



Weekly Bulletin

9 JANUARY (SPRING TERM WEEK 1)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

Head's Words from Mr Richards

I hope you all had a great break surrounded by friends and family and are now ready to get back into the important rhythm and routine of school/work. I have always felt one of the best parts of the Claires Court community is the strength of relationships between pupils, staff and parents. The theme for our whole school assembly on Monday is the CC **key value of respect**. I will be talking to the boys about how important it is to have good manners, acknowledging the worth of everyone in our community and valuing difference. Our staff training at the start of term highlighted the importance of building, maintaining and repairing relationships rooted in mutual respect; we have an excellent set of teachers here who all want the best for our boys but they are also very keen to continue to improve. The boys are fantastic and almost always get it right but this term we will be pushing the importance of **respect and good manners**; saying please and thank you, being on time, showing respect to school grounds and buildings, dressing with respect for yourself, and actively listening when others (especially their parents/teachers) are talking. If the opportunity presents itself please feel free to reinforce this message with your young men at home. Finally, I ask that we all respect each other and our neighbours during pick ups and drop offs. We had a minor incident last term that could have resulted in an injury to a child, so please can we all be considerate and have respect for others when trying to navigate the many difficulties involved in picking up and dropping off young people at Claires Court. Thank you and a very happy new year to you all.

Welcome to New Staff and Pupils

A very warm welcome to our new Maths teacher Miss Deng who will be teaching at both Senior Boys and Girls and also to the new pupils who have joined us in 2026.



Key Dates for the Term

w/c 12 January - activities and study commence along with late coaches
Wednesday 28 January - Marvellous Stage Moments Drama Show
w/c 16 February - half term
Friday 6 March - PTA Quiz Night
w/c 16 March - Charity Week
Wednesday 18 March - Senior Music Concert
w/c 23 March - no activities/study, early coaches, last day Wednesday 25 March

School Closure Communication

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 here as your main source of information. Depending on the circumstances for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communication about coach operation will be sent directly from Vectare to all coach users.

Tub-To-Pub 2026

Outdoor Education lead Mr Wragg is once again collecting plastic sweet/biscuit/cracker tubs to be recycled to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support ([TUB2PUB](#)). Last year the school collected 127 tubs, 52 more than the previous year and potentially 127 less tubs going to landfill. The campaign overall collected 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan. Tubs should be handed into Form Tutors or the staff room with the final collection being 6 February 2026. **It's an environmental win-win!**



Claires Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE [CCSchoolTV](#)

Why not take a look at this Special Report on [Parenting Styles](#). By understanding different parenting styles you can make more thoughtful choices that support your child's growth in healthier and more effective ways. Take the quiz to find out your parenting style mix of uninvolved/permissive/authoritative/authoritarian and remember styles are not fixed, they can evolve over time as your child's needs change.

New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40qgNis> 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.

YEAR GROUP FORTHCOMING DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

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

Maidenhead Lions Swimathon - Sunday 11 January

Please pop along to Braywick Leisure Centre this weekend to support all the swimmers from Claires Court who are participating in this event to raise funds for the Lions Club of Maidenhead. Meet time is 12.30pm for swimmers and Claires Court has 7 lanes with an allocated swim time of 1pm - 2pm. Please find the [Just Giving](#) page for Seniors if you wish to donate.



Claires Court Scholarships - w/c 12 January

Scholarships will be taking place on the following dates and those involved will have been emailed details directly by the registrars:

- Tuesday 13 January - Sports Scholarship
- Wednesday 14 January - Drama Scholarship
- Thursday 15 January - Music Scholarship
- Friday 16 January - Art Scholarship
- Saturday 17 January - Academic Scholarship

Marvellous Stage Moments Rehearsals - 19 & 26 January

For those involved in this year's show, there will be after school [rehearsals](#) taking place at College Avenue on Monday 19 and 26 January. Transport will be provided departing Senior Boys at 4pm, and parents should pick up from College Avenue (SL6 6AW) via the Atrium entrance at 7pm. Pupils may wish to bring a packed tea or snack.

Claires Court Speaker Series: Josh Reynolds, MP - Friday 6 February

Don't miss out, book your tickets now on the [Claires Court PTA website](#)!

The image is a promotional graphic for a speaker series. At the top, there is a circular logo with 'CC' in the center, surrounded by the words 'CLAIRES COURT' and 'SCHOOL'. Below the logo, the text 'SPEAKER SERIES: SAVE THE DATE' is displayed in a large, bold, white font. To the left of the text, there is a list of details in white text with corresponding icons: a calendar icon for 'DATE 06 February, 2026', a clock icon for 'TIME 6-8PM', a location pin icon for 'LOCATION College Avenue', a wine glass icon for 'Bar Available PTA Cash Bar', and a dollar sign icon for 'TICKET PRICE Adults £5 Accompanying children free (1:1)'. To the right of the list, there is a circular portrait of a young man, identified as 'JOSH REYNOLDS MP, MAIDENHEAD'. At the bottom, the text 'Save the Date for a unique evening with Maidenhead's MP, Josh Reynolds!' is written in white, and a small paragraph about the event is also present.

YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 3 February

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Vaccinations - Friday 27 February

Please find the [letter](#) about Meningococcal ACWY & the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) vaccinations which require completion of a [YES or NO consent form](#) using school code BK110153B at your earliest convenience. Any queries please contact the Berkshire Immunisation Team via 0300 365 0077.

YEAR 10 ONLY

English Language Mock - Tuesday 10 February

A reminder that the Year 10s will be sitting a second English Language Mock exam on the morning of Tuesday 10 February.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Online Parent Workshop - 6pm Wednesday 14 January

Mr Richards will be hosting an online Parent Workshop to provide you with information on what to expect in the coming months and how you can support your son's GCSE exam preparation. The link to join will be emailed home to you next week and we would ask that you join with your camera and mic turned off. The meeting will be recorded and shared via next week's Bulletin for anyone unable to attend.

Autumn Term Reports - Monday 19 January

Year 11 reports will be emailed home a week Monday and will also be available on the [Report Portal](#).

English & Maths Mock Exams - 10/11 February

Year 11 pupils will be sitting the following additional mock examinations w/c 9 February:

- Tuesday 10 February (PM) - English Literature
- Wednesday 11 February (AM) - Mathematics

These assessments will provide valuable further experience of exam conditions in preparation for their GCSE examinations.

B11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 11 February

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

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 Claires 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.

Year 11 Subject Directory

Please find for reference the [GCSE Subject Directory](#) containing useful information on revision checklists, past papers, coursework deadlines and exam dates by subject.

TRIPS 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.

Hazewinkel Rowing Camp 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](#).

Y10 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.

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.

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 - NOW OVERDUE
- Complete Consent Form by Friday 12 December - NOW OVERDUE

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



'Of the Month'

Please find January's edition of '[Of the month](#)' containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Our '**Book of the month**' is Small Wonder by Ross Montgomery which tells the story of Tick's quest through forests and mountains determined to honour his grandfather's advice - *Make it Count, Small Wonder*.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your son is unwell or unable to attend school due to medical/dental appointments, please let the School Office know by 9.30am on each day of absence by one of the following means (in order of preference).....

1. 'Absence Reporting' on the [Report Portal](#)
2. Email to seniorboys@clairescourt.net
3. Telephone to 01628 327600

Other absences during term time will need to be requested using the [Term Time Absence Request Form](#). Whilst we may 'approve' these absences they will invariably be recorded as 'unauthorised' due to the strict Department for Education guidelines to which we adhere.

Please find below other links that you may find useful....

- [Payment Portal](#)
- [Sports Website](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Claires Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)