



## CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

# Weekly Bulletin

### FRIDAY 9 JANUARY

#### Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, ["Making the 'Magic' happen in 2026."](#)

#### Association for Families of Independent Schooling (AFIS)

Claire's 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](https://www.booking.com). Also, 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, Claire's Court wishes to make sure as many families as possible are allowed to contribute their views, as part of the mission to give independent school parents a voice in the national education conversation and provide evidence.

**Claire's Court Speaker Series: Josh Reynolds, MP**



## SPEAKER SERIES: SAVE THE DATE

-  **DATE**  
06 February, 2026
-  **TIME**  
6-8PM
-  **LOCATION**  
College Avenue
-  **Bar Available**  
PTA Cash Bar
-  **TICKET PRICE**  
Adults £5  
Accompanying children free (1:1)



**JOSH REYNOLDS**  
MP, MAIDENHEAD

Save the Date for a unique evening with Maidenhead's MP, Josh Reynolds!

He will be sharing his story so far in a fireside chat hosted by his former teacher, Mr. Richards. This is your chance to ask questions, get an insider's view of Parliament, and hear his vision for our local area.

### Sailing Scholars

During assembly on Thursday we recognised our 2 Sailing Scholars. Congratulations to Monty and Isaac.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Save the Date

#### Autumn Term Calendars

- Parents Coffee Morning 9-10am - Thursday 22 January
- Spring Half Term- Monday 16 -Friday 20 February
- Y13 Mock Exams- Monday 23 February- Tuesday 3 March
- Y12 Formal Assessments- Wednesday 4 - Tuesday 10 March
- Y13 Parents Evening- Wednesday 11 March
- Y12 Parents Evening- Tuesday 17 March
- Spring Term Ends - Wednesday 25 March



### **Lions Club of Maidenhead 41st Swimarathon - Braywick Leisure Centre**

Please pop along to support all the swimmers from Claires Court who are participating in this event to raise funds for good causes in Maidenhead and also for the Lions Club on **Sunday 11 January from 12.30pm-2pm**. Please find the Just Giving Page for Sixth Form Page [here](#).



Welcome to January

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

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

### **Free Year 12 Oxbridge / Top University Programme**

This is a substantial free offering, combining live lectures and 1:1 sessions, with 6 hours of total support across the year. Drawing on their latest research, they share high-impact, practical guidance on applications that has helped learners achieve a 43% Oxbridge success rate, compared to a national average of 16%. Sign-up deadline: 10 February  
Please see further information [here](#)

## 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](#)

### **Insight into Charles Russell Speechlys -Law Virtual Insight Event**

Monday 12 January 5pm - 6:30pm

Register [here](#)

### **Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology Apprenticeship**

Earning a salary from day one students can graduate debt free, with a degree, global perspective, and the skills to lead as they begin an accelerated international Dyson career.

Applications **close on Wednesday 14 January**; the application only requires personal information and predicted/achieved grades, so it's quick and easy to apply.

Please see further information [here](#)

### **Lloyd Banking Group Virtual event**

This event will help students better understand how businesses use technology and the future career opportunities available to them.

Tuesday 13 January 5pm-6pm

Register [here](#)

### **Get Into Medicine Virtual Conferences**

These conferences are suitable for any student aged 14 or above, from any school or background, who is interested in becoming a doctor or dentist. The conference will be held virtually on Zoom.

#### **Doctor Conference**

Saturday 10 January, 9am - 1:30pm

Saturday 24 January, 9am - 1:30pm

Please register [here](#)

#### **Dentistry Conference**

Sunday 11th January, 9am - 1:30pm

Please register [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/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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