



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025 AUTUMN TERM WEEK 12

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Surviving Christmas with All I Want for Christmas is You" - Mariah Carey](#)

FROM THE OFFICE

End of Term - Lockers etc

All lockers need to be emptied and left unlocked for cleaning. If your daughter is not going to be in school for the last week, please ensure she clears her locker before her last day at school. Any lockers left locked will have padlocks cut off and all lockers will be emptied. If she has any lost property please ask her to check with the office, staff room, PE office for clothes, books, pencil cases, water bottles etc. Anything unclaimed and unnamed will be donated to charity.

Activity Booking Closes Monday 8 December!

Please see our [Activities Website](#) with all the necessary information surrounding the before/after school programme. Bookings are now open via the Report Portal and something will need to be selected for after school each day of the week Monday through to Friday whether that be an activity, study or going home. Bookings will close on Monday 8 December. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: [Activities Guide](#). Activities in the **Spring Term begin on Monday 12 January**, there are early buses on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 January.

Message From Tempest Photography

A reminder that your school group photograph/s taken earlier in the year are still available to view and order via the Tempest Orders website. A weblink is supplied below which will take you directly to your photograph/s and allow you to browse the products available and place an order should you wish.

6th Form and Senior Girls Groups taken 24 April - <https://htmp.st/121124-362>

For assistance, please call 01736 752411

Option 3 - Place an order

Option 5 - Customer services

If your order is intended as a Christmas gift, we recommend placing your order before 5 December to give the best chance of receiving your photograph/s before the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your continued custom with Tempest Photography.

School Closure re weather conditions etc

Following the flurry of snow we saw last week, 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 circumstance

for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communications will be sent directly from Vectare regarding coach operation.

Clares Court SchoolTV - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE, TAKE A LOOK - [Clares Court SchoolTV](#)**

Please make use of this valuable resource 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.

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:

- **12 January 2026**
- **2 February 2026**
- 2 March 2026
- 20 April 2026
- 11 May 2026
- 1 June 2026

The PTA would gratefully receive any donations of good quality school uniform (especially blazers) and sports kit. All money raised from uniform sales goes directly to the PTA to provide valuable funds to support the school, so please feel free to drop any items into the school office. If you wish to purchase any uniform, please contact the school office who can put you in touch with our amazing parent helpers who give up their time to manage our uniform (so a big **thank you** to them for all they do!).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Clares Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- **Absences:** [Report Portal](#) / seniorgirls@clairescourt.com /01628 327500 (please report absences **before 9.30am** for each day of sickness)
- [Senior Girls Calendar here](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

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



and End of Term arrangements

Christmas Hamper Collection

HELP US FEED LOCAL HOMELESS & FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, homeless people and families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide groceries to those who need it most.

LEARN MORE:
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/maidenhead

Maidenhead

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Mince pies (best before after 25/12/25)
- Chocolate Selection packs
- Christmas Pudding - small, medium and large
- Nice boxes of Christmas biscuits
- Boxes of chocolates (200-300g)

DROP OFF LOCATION:
The Salvation Army
East Road
Maidenhead
SL6 1PJ

We are again collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the Salvation Army Maidenhead. Their preferred list is available to view on their [flyer here](#). Can we suggest the following year groups donate:

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| Year 7 | Children's Chocolate Selection Packs |
| Year 8 | Christmas Biscuits |
| Year 9 | Christmas Puddings (<i>please ensure Best Before date exceeds December</i>) |
| Year 10 | Boxes of Chocolates - 200g/300g packs |
| Year 11 | All other foodstuffs: tinned vegetables and soup, rice, pasta, cereals |

The 'hampers' are situated underneath our Christmas tree, by the dining hall - with the naughty elf looking after the goodies - until **Monday 15 December**. Thank you once again for your generosity.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Thank you so much to everyone who ordered their Christmas tree via the PTA website to

support the boat club. Please collect your tree from Claires Court Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) at the following times:

- Friday 5 December: 4.45pm-5.45pm
- Saturday 6 December: 10am-12pm

St Lukes - Christmas Tree Festival

A poster for St. Luke's Christmas Tree Festival. The background is a close-up of a green pine branch with small brown cones. The text is white and yellow. The title 'St. Luke's Christmas Tree Festival' is in large yellow letters. Below it, 'Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December' is in white. The address 'St. Luke's Church - Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX' is in white. A line of text says 'You are invited to visit our beautiful church, full of beautiful trees'. A list of times follows: Friday: 10 am - 7 pm, Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm, Sunday: 12 (noon) – 5.30pm, and Closing service: 6pm on Sunday. Below this, it says 'Refreshments daily – Produce Stall – Raffle'. The charity being supported is 'Supporting: Alzheimer Dementia Support'. A small paragraph describes it as an independent local charity helping people with dementia in Windsor, Maidenhead, Ascot, Slough, Langley and surrounding villages, with the website www.adacharity.com. At the bottom, it says 'Available to view online: www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk'. There is a small logo for Alzheimer's Dementia Support in the bottom right corner.

St. Luke's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December

St. Luke's Church - Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

You are invited to visit our beautiful church, full of beautiful trees

⊗ Friday: 10 am - 7 pm

⊗ Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm

⊗ Sunday: 12 (noon) – 5.30pm

⊗ Closing service: 6pm on Sunday

Refreshments daily – Produce Stall – Raffle

Supporting: Alzheimer Dementia Support

An independent, local charity helping people living with Dementia in Windsor, Maidenhead, Ascot, Slough, Langley and surrounding villages.
www.adacharity.com

Available to view online: www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk

Please pop along to St Luke's this weekend to their [Christmas Tree Festival](#) - look out for all our trees from each of our divisions (Juniors, Senior Boys and Girls and 6th Form) and vote for your favourite tree (Senior Girls of course - please see picture below) and help St Luke's raise funds for their chosen charity [Alzheimers Dementia Support](#). If you cannot visit the church, you will be able to view and donate [online](#).



Christmas Tree Recycling



Riverside Tree Care is offering free local Christmas tree collections in exchange for a donation to Thames Hospice. It's a simple, sustainable way to clear out your tree while supporting a great local cause. See the flyer to book your collection!

Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 10 December



Pupils are invited to wear their festive jumper on Christmas lunch day for a **£2 donation** for [Save the Children](#) - payment is via the Payment Portal available to pay from today Friday 5 December through to Friday 12 December or cash to the Form Tutor.

Christmas Lunch will be served at Senior Girls and **all pupils are automatically booked in** for Christmas Lunch and the £6.30 payment will be charged to your cashless catering account - **the deadline for opting out has now passed. There will be no other meal options available, so if you have opted out, your daughter will need to bring a packed lunch.**

Claire's Court Santa Fun Run - Friday 12 December



Start your morning with festive fitness! Open to all pupils, parents & staff and led by Mr. Jost and Mr Richards.

- **Where:** Senior Boys' Reception SL6 8TE
- **When:** Meet **7:20 am** | Run **7:30 am** (Sharp!) | Back **8:00 am**
- **Routes:**
 - **3.5km:** Walk or Run.
 - **5km:** Runners only (must finish within 30 mins).
- **Dress:** Festive gear essential—Santa hats, tinsel, & antlers!

PUPILS: You must complete the consent form to participate.

Seniors Carol Concert - Tuesday 16 December

1st Service: 10am - Joint Senior Boys & Girls 7, 8, 9 and G10 Senior Girls

2nd Service: 11.30am - Y11 Joint Senior Boys & Girls, 6th Form and B10 Senior Boys

Parents are warmly invited to our Carol Concerts at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX at **10am for Years 7, 8, 9 and G10 senior girls** (*please note due to limited space in the church the B10 boys are at the second service*) and **11.30am for B10, Years 11 and 6th Form.**

A reminder about the last week of term

- **W/C Monday 15 December - Wednesday 17 December**
The last three days of term with lessons ending at 4pm with **early buses, no study or activities in operation!**
- **Tuesday 16 December St Luke's Carol Service**
10am Joint Senior Boys & Girls Years 7-9 and G10 only
11.30am Joint Senior Boys & Girls Years 11-13 and B10 only
Wednesday 17 December
End of Autumn Term with a full day of lessons until 4pm/early buses/no study or activities. Parents 'end of term' letter will be emailed home
- **Thursday 18 December**
Grade Cards and Reports will be emailed home to parents and will be available to view on the Report Portal
- **W/C Monday 22 December - Wednesday 24 December**
Although the school is open, the Senior Girls' office will not be staffed until Friday 2 January 2026 and on Christmas Eve there will only be a limited number of staff on site. If you require assistance during this time, please telephone 01628 327700 where all calls are monitored during the Christmas/New Year period.

Claire's Court TV- Christmas Report

https://clairescourt.uk.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-surviving-christmas

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

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7 ONLY

MFL - Language Choices for Spring term 2026

Please complete the [Year 7 Language Choice Form](#) by **Wednesday 10 December** to confirm which two languages your daughter would like to continue with from January 2026 onwards. If we do not receive a completed form by the deadline, we will allocate pupils to either French, German or Spanish, as necessary.

YEAR 7 & 8 (& 9 if they would like to participate)

Friday 12 December - Space Dress Up Day

Friday 12 December is Space Dress Up day for all students in Years 7 and 8 - they have been set a two week homework to create their very own costume ready for the fashion parade on Friday. Year 9's are also invited to dress up if they would like!

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 GCSE French Language Students Only!

Cultural French Trip to London February 2026

Please find the [letter here](#) regarding the above trip. The deadline for the payment of £34 is today **Friday 5 December**.

Year 10 GCSE Art Pupils Only!

Thursday 11 December

Due to the artist, Ian Murphy, being unwell on 16 October we have managed to rearrange the visit for Thursday 11 December. All details remain the same as in previous information which you can find again [here](#).

Year 10 GCSE Geography Pupils Only!

Year 10 Margam Park - 19-21 March 2026

Please find the [Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip letter](#) containing details of venue, itinerary, costs and consent. Please note the following required actions:

- Pay £200 non-refundable deposit via [Payment Portal](#) by **Friday 12 December**
- Complete [Consent Form](#) by **Friday 12 December**

YEAR 11 ONLY

GCSE Support Clinics

Please find [information here](#) regarding the support clinics that are available for Year 11 Senior Girls.

Y11 Sixth Form Reference Requests

Most Sixth Forms will use an online system for reference requests that requires the applicant to put in the grades they are predicted to achieve. At Claire's Court, we do not issue 'predicted' grades, but instead use 'working at' grades, which will be based on a combination of pupils' most recent grade cards:

- Year 10 Summer Exams Grade Card which covers Year 10 work and

- Year 11 Half Term Grade Cards which covers the start of Year 11

Pupils should therefore use these grade cards to enter a considered grade after which the application is sent to us and we will be asked to agree or disagree with the grades they have put in. We will be basing our judgement on the same grade cards that the pupils have used which should therefore ensure consistency. The picture will obviously build following the Year 11 Mocks in November and full report in January. If you have any queries over grades, please ask your daughter to discuss with their **form tutor** in the first instance.

Please note reference requests must come directly from the respective 6th Form College you are applying for - please ask that they email this to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com FAO: Mr Bennett (HOY 11).

Please check out these resources about exams on [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#). FYI, there will be a further opportunity to sit another English Literature Mock Examination on Tuesday 10 February.

Year 11 Subject Directory

As mentioned at the Year 11 Parent Workshop, please find shared the [GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

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.

Year 10 Cultural French Trip to London - 5 February 2026

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Cultural French trip to London taking place on Thursday 5 February. The payment deadline is today, **Friday 5 December**.

Year 10 Spanish Trip to BFI, Southbank - 23 February 2026

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Spanish trip to the British Film Institute taking place on Monday 23 February. The payment deadline was **Thursday 4 December**.

Year 10 Margam Park - 19-21 March 2026

Please find the Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip letter containing details of venue, itinerary, costs and consent. Please note the following required actions:

- Pay £200 non-refundable deposit via Payment Portal by Friday 12 December
- Complete Consent Form by Friday 12 December

Year 10 - 13 Hazewinkel 2026

Please find the [Hazewinkel Rowing Camp letter](#) taking place 26 March - 2 April 2026 which invited pupils would have received by email yesterday. To confirm their place please make payment of the £450 non-refundable deposit **by Friday 9 January** via the [Payment Portal](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



[December](#)

What do you know about December? Can you find out any other facts?

Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 1 December

Year 8: Spanish: Olivia H - *great work in Spanish and fantastic effort in your CT1!!*

Year 10: French: Florence S - *for understanding tricky grammar. Great effort!*

Scientists of the Week

w/c 1 December

Year 9: Ella MML - *amazing work on acceleration calculations*

Megan B - *excellent questions on graphs of motion*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 1 December

Year 7: Avril C

Year 8: Ava M

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 1 December

Year 7: Avril

Year 8: Ava

Year 9: Emily W (*well done on reaching the million words*)

RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



LOYALTY



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