



Weekly Bulletin

23 JANUARY (SPRING TERM WEEK 3)

FROM THE OFFICE

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

Great opportunity for GCSE and A-Level History and Politics students to ask questions of local MP Josh Reynolds who will be giving a short talk about his journey to the House of Commons and his vision for the future. **Don't miss out, ticket numbers limited, book now** @ [Claires Court PTA website!](#)

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.

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 as soon as he arrives and 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.

Tub-To-Pub 2026 - deadline 6 February

Last two weeks to hand in any tubs for recycling to Form Tutors or the staff room to raise funds for Macmillan ([TUB2PUB](#)). Last year the school collected 127 tubs and overall the campaign collected 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan.

Rewards and Sanctions email

The email from your son's Form Tutor sharing details of any rewards and sanctions he has received in the last seven days was not sent yesterday but will be sent tonight. If you do not receive it, 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 & Show - 26 & 28 January

Rehearsals will take place after school on Monday 26 January. Transport will be provided to take the boys to Senior Girls at 4pm and they may wish to bring a packed tea/snack. Please collect your son at 7pm from College Avenue (SL6 6AW) via the Atrium entrance. The show is at 7pm Wednesday 28 January College Avenue (SL6 6AW). All cast members will need to be back in school by 5.30pm on show night please.

YEAR 7 ONLY

B7 Parents' Evening - 6-8pm Tuesday 3 February - booking opens 26 January

Booking via [SchoolCloud](#) will open midday Monday 26 January and close 10am Monday 2 February. Please use your son's full name as the system does not recognise abbreviated or nicknames. Further instructions can be found in this [Booking Guide](#). 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

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 Dr Loughran.

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 10/11 GCSE DRAMA PUPILS ONLY

Theatre Trip - Thursday 26 February - The Talented Mr Ripley

Drama pupils in Year 10 and 11 are invited to The Talented Mr Ripley at the Theatre Royal Windsor, please see the [letter](#) for further information. Payment of non-refundable £34.50 via the [Payment Portal](#) and completion of the [Consent Form](#) are required **by 1 February** to confirm your place, thank you.

YEAR 11 ONLY

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)	

Sixth Form Interviews - w/c 2 & 9 February

The Sixth Form team will be interviewing boys 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 son's allocated interview will be.

B11 Parents Evening - Wednesday 11 February - booking opens 3 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. If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher you would like to see, please contact them directly via email to arrange an alternative means of receiving feedback. 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.

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.

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 the January report and November mocks exam results. Pupils should therefore use these sources 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 report and mock exams 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.

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](#).

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.

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 '**Scribe**' meaning '**write**'
- Example words include '**describe**' and '**prescribe**'

Scribe

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Write

Examples:

Scribe

Describe

Inscribe

Prescribe

Subscribe

Transcribe

'Of the Month'

Please find January's edition of '[Of the month](#)' containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Composer of the month is Igor Stravinsky born in Russia in 1882. He studied law at university but his real passion was music - listen to his compositions [here](#).



Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for a great start to the new term:

KS3 - Thomas A, Beau C, Harry H, Finn D, Zak D, Manny B, Phoenix A, Ben W, Jude A, George L, Luca R

KS4 - Jack H, Akhil V, Max B, Charlie V, Kody H, Ollie W, Euan S

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Elliot D-J

Year 8: Fin D, Cameron S

Year 9: Harry W

Year 10: Rushil H

Year 11: Myles B, Reuben M

Scientists of the Week

Year 8 - Tomo R for excellent effort and answers in lesson on speed calculations

Year 9 - Harry N-B for fantastic focus throughout the lesson on growth charts

Year 11 - Dylan S and Gabe W-R for excellent completion of past paper tracker

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7: Flynn K

Year 8: Berty L

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7: Daniel TB

Year 8: Elliot H

Year 9: Nathaniel 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](#)