

FRIDAY 6 JUNE

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, <u>"Time passes, Lives change but Memories last forever. Reflections on Thank a Teacher Day."</u>

Y12 Hertfordshire University Visit

On Thursday 5 June year 12 visited the University of Hertfordshire for a Taster Day. Students, armed with maps and a list of talks, had to navigate their way around the university campus and were able to attend a vast range of lectures on topics such as Physiotherapy to Motorsports. A number of students went on a tour of the campus and got to see what the student accommodation on offer. This was a really important opportunity for students to get a flavour of what university life is like and for many students was the first time they had visited a university campus. Students made sure they paid a visit to the pizza van and ice cream truck!





GENERAL INFORMATION

Ski Trip 2026

Please find next year's <u>Ski Trip letter</u> to Italy taking place 28 March to 4 April. If your son/daughter would like to join the trip please pay the £300 non-refundable deposit via the <u>Payment Portal</u> by 12 noon on Thursday 12 June. Initially places are limited to 40 and if the trip is oversubscribed and we are unable to secure additional place, names will be drawn from a hat.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

University and College Open Days - <u>www.opendays.com</u>

Elevated Academy

Elevated Academy is running a free online lecture to help students make sense of the changing admissions test landscape. With recent updates to the UCAT, TMUA, and the new TARA test, it's more important than ever that students understand what top universities are really looking for — and how to prepare effectively.

FLYER ATTACHED HERE

Create your Future Showcase

Create Your Future is an exciting, free event jam-packed with all things creative careers – from art, design, journalism, and music, to drama, fashion, and beyond.

Please see more information here

Queen Mary University of London

Please see here the Open Day information

Inquisitas

Inquisitas offers independent research programmes for students aged 16+, supervised by experienced Oxford and Cambridge University tutors. Under expert guidance, students will complete a four-week project on a topic of their choosing, developing research skills, receiving personalised academic writing

support, and exploring their interests in depth.
Find out more here and Full details are available at: www.inquisitas.com

Oxford Brookes University Events

Open days on June 20 and June 21 which will provide a chance for attendees to explore the campus, meet staff and ask questions about the range of courses available. https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/ug-oxford

Live webinars where prospective students can engage with faculty teams and students remotely, making it easier to get a feel of what studying at Oxford Brookes is like. https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/ug-webinars

UK University Search Fair Wednesday 18 June – this exciting and informative event will provide attendees with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers.

https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/oxford-2025

University of Cambridge Judge Business School Summer Programme
See further information here
Student Registration Form

CAREERS INFORMATION

The Sixth Formers Guide to Degree Apprenticeship Find out more here

Choice Magazine- The Ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships

View <u>here</u>

Creative Explorer

Creative gap year programmes are designed for students with a passion for the arts who are taking a break from traditional education. These programmes provide a structured and supportive environment to develop skills, explore interests, and connect with creative peers.

<u>Creative Explorer</u>: Creative Explorer is a 10-week fall gap year program offering a multi-arts experience in Photography, Painting, Writing, and Film. Perfect for all levels, it combines hands-on artmaking across the disciplines with cultural immersion in Normandy's stunning landscapes. (Sept 15th - Nov 20th, 2025.)

<u>Creative Pathways</u>: Creative Pathways is a 9 -week spring gap year program ideal for students who have a strong interest in Acting, Studio Art, Writing, Film, or Music and are looking to build a portfolio in a specific discipline. (Feb 13th - April 12th, 2026.)

KPMG Apprenticeships

More information <u>here</u>
Parents, carers and teachers

Springboard Future Chef Career Sessions

45-minute-long webinars, taking place once per week from 10-10:45am via Microsoft Teams.

Register here

Apprenticeships

Please see this very helpful parent guide to apprenticeships here

REMINDERS

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.

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.

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.

New, news, news!

Take a look here..... https://bit.ly/40qqNjs 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.