



# Weekly Bulletin

## FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 3

### Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Blue Monday and Mr Wilding's Pub Choir Challenge."](#)

### An Evening with Maidenhead MP Josh Reynolds - Friday 6 February

NOTE: Free Entry but we still will need you to book a ticket via the Claires Court PTA [site](#) so we have an idea on numbers attending - thank you.

BOOK NOW  
LIMITED QUANTITY

AFTER DINNER SPEAKER SERIES

DATE: Friday 6 February 2026

TIME: 6-8PM

LOCATION: College Avenue

BYO: Food and Drink

TICKET PRICE: Free Entry

**JOSH REYNOLDS**  
MP, MAIDENHEAD

*Our special guest, Maidenhead's MP Reynolds will share with us his story so far. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain unique insights into the world of parliament and hear firsthand his vision for the local area.*

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. Tickets are available now on the Claires Court PTA [site](#)

### 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

## **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

## **School Car Park**

Please be careful driving in/out and walking through the car park on site, especially with the dark mornings/evenings - staff/pupils/parents on foot, please watch out for cars reversing, car drivers please be vigilant when in your car and drive slowly. Thank you.

## **Claires Court SchoolTV**

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE, TAKE A LOOK - [Claires 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.

## **REMINDER \*Marvellous Stage Moments Rehearsals\***

The next after school rehearsal is on Monday 26 January - please see information in the [letter here](#).



## **Tub-To-Pub 2026**

Don't forget to drop off your empty tub to the office by Friday 6 February.

## **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**

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](#) and [rooming map](#) (a hard copy will be available for parents to pick up on arrival from the sign in desk in the Atrium).

When booking your appointments please allow a 5 minute travel time between each appointment. Unfortunately you will not be able to book to see every teacher due to them teaching both classes, but they will be in the hall to chat if free. There will be light refreshments in the main hall.

Your daughter can stay at school after lessons end at 4pm, go to study or their usual club, and then make their way to the Library at 5pm where a member of staff will be on duty to supervise and the girls can meet their parents arriving for their appointments.

### **YEAR 9 ONLY**

#### **Y9 Preliminary GCSE Options Form - deadline to complete 13 February**

Parents of pupils in Year 9 were emailed a Preliminary GCSE Options Form on Wednesday 21 January (please check your spam folder if you did not receive this) The form needs to be completed by Friday 13 February and pupils will need to choose six optional subjects. Any queries should be directed to Deputy Head Academic Mrs O'Clee.

### **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 10/YEAR 11 GCSE DRAMA PUPILS ONLY**

#### **Thursday 26 February - The Talented Mr Ripley**

Please see [att'd letter here](#) for the above trip to Windsor Theatre. The payment of £34.50 for the trip is available on the Payment Portal now. Don't forget to complete the Parent Consent Form also. Thank you.

## **YEAR 11 ONLY**

### **Sixth Form Interviews - w/c 2 & 9 February**

The Sixth Form team will be interviewing girls in Year 11 who have either reserved a place for Year 12 or are still undecided. The registrar will email you to let you know what day your daughter's allocated interview will be.

### **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](#).

When booking appointments, please allow a 5 minute travel time between each appointment as teachers are not all in the hall (please see [rooming map here](#) - a hard copy will be available for parents to pick up on arrival from the sign in desk in the Atrium).

All appointments are **5 minutes** each **apart** from **Science** where **1 x 10 minute** appointment is to be made with one Science teacher who will discuss all three sciences with you.

Your daughter can stay at school after lessons end at 4pm, go to study or their usual club, and then make their way to the Library at 5pm where a member of staff will be on duty to supervise and the girls can meet their parents arriving for their appointments.

### **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.

### **Auschwitz Trip Information Evening - Thursday 29 January**

The History department will be holding an online information evening for the trip at 6pm next Thursday to go through arrangements for the trip including flights and accommodation. A letter containing the MEET link will follow in due course.

### **Spanish Trip - 17-20 October 2026**

Pupils studying Spanish in Years 9-12 are invited to participate in the Spanish trip next October half term. Places are confirmed by payment of a £300 non-refundable deposit via the Parent [Payment Portal](#) and completion of the [Consent Form](#) by Friday 6 February.

### **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](#).

## **Trip Reminders**

### **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

### **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.

## **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION**



[January](#)

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

## Root of the Week..... Scribe mean Write

<b>Scribe</b>  <b>Origin:</b> Latin  <b>Meaning:</b> Write	<b>Examples:</b>  Scribe  Describe  Inscribe  Prescribe  Subscribe  Transcribe
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**Well done to all the girls named below this week!**

### Linguist of the Week

w/c 19 January 2026

Year 10: Spanish: Marcie D-P "Approaching all the work with maturity and independence"

### Scientists of the Week

w/c 19 January 2026

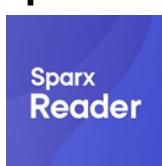
Year 9: Olivia R - "Fantastic poster homework on stem cells"

Year 9: Darcie B - "Consistently working at an awesome standard and asks great questions every lesson"

Year 10: Frankie T - "Incredible score on her Using and Extracting Metals, Transition Metals, Alloys and Corrosion topic test!"

Year 11: Emily J - "Consistently excellent focus in Physics"

### Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 19 January 2026

Year 7: Amelie W

Year 8: Molly K

### Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 19 January 2026

Year 7: Holly D

Year 8: Clodagh E

Year 9: Amelia P