



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026 - SUMMER TERM - Week 9



Sixth Form Dress Code and Hot Weather

Temperatures are set to soar next week, so Sixth Form students can dress sensibly for the hot weather. They do not need to observe formal business attire on Monday but they must remember that there should be no bare midriffs, ripped jeans and all clothes should be appropriate for learning and for taking exams. We also encourage plenty of sunscreen and a refillable water bottle.

CC Seniors Rugby Programme - Thursday 25 June

All parents and pupils with an interest in Rugby currently in Years 6 - 12 are invited to join us online at 6pm for a short introduction to our new Head of Rugby, Mr Barret, where he will share his vision for the continued development of the rugby programme at Claire's Court. The Google MEET link is [here](#) if you would like to join the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Back BBQ - Autumn Term 2026



We invite all families to celebrate the start of the new school year at our **Claire's Court PTA Welcome Back BBQ** this September. Please save the date for **Friday 11 September** at **Juniors** so we can gather as a community, welcome our new families, and look ahead to a wonderful year together. More details, including exact timings and how to RSVP, will be shared with you soon.



Celebrate 30 Years of Fun at the Claires Court PTA Summer Fete!

Bring the whole family to Claires Court Juniors on **Saturday 20 June (12pm–4pm)** to kick off the summer and celebrate the PTA's "Pearl" 30th anniversary alongside our first Sixth Form graduates! Expect an afternoon of inflatable madness, 20 artisan stalls, pupil-manned games, and Cream Teas on the Terrace. Plus, enjoy live music from individual performers and the Waltham St Lawrence Steel Band while you unwind at the Pimms tent and legendary PTA bar. Advance family tickets are a steal at just £12—grab yours now at [cpta.org.uk!](http://cpta.org.uk)

Art Exhibition - Monday 29 June, 5.15pm - 7.15pm

The Art, Textiles and Photography department would like to invite all students and families to visit our end of year exhibition, celebrating the fantastic Year 11 and 13 work! This would be a particularly valuable opportunity for students in Year 10 or 12 already taking one of these subjects or students considering taking one of our subjects for GCSE or A Level.

Boulters to Bray Swim - Saturday 4 July

Claires Court has a long standing tradition in both participation and elite sports, we are also passionate about supporting community events. The historic Boulters to Bray Swim is one of the UK's oldest swims, dating back to the 1890s and it takes place right outside Senior Boys School.

Last year we had a small group of parents who took part and it was lovely to see them all on the start line. We hope that more parents can join this year and support this fantastic local event. The school is providing safety crews and logistics support but what they really need is more entries.

The water quality is always a worry but it is regularly tested and all the recent results show 'green/clear'. So, if you fancy taking on a very accessible challenge (you swim with the flow), doing something with a group of like-minded people and gaining a sense of achievement in July, please sign up using this link:

[Boulters to Bray Swim 2026](#)

- **Year 12 Summer Examinations** - Monday 15 June to Tuesday 23 June
- **PTA Summer Fair** - Monday 20 June
- **Year 13 Summer Ball** - Thursday 25 June
- **Year 12 Future Focus Week** - Monday 6 July to Wednesday 8 July
- **Sixth Form Lake Day** - Thursday 9 July

[Summer Term Calendars](#)

NOTICES

Year 12 Internal Summer Exams - Monday 15 June to Tuesday 23 June

The Year 12 students will be sitting their end of year exams next week and they have all been given their own individual timetables. **Please note that students will return to lessons if they are not in an exam and are expected to be in school at normal times.** Morning exams will begin promptly at 9am so it is important that students arrive at school on time, with all the equipment they need, including laptop chargers and calculators if appropriate. The Sixth Form dress code should also be observed by all Year 12s during their exams. Any absence or lateness should be reported to Miss Lambert in the Sixth Form office as early as possible on 01628 327560 or at cfl@clairescourt.net

OPPORTUNITIES



Join us for a series of 3 exclusive half-day events designed to provide support and insight into the range of apprenticeship opportunities available at **Bloomberg**.

Meet professionals from **Bloomberg**, gain insider tips and tricks to excel in the application process, and discover diverse career opportunities at a leading multinational company. [Apply here](#).



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Barclays Global Bank (Northampton) - 22 July: [Apply here](#)

Barclays Global Bank (Knutsford, Cheshire) - 29 July: [Apply here](#)

Barclays Global Bank (Glasgow) - 23 September: [Apply here](#)

GE HealthCare Work Experience Day



6 October 2026, Chalfont St. Giles

This exclusive, day-long event is designed specifically for Year 12 and 13 students who are eager to explore the exciting and rewarding world of healthcare! Explore the intricate functions of diverse brain regions and familiarise yourself with GE HealthCare equipment, including cutting-edge ultrasound technology. [Apply here](#)

Young Professionals Summer Conference



- High-impact interactive workshops to build real-world skills
- Inspiring talks from industry leaders
- Direct networking with top global employers
- CV, apprenticeships & career masterclasses to accelerate your path
- LinkedIn headshots & personal branding support

Special guests:

- Dan Miller (BBC The Apprentice Final 5 & YP Founder)
- The Apprentice stars Priyesh & Harry
- Guest speaker from Google

Event Details

Date: Saturday 18 July

Location: Friends House, London, Euston (right opposite Euston Train Station)

Time: 9am - 1pm (AM session) 2pm - 6pm (PM session)

Who can attend? All students at school/university

Please note there is a £26 booking fee to reserve your place.

Limited tickets left — don't miss out! Click below to secure your spot!

Morning Booking Link:

<https://buy.stripe.com/8x2eVe8RI6kFgMQa3m53O0k>

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

University of Chester Subject Taster Events

Business Taster Day: Wednesday 24 June 2026

- This event is for students interested in studying degrees ranging from Business Management and Accounting to Events, Marketing and Tourism.
- 10am-2pm at our Queens Park Campus, Chester.
- Individual students, or a school or college representative who would like to book a group to attend, can book places [here](#).

Psychology Taster Days: Thursday 25 June 2026

- An interactive event introducing students to the study of psychology at university.
- 9.30am-2pm at our Exton Park Campus, Chester
- Individual students, or a school or college representative who would like to book a group to attend, can book places for the event [here](#).

For more information, please feel free to visit the Outreach section on our website at chester.ac.uk/about/schools-and-colleges, or contact the Outreach Team if there is anything further we can help with.

Royal Northern College of Music



Discover RNCM is our award-winning open day, and the best chance you will have to find out more about studying at a conservatoire ranked [Top 10 for Music worldwide in the latest QS rankings](#).

Taking place on **Friday 26 June**, the day includes sessions on degree programmes (including the brand new [BA \(Hons\) in Inclusive Music Education](#)), performances and Q&As with staff and students, tours of the building, and the chance to meet with admissions, finance, and wellbeing colleagues. It's also a great way to chat to current students about what it's like to live and learn in Manchester. Students can [book their place via this link](#)

University and College Open Days - www.opendays.com

CAREERS INFORMATION

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeship

Find out more [here](#)

Choice Magazine - The Ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships

View [here](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships - Everything you need to know about Apprenticeships and Technical Education

Further information can be found [here](#)

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing

More information can be found [here](#)

Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships

More information can be found [here](#)

FROM THE SIXTH FORM OFFICE

Lateness

In recent weeks, the Sixth Form leadership team has noticed a significant number of Year 12 students arriving late to school in the mornings, and for some, over several days each week. Please note that **all** Sixth Form students should be in school by 8.45am each morning, ready to go briefing, assembly or form time. Any student signing into school late will forfeit their first break that day by attending a detention. We would be grateful if all parents and guardians could support us in encouraging students to ensure they arrive on time.

Parking Outside School

We have had recent reports from our neighbours that some parents' cars have been seen parked on the double yellow lines around school and on the tight bend where College Road and College Avenue meet. We ask that everyone who drives to the College site please park considerately and safely.

Cashless Catering

Please can you regularly check your son/daughter's cashless catering balance and ensure there are sufficient funds available. Overdrawn accounts will be closed until funds have been added.

Sixth Form Dress Code Reminder

Formal business dress remains on a Monday. Casual business dress may be worn from Tuesday to Friday. The requirements for Sixth Form dress may be found [here](#). **Trainers, Crocs, Uggs and hoodies are not part of the dress code.**

Sickness Absence & Medical Absence reporting

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 8.45am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327560 or by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net. Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net.

Lanyards

Please can we remind parents that the wearing of lanyards by Sixth Form students is a required part of the dress code. It helps to identify them as part of the Sixth Form, both on our site and for those who travel to Senior Boys. It is an integral part of our safeguarding policy that students wear their lanyards at all times on school grounds. Unfortunately, many students come into school without lanyards, or have lost them. Please can you check that your son or daughter has their lanyard when they leave for school.

Signing in and out of School

Not only do our lanyards help to identify students on school sites, the cards carried in them are used to electronically sign students in and out of school each day. Please help us to remind your son or daughter to tap in or out every time they arrive or leave a school site. This is vital for health and safety around the school, should a fire alarm sound, and for us to be able to complete our morning and afternoon registers each day.

New, 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, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

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