



## CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

# Weekly Bulletin

### FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

#### Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, ["Lethal Mutations - When the Direction of Government Policy is fundamentally flawed"](#)

Clares Court is a founding partner school for the Association for Families of Independent Schooling (AFIS). AFIS is the only membership organisation that brings together families who choose and value independent education in the U.K. and British international schooling. Their work supports their member families, and the wider sector, by championing choice, fair representation, and greater access to independent education.

You can join AFIS here: <https://www.afis.org.uk/register>

AFIS Members can save money from day one with heavily discounted prices from local businesses, and well-known brands such as Waterstones, Clarks, Booking.com, Theatre Tickets Direct, Tastecard, and many more. Just in time for gift giving this holiday season!

In addition to excellent money-saving opportunities and numerous other benefits, AFIS has commissioned the University of Chichester to conduct research investigating "what are the demographic profiles of independent school families and why do they choose independent education for their families?" With AFIS, Claires Court wishes to make sure as many families as possible are given the opportunity to contribute their views, as part of the mission to give independent school parents a voice in the national education conversation and provide evidence.

#### Year 13 Pupils' Transport - **IMPORTANT**

During the A Level Exam period you can book ad hoc trips without committing to the whole Summer term. A full term's notice will need to be given, this is required in writing to [Vectare](#) via the 'contact us' form on the website by

**Wednesday 7 January 2026.** Unfortunately no exceptions or refunds can be made in the Summer term if notice has not been received by 7 January.

### **Christmas Lunch**

6th Form thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch in the bistro on Wednesday. We saw some wonderful Christmas Jumpers, the portal is still open for any further donations for [Save the Children](#).



### **Christmas Hamper Collection**

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas Hampers for Foodshare in Maidenhead. They were extremely grateful for the donations.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Save the Date

#### [Autumn Term Calendars](#)

- **No Activities/Early Buses-** Week commencing 15 December
- **Sixth Form Carol Concert** - Tuesday 16 December- Parents are warmly invited to our Carol Concerts at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX at **11.30am for Years 11 (including Y10 senior boys) and 6th Form.**
- **Autumn Term Ends-** Wednesday 17 December
- **Spring Term Commences** - Thursday 8 January
- **Parents Coffee Morning 9-10am** - Thursday 22 January (Further details to follow in January)



[Welcome to December](#)

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**University and College Open Days** - [www.opendays.com](http://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](#)

## REMINDERS

### **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](mailto:sixthform@clairescourt.net).

Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to [sixthform@clairescourt.net](mailto: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.

### **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.