



**CLAIRES COURT  
SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 5**

## Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Play is Not a Luxury - It's a Higher Form of Learning"](#)

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Key Dates for the Term

#### w/c 16 February

Half term

#### Thursday 26 February

Ski Trip Parent Information Evening 6pm at CCSB Sports Hall **\*SAVE THE DATE\***

#### 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

## Claire's Court SchoolTV

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE, TAKE A LOOK** - [Claire's 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/40ggNjs> 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 Quiz Night - Friday 6 March

Please keep Friday 6 March free to come to the next installment of our popular Quiz Night hosted by Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee.

### PTA Summer Party - 27 June 2026

The PTA Summer Party date has now been confirmed as Saturday 27 June in the grounds of the Junior School. Please **SAVE THE DATE** further details will follow in due course.

**Reminder - Cashless Catering:** Please ensure your daughter's cashless catering account is topped up and any outstanding balances are cleared.

### Lost/Found Section

We have 2 blazers in the school office - unfortunately they are nameless. If not claimed before the end of half term we will donate to our PTA for a nearly new sale.

### "Marvellous Stage Moments" Show

Thanks to everyone who participated and supported the "Marvellous Stage Moments" show featuring the talents of our Seniors and Sixth Form students. What a brilliant effort directed by Mr Bennett, Ms Olivier and Mr Odeh! To see the highlights photo album from the show, visit [here](#)



An extra **BIG** thank you from the Drama Teachers to all the pupils for all their hard work and effort in the recent rehearsals especially the two late finishes after school - we are sure you will agree they all performed superbly on the night so well done to them!

### Tub-To-Pub 2026 - **deadline 6 February**

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



### 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

### **\*REMINDER\* G7 Parents' Evening Thursday 5 February 6pm-8pm**

- The [Schoolcloud](#) online booking system opened on **Tuesday 27 January at 9.30am**
- Schoolbase Parent Booking information [here](#) and [rooming map](#)
- 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
- Pupils can stay at school in the Library at 5pm once their study/after school club ends

## 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

### **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 10 HPQs - Higher Project Qualification

Please find a [recording here](#) on HPQs for our Year 10 senior girls. Mr Richards has spoken to the girls about this.

## YEAR 11 ONLY

### **Year 11 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March**

Parents will be greeted by staff at the 'No6' Sixth Form entrance (please walk down the slope as if going to our Nursery).



YEAR 11 PARENTS

You're invited to our  
*coffee catchup*

**Friday 13 March**

9 - 10 am  
Sixth Form Bistro

Join the Head of Sixth Form and senior staff for coffee and a conversation regarding your child's academic journey, courses, and future progression.

Kindly RSVP below to let us know you are coming, or to book an individual visit if you cannot join us.



### **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 6pm-8pm**

**\*Booking opens on Monday 2 February\***

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.

### **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 - 13-15 February

Please find the [letter](#) containing details of departure/return, packing list, emergency contact number etc. A copy of the slides from the information evening last night can be found [here](#) and a reminder of the following actions required of you, if not already done:

- Inform Mr Flynn of any dietary requirements ASAP
- Print and complete this [document](#), with a signature by hand, by both parents and return to Mr Flynn ASAP
- Complete the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) and return to the nurse by Friday 6 February
- Your child needs to read and sign the [Ground Rules for Overseas Trips](#) by Monday 9 February

### Ski Trip Information Evening Thursday 26 February **\*SAVE THE DATE\***

Starts at 6pm - taking place at Senior Boys Sports Hall - please note that parking on site is from **5.45pm** as all school coaches will have left by then.

### 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 today, **Friday 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..... PED mean Foot**

<p><b>Ped</b></p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Latin</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> Foot</p>	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <p>Pedestrian</p> <p>Pedal</p> <p>Pedicure</p> <p>Pedometer</p> <p>Centipede</p>
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### **Well done to all the girls named below this week!**

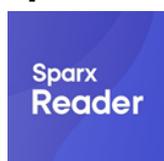
#### **Linguist of the Week**

**w/c 26 January 2026**

Year 10: Adriana B - *"Approaching all the work with maturity and independence"*

**Scientists of the Week** - *Apologies will return next week!*

#### **Sparx Reader of the Week**



**w/c 26 January 2026**

Year 7: Avril C

Year 8: Eleanor G

## Accelerated Reader of the Week



**w/c 26 January 2026**

Year 7: Isabelle M

Year 9: Isobel E

## 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](mailto: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](#)

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