



Weekly Bulletin

16 JANUARY (SPRING TERM WEEK 2)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

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 [Claires 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.

Arriving at School during the day

If your son is arriving at school after the school day has started i.e. either coming in late or returning from an appointment, when you drop him off please remind him to sign in at reception **before** going to lessons so we know he is on site for fire evacuation purposes. He will also need to hand his phone in at reception.

Future Chef Competition

Well done to Year 10's Dexter C and Dillon B for their impressive performance at the FutureChef Local Heat in Cobham today. After qualifying through the school heats, both boys showcased great culinary talent and produced high-quality dishes that earned significant praise from the professional judging.



Tub-To-Pub 2026

Outdoor Education lead Mr Wragg will once again be collecting plastic Celebrations / Heroes / Roses / Cracker tubs to be recycled and 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. 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!**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Claires Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claires Court SchoolTV](#) - 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.

Rewards and Sanctions email

You should have received an email from your son's Form Tutor yesterday sharing details of any rewards and sanctions your son 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.

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.

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.

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.

YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Parents' Evening - 6-8pm Tuesday 3 February

Booking via [SchoolCloud](#) will open midday Monday 26 January and close 19am Monday 2 February. Please use your son's full name as the system does not recognise abbreviated or nicknames (further instructions to follow next week). You will be able to book an appointment with your son's English, Maths and Science teachers and then should prioritise up to seven other subjects that you wish to see. If you are unable to make an appointment with any of these prioritised subjects, please contact the teacher directly to arrange an alternative means of feedback. Please only book **one** appointment with Miss Farley, either for History **OR RS NOT** both. If two appointments are booked with her, one will randomly be removed to create availability for others. All teachers will be in the Sports Hall where refreshments will also be available. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. On arrival at school please make your way to the Sports Hall and sign in.

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

Thank you to those who joined us live for this Workshop on Wednesday evening 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](#).

Year 11 Drop-In Timetable

B11 Subject Drop-In TT 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	*Art (1-1.30, Rm17) D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) English (1-1.30, Rm4) German (1-1.30, Rm20) RS (1-1.30, Rm18)	Art (1-1.30, Rm17) Biology (1-1.30, Rm10) Business (12:50-1.10, Rm2) D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) Drama (1-1.30, Rm29) Geography (1-1.30, Rm7) Maths sets 1&2 (Rm1) Spanish (1-1.30, Rm21)	Drama (1-1.30, Rm29) Food (1-1.30, Rm30) PE (1-1.35, Rm3)	D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) French (1-1.30, Rm22) Maths - all sets (1-1.30, Rm1) *Music (1-1.30, Rm28) Physics (1-1.30, Rm12)	Art (1-1.30, Rm17) *D&T (1-1.30, Rm14) Food (1-1.30, Rm30) *History (1-1.30, Rm19) *ICT (1-1.30, Rm16) *PE (1-1.35, Rm3)
After school 4.15-5.15	*English (Library) History (Rm19) Music (Rm28) Physics (Rm 12) RS (Rm 18)	Art (Rm17) Chemistry (Rm9) Drama (Rm29) *French (Rm22) Maths sets 3&4 (Rm8) Physics (Rm 12) RS (Rm F14 at SG)	*Business (POD) *Food (Rm30) *German (Rm20) Physics (Rm 12)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Rm12) *Spanish (Rm7)	

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 - 6-8pm Wednesday 11 February

Appointment booking via [Schoolcloud](#) will open midday Tuesday 3 February and close midday Monday 9 February. Please opt to book manually so as to leave sufficient 'travel time' between English/Maths/Science/Food appointments which will be based in the Maths block classrooms and all other subjects which will be in the Sports Hall. Your son can remain at school and meet up with you when you arrive. On arrival please make your way first to the Wellbeing lobby to sign in and where refreshments will be 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.

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.

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.

Turkey Watersports Trip October 2026

Please find the [updated letter](#) noting the new deadline of 30 January for the second installment of £300 payable 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

Hazewinkel Rowing Camp Easter 2026

Please find the [Hazewinkel Rowing Camp letter](#) taking place 26 March - 2 April 2026 which invited pupils would have received by email yesterday.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

In our 'Root of the Week', pupils learn one new word root and its meaning each week, along with examples of words containing that root, in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension.

- The root this week was 'Psych' meaning 'mind'
- Example words include 'psychology' and 'psychopath'

Psych

Origin: Greek

Meaning: Mind

Examples:

Psychology

Psychiatric

Psychopath

Psychotic

'Of the Month'

Please find January's edition of '[Of the month](#)' containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Celebrations and observances this month include Lohri-Maghi, World Braille Day, Bodhi Day, International Day of Education, Burns Night and Australia Day. St. Hilary's Day has fortunately passed given its traditionally considered the coldest day of the year in Britain!



Linguists of the Week

In German for a great start to the new term:

KS3 - Will H, George N, Noah P, Tim F, Myles W, Alex E, Jake M, Jack M, Cameron S

KS4 - Freddie C, Harrison Mc, Vihan T, George L, Kody H

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Henry B, Flynn K, Seb W
Year 8: Jack G, Guy H
Year 9: Max L, Rory M, Barnaby M
Year 10: Jake M, Laurence McM, Kody H
Year 11: Freddie R, Gabe W-R, Aaron R

Scientists of the Week

Year 10 - Ollie S for really good revision in his Physics mock

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7: Sammy A-O'N
Year 8: Joe M

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7: Elliot DJ and Thomas H
Year 8: James R
Year 9: Hayden D and Harry W

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](#)