



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 6

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: "[The Morning After VAT: From Panic to Adjustment in the Independent Sector](#)"

FROM THE OFFICE

Transport Questionnaire - deadline to complete 16 February

A gentle reminder to please complete the [Transport Questionnaire](#) you should have received by email on Wednesday. This will help us determine the transport requirements for the next academic year. Please complete it by Monday 16 February, even if you have decided not to use school transport to let us know your reasons. If you have any questions please contact Hayley Morrissey at travel@clairescourt.net.

PTA Quiz Night: Book Your Table!

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS
**QUIZ
Night**

Join us for a night full of fun, laughter, and brain-twisting questions!

6 March 2026
6 PM-8 PM

College Avenue
SL6 6AW

HOSTED BY QUIZMASTERS RICHARDS AND O'LEE

Form a team, have fun and raise funds for the PTA!

PTA Cash Bar

Tickets £10 per head
£100 per table

Book at www.cepta.org.uk

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, and healthy competition at the Claire's Court PTA Quiz Night on Friday, 6 March! Hosted by the fantastic Quizmasters Richards and

O'Clee, this is the perfect chance to team up with fellow parents and friends to support our school.

- When: 6 March 2026, 6PM – 8PM
- Where: College Avenue (SL6 6AW)
- Tickets: £10 per head / £100 per table
- Bonus: PTA Cash Bar available

All proceeds go directly toward PTA initiatives for our students. Spaces fill up fast, so grab your team and book your spot today. [Book Your Tickets Here](#)

Junior Bake off - applications open until 15 March

Applications are now open for the 12th series of Junior Bake Off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent! Young budding bakers between 9-15 years old can apply here - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. Applications close 15 March, with filming taking place from July 2026.



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 March 2026**
- **20 April 2026**

School Uniform Donations - The PTA would welcome any donations of good quality uniform for their nearly new sales - blazers and skirts are always in demand - please feel free to drop off at the school office. Thank you.

PTA Summer Party - 27 June 2026 ***SAVE THE DATE***

The PTA Summer Party date has now been confirmed as Saturday 27 June in the grounds of the Junior School. Further details will follow in due course.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE, TAKE A LOOK - [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)

Claire's Court SchoolTV - please see a link below to a recording about **Peer Pressure***

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.

*Please find a [SPECIAL REPORT: Responding to Peer Pressure](#) by Dr Emma Woodward, SchoolTV and Adolescent Psychologist on understanding how peer pressure works both offline and online you will be better able to support your daughter in managing any negative peer influence she may inevitably experience.

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.

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.

Calendar

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

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

Senior Girls School Office Opening Hours

The Senior Girls school office is staffed from 8am-4.30pm. All pupils, if not going home at 4pm, stay for study or club until 5pm leaving from the main entrance/exit 'The Atrium'.

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](#) were 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 Group Photo 'Fun & Formal' *CHANGE OF DATE*

The date for the Senior Girls Year 11 photo has changed from Friday 13 March to **Wednesday 11 March** - 8.50-9.10am - girls are to wear full school uniform and we will inform parents when they can purchase the photograph(s) - a nice keepsake for your daughter.

Work Experience

Please find the [Work Experience letter](#) emailed home earlier this week containing dates for proposed work experience weeks, possible routes to obtaining work experience, a journal to log work experience and the assembly slides.

Revision Timetable

With only a few more weeks until study leave, Mr Bennett has shared with the girls a [Revision Timetable Template](#) to help them start planning their revision over the coming weeks.

GCSE Support Clinics

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

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.

Sixth Form Interviews - w/c 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

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

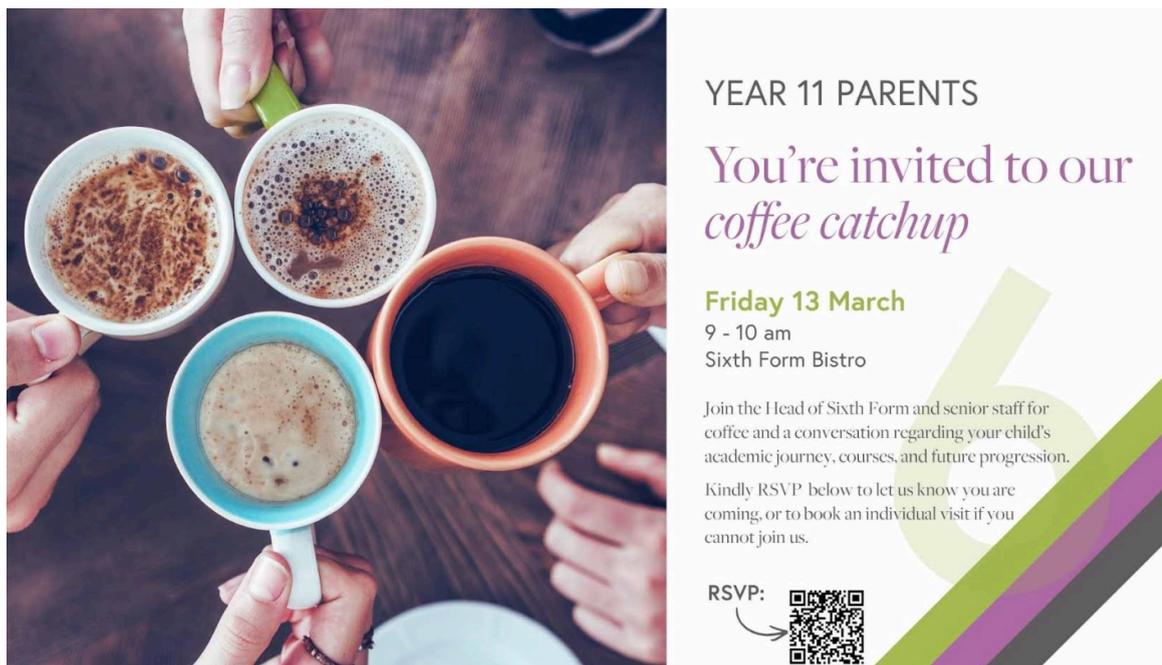
Year 11 pupils will be sitting the following additional mock examinations w/c 9 February:

- 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.

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).



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

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

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.

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

Please join Mr Carter in the Sports Hall at Senior Boys for a 6pm start ([letter](#)). Parking will be available in school after 5.45pm.

Y10/11 Theatre Trip The Talented Mr Ripley - Thursday 26 February

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Margam Park Geography Trip - 19-21 March

Please find the [final Margam Park letter](#) containing information about itinerary including departure/collection details, kit list, emergency contact number, mobile phones etc. noting the following requirements:

- Pay final £185 via [Payment Portal](#) by 1 March
- Sign [UK Residential Trip Ground Rules](#)

Hazewinkel Rowing Camp, 26 March - 2 April

Please find the [final letter](#) for Hazewinkel Rowing Camp containing departure/return details, kit list, money/food requirements etc. noting the following actions required of you **by Tuesday 17 March please:**

- Completion of [Consent Form](#)
- Final Payment of £375 via [Payment Portal](#)
- Print [document](#) to sign by hand & return
- Sign up to Ground Rules included in [letter](#)
- Check medical details are up-to-date

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 today, **Friday 6 February.**

Turkey Watersports Trip October 2026

Please find the [updated letter](#) the deadline was last **Friday 30 January** for the second installment of £300 payable via the [Payment Portal](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



Welcome to [February](#)

Root of the Week..... 'UNI' mean 'ONE'

<p style="font-size: 2em; color: #e91e63;">Uni</p> <p>Origin: Latin</p> <p>Meaning: One</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Universal</p> <p>University</p> <p>Unicycle</p> <p>Unilateral</p> <p>Uniform</p> <p>Unique</p>
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 2 February 2026

Year 8: Spanish - Luciana P *"Fantastic effort during your Spanish lessons, going the extra mile to improve your Spanish as much as possible, imuy bien!"*

Year 9: German - Lucy W *"For working extremely well and focused in lessons!"*

Scientists of the Week

w/c 2 February 2026

Year 7: Amelia W and Isabella M *"For excellent Q and A on MAss and Weight"*

Year 8: Peyton R *"For an incredible presentation on the gas exchange in Axolotls"*

Year 10: Josie G *"For fantastic Root Tip Squash practical"*

Year 11: Maisie J *"For fantastic graph on pollution"*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 2 February 2026

Year 7: Mille Mc

Year 8: Eleanor G

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 2 February 2026

Year 7: Kaliyaani M

Year 8: Peyton R

Year 9: Tiana 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