's record books. Thank you to the many families, staff, and students who formed the Guard of Honour to usher them on the bus, travelled to Ealing or watched the live screening to support the boys.

## FROM THE OFFICE



As this is the last bulletin from the office before we return for the start of the Summer term on Wednesday 15 April, may we say have a lovely break from school and enjoy eating your chocolate Easter eggs!

### End of Lent Spring Term Reminders

**W/C 23 March** - Early finish at 4pm with early buses, no activities or study club

**Wednesday 25 March** - Last day of term is a normal full day/'End of Term' parent letter will be emailed home

**Thursday 26 March** - Grade Cards/Full Reports will be emailed home and will be available to view on the Report Portal

Year 7, 8, 9, and 11 Grade Cards

Year 10 Full Reports

### Charity Week - Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported Charity Week through baking cakes, buying cakes, eating cakes, donating to the raffle, buying raffle tickets, walking, throwing wet sponges at teachers etc. Any outstanding sponsorship money can be paid in via the [Payment Portal](#) or handed into Form Tutors by the end of term please. Please note the amount is set as £1 so you personalise the value to the amount of sponsorship raised by typing the total amount in the 'Quantity Required' box. Year groups have so far raised the following amounts with hopefully plenty more to come in:

Year 7: Various Fair Stalls - £192.00

Year 8: Sponsored Walk - £174.00

Year 9: Dance-a-Thon - £26.40

Year 10: Cake Sale/Raffle Ticket Sales for Easter Eggs/Soak the Teacher - £78

Year 11: Will be holding a sweet sale on Wednesday 25 March Interhouse Music Quiz

### Meningitis Outbreak

Please find [important information for parents/carers](#) from NHS Berkshire Healthcare about the recent meningitis outbreak in Kent.

### 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:
  - 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.

## New Holiday Club Partner Announcement



Starting this Easter, Claire's Court is excited to partner with Let's Leap Holiday Camps to offer an enriched, high-energy activity programme for children aged 3–12 at our Juniors (Ridgeway) site. While Let's Leap introduces new activities like electric go-karting, laser tag, and zorb football, Claire's Court will continue to run its own dedicated childcare provision for children aged 3–8 at our College Avenue site. Families can enjoy an introductory 10% discount on Let's Leap bookings by using the promo code CCJ10.

For full details on activities, pricing, and to secure your spot, please book directly via our [website](#).

## 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**

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

## School Uniform Donations

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is currently holding a drive for donations of good quality, pre-loved school uniform items. We are particularly in need of specific items that are always in high demand, such as **blazers and skirts**. Your donation helps the PTA raise vital funds that directly benefit the school and your children's educational experience. Please drop off your clean, good quality uniform donations at the school office during regular school hours. A member of the office staff will happily accept your contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the PTA's fundraising efforts.

## Whole School Photo

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

- Tempest School Photography will be visiting us to take the whole senior girls school photo from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm**.
- **All girls in Years 7-11** must wear **full school uniform, including blazers**.
- Please ensure hair is **neat and tidy** (long hair must be tied back off the face) and remember to **bring a hairbrush**.
- Parents will be notified when the photo is available for viewing and ordering.

## 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

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.

## 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/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 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 8 ONLY

### Scientific Calculator - for the Summer Term

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 currently complete non-calculator work in Mathematics, but the IGCSE examination papers are both calculator only, and so in the last term of Year 8 we like to start looking at calculator skills and topics which require a calculator. With this in mind, your son/daughter will need a scientific calculator for their Maths lessons from Easter onwards. Our strong recommendation is that the best calculator for the IGCSE studies is the Casio FX-83GT CW+, as it has the best functionality and ease of input for pupils.

## YEAR 9

### Bronze DofE First Aid and Skills Training Day - Sunday 22 March

**For pupils on our Internal Bronze DofE programme** (canoeing & walking) please find the [Bronze DofE First Aid and Skills Training Day letter](#) taking place at the Senior Boys school on Sunday 22 March. Please note the following:

- Arrive 8.45am, collection 4pm (SL6 8TE)
- Bring packed lunch / drinks / medication
- Wear warm clothing for outdoors & suitable for practical activities
- Emergency contact number 07597 476917

## YEAR 10 ONLY

### Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in - Monday 23 March

Mr Richards will be holding a short virtual meeting at 6pm on Monday 23 March to support Year 10 in getting ready for their forthcoming exams. The topics will include what/when/how to revise and strategies for success. The session is expected to last approximately half an hour and there will be the opportunity for questions at the end. We advise that your daughter also attends this online session with you if possible so that she can benefit from the topics discussed. For those unable to attend the session will be recorded and shared along with the presentation slides. The MEET link was emailed out on Tuesday, so if you have not received it please check your junk/spam folder.

## 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 11 ONLY

### Year 11 Prom - Wednesday 24 June

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.



## Year 11 Exam Support Evening

Thank you to those who joined Mr Richards and Mrs Ruddick on Monday evening, please find the [presentation slides](#) and [recording](#) of the session for your reference.

## Year 11 MFL Revision Session GCSE Speaking Exams Thursday 26 March 9am-12 midday

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department will be running a **revision session** to help students prepare for their upcoming senior girls **speaking exams** scheduled for **Wednesday 29 April (Spanish and French)** and **Tuesday 5 May (German)**.

The revision session will be held on **Thursday 26 March from 9am - 12 midday**. This will be a valuable opportunity for students to practise their speaking skills and receive targeted support ahead of the assessment. Please complete this [MFL Revision Attendance Form](#) to let us know whether your daughter will be attending this session or not. Please note **dual linguists** will need to select which **one language** they want to attend the revision session for.

### **Year 11 Music Coursework Day - Thursday 26 March**

The Music Departments at Senior Boys and Senior Girls will be hosting a Coursework 'Catch-up and Complete' day for Year 11 GCSE pupils on Thursday 26 March in the Music rooms at the respective sites. Please may we ask that you complete the [google form](#) by **Friday 13 March** to confirm your son/daughter's attendance. We ask pupils to be at reception promptly at 9.30am on the day and would advise that they bring a packed lunch as they must stay onsite and the dining room will not be open for pupils. The day will run until 3.30pm.

### **Year 11 Art/Textiles Day - Tuesday 14 April**

Year 11 Art pupils are invited into school on Tuesday 14 April to work on their component 2 Art/Textiles project in preparation for the 10 hour exam days on the 23 and 24 April. Please complete this [form](#) to indicate whether your daughter will be attending so that we know who will be on site at Senior Girls. The day will run from 9am until 3pm. Pupils will need to bring with them snacks and food for the day as the canteen will not be in operation.

### **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. Confirmed dates for the Practical Examinations are:

- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams French & Spanish starting 1.30pm
- 27 April - PE
- 5 May - MFL Speaking Exam German starting at 1.30pm

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](#)

### **Thorpe Park - Tuesday 23 June - book ticket/coach by 17 April**

Year 11s are invited to Thorpe Park on Tuesday 23 June to celebrate the end of their GCSE's. To confirm your child's place please **EITHER** pay £20 for a ticket via the Payment Portal **OR** complete Annual Pass Form to book a seat on the coach **by Friday 17 April**.

## Year 11 Senior Girls Leavers Hoodies - £23 each

All the Year 11 girls have completed the order form requesting size and name for the back of their hoodie and this has been emailed over to Goyals earlier this week. If parents haven't yet paid Goyals via the information emailed home recently please do so asap as we don't want any delays in delivery back to school. When making your payment of £23 please reference '**daughters surname/CCSG**' ie *Smith/CCSG*. Thank you.



## Class Pick Photos

The Year 11 Form Group and Year Group 'Fun and Formal' photos are now available to view and order via their [website here](#). The **access code** has been emailed home to parents earlier today.

## 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.

### 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.

### Ski Trip - 28 March - 4 April

Please note the amended departure time in the [Ski Information document](#). Any further changes to trip times/plans will be made in these [presentation slides](#).

### 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](#) and is **now overdue as payment deadline was Monday 9 March**.

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

#### For our Y9-13 CCF Cadets Only

Please find 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**.

### 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](#).

## DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



Welcome to [March](#)

**Root of the Week...** *is taking a rest this week and you will see it return in the new Summer term.*

**Well done to all the girls named below this week!**

### **Linguist of the Week**

**w/c 16 March 2026**

All Year 10 this week:

**French** Amelia N *"For continued hard work in French and for catching up when doing sport activities!"*

**Spanish** Allegra R *"Great engagement in lessons, showing more confidence, and working very hard. Making good progress. Well done!"*

**German** Sienna B *"For continued hard work in German".*

### **Sparx Reader of the Week**



**w/c 16 March 2026**

Year 7: Jessica B

Year 8: Molly K

### **Accelerated Reader of the Week**



**w/c 16 March 2026**

Year 7: Jess B

Year 8: Peyton R

Year 9: Tiana K

## **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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