



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Purpose, Pride and a Few Kit Bags".](#)

FROM THE OFFICE

Key Dates for the Term

Wednesday 28 January

Marvellous Stage Moments Show (*note: selected Senior Boys/Girls and Sixth Form Students*)

Friday 6 February

Josh Reynolds MP Speaker Series (*please see below*)

w/c 16 February

Half term

Friday 6 March

G9 Vaccinations Men ADWY & 3-in-1 Teenage Booster

PTA Quiz Night ***SAVE THE DATE***

w/c 16 March

Charity Week

Wednesday 18 March

Senior Music Concert ***SAVE THE DATE***

w/c 23 March

No activities/study, early coaches, last day Wednesday 25 March

An Evening with Maidenhead MP Josh Reynolds - Friday 6 February

Please join us at College Avenue from 6pm for this informal fun and informative evening with local MP Josh Reynolds. There will be a PTA bar for drinks on arrival (card payment only) then Josh will give a short talk about his journey to the House of Commons and his vision for the future. This will be followed by a Q&A session hosted by select pupils and will be a great opportunity for GCSE and A-Level History and Politics students - ticket price is £5 for adults and accompanying children are free. **Don't miss out, book your tickets now** on the [Claire's Court PTA website!](#)



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.

Future Chef Heat Winner



Well done to Sienna H (Y10) for winning the FutureChef Local Heat in Cobham with her "restaurant standard" pork dish, perfected through dedicated practice over the Christmas break.

Sienna now progresses to the South East Final in Brighton this February; we wish her the very best of luck as she competes for a place in the National Final! Well done to Star B for her hard work as well today!

REMINDER *Marvellous Stage Moments Rehearsals*

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**. 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.

Tub-To-Pub 2026 - Don't forget to drop off your empty tub to the office

As the season of over-indulgence (and excessive plastic) is now over, we will once again be collecting plastic Celebrations / Heroes / Roses / Cracker tubs to be recycled and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Further information can be found at [TUB2PUB](#). Last year, the school collected 127 tubs which was fantastic, 52 more than the previous year and potentially 127 less tubs going to landfill. Overall, the campaign 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!**

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.

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.

News, 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 and Facebook plus photo albums from [Flickr](#) which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

ALL YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

Calendar

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

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:

- **2 February 2026**
- **2 March 2026**

The PTA would gratefully receive any donations of good quality school uniform (especially blazers) and sports kit.

Rewards and Sanctions email - apologies for the misunderstanding last Friday. Rewards and sanctions are confirmed as being available this week.

You should have received an email from your daughter's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your daughter has received in the last seven days. If you did not receive this, please check in your junk/spam folder and add the tutor's email address to your 'safe sender' list.

YEAR 7 ONLY

G7 Parents' Evening Thursday 5 February 6pm-8pm *SAVE THE DATE*

The [Schoolcloud](#) online booking system enabling parents to book their timed appointments to see subject teachers will go 'live' at **9.30am** on **Tuesday 27 January**. Please find Schoolbase Parent Booking information [here](#).

YEAR 9 ONLY

Friday 6 March - Meningococcal ACWY and the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio)

NHS Berkshire Health Immunisation Team will be in school on **Friday 6 March 2026** regarding the vaccinations for the Year 9 Senior Girls. Please can you complete the **YES** or **NO** [consent form](#) mentioned on their [letter](#) no later than Monday 2 March - you will need our unique code **BK110153G**.

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 Parent Workshop Online Meeting Recording

Thank you to those who joined us live for this Workshop and please find the [recording](#) and slides for your reference.

Autumn Term Reports - CHANGE OF DATE Tuesday 20 January

Year 11 reports will be emailed home on Tuesday 20 January after pupils have completed their self-reflection during form time and will also be available to access via the [Report Portal](#).

G11 Parents Evening - Monday 9 February *SAVE THE DATE*

The [Schoolcloud](#) online booking system enabling parents to book their timed appointments to see subject teachers will go 'live' at **9.30am** on **Monday 2 February**. Please find Schoolbase Parent Booking information [here](#).

English & Maths Mock Exams - 10 and 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.

G11 Year and Form Group Photos - Friday 13 March *SAVE THE DATE*

We have arranged for the Year 11 Senior Girls to have their whole year group and form group photos (fun and formal) taken during form time (8.50am - 9.10am) on Friday 13 March - usual requirement to wear full school uniform including blazers, tidy hair off the face, minimum makeup and polished shoes. We will inform parents on how to order nearer the time - a lovely memento for parents and pupils alike.

GCSE Support Clinics

Please find [information here](#) regarding the support clinics that are available.

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.

Please note reference requests must come directly from the respective 6th Form College you are applying for - please ask that they email this to **Mrs Ruddick**.

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.

TRIP REMINDERS

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 recently.

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.

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.

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



[January](#)

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

Root of the week..... 'Psych' meaning 'mind'

<p>Psych</p> <p>Origin: Greek</p> <p>Meaning: Mind</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Psychology</p> <p>Psychiatric</p> <p>Psychopath</p> <p>Psychotic</p>
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 12 January 2026

Year 9: German - Amelia P - *Excellent effort in the lesson, showing great ability for the subject.*

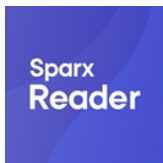
Year 11: Spanish - Holly H - *Great engagement in lessons and making very good progress. Consistent good work. Well done!*

Scientists of the Week

w/c 12 January 2026

Year 9: Jenny B and Darcy B - *Fantastic poster on Transport in Cells.*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 12 January 2026

Year 7: Holly D

Year 8: Molly K

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 12 January 2026

Year 7: Sophie B

Year 8: Ava M

Year 9: Imy K

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your daughter 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 seniorgirls@clairescourt.net
3. Telephone to 01628 327500

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](#)
- [Chromebook Policy](#)
- [Coach Booking](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)
- [Term Time Holiday Request Form](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

RESPONSIBILITY ◆ RESPECT ◆ LOYALTY ◆ INTEGRITY