



CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

6 FEBRUARY (SPRING TERM WEEK 5)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 6 March - **[Book your ticket/table now!](#)**

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, and healthy competition at the Claires Court PTA Quiz Night on Friday, 6 March! Hosted by the fantastic Quizmasters Richards and O'�lee, 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](#)

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS
QUIZ
Night

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

6 March 2026
6-8PM

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.ccpta.org.uk

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.

Parent Questionnaire

You should have received our annual Parent Questionnaire today via email (if not please check your Junk/Spam folder) . We kindly ask you to complete this **by Thursday 12 February** as your feedback helps us to understand what is working well and, just as importantly, where we can continue to improve.

Lost Air Pods

Mrs Ronci has had a number of air pods handed in to her now that are waiting to be reunited with their owners! If your son's air pods have recently gone missing, please ask him to check in at reception to see if any may belong to them.

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.



Claires Court SchoolTV - Peer Pressure

Please take a look at this [Claires Court SchoolTV](#) Special Report on [Peer Pressure](#) - by understanding how peer pressure works both offline and online you will be better able to support your son in managing any negative peer influence he may experience.

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.

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** and further details will follow in due course.

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. 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 Meningococcal ACWY & Booster Vaccinations - Friday 27 February

Thank you to those who have already completed the consent form. Those who have not were sent a reminder last Thursday so please complete a [YES or NO consent form](#) using school code BK110153B **before half term**. Further information can be found in this [letter](#) and queries should be directed to 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

Work Experience

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

Year 11 Revision

Please find the [Revision Calendar Template](#) Miss Mirza shared the boys at assembly this morning to help them start planning their revision over half term and beyond.

B11 Parents Evening 11 February - booking closes Monday 9 February

Appointment booking via [Schoolcloud](#) will 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 (see [map](#)). If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher you would like to see, please contact them directly 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.

Sixth Form Interviews - w/c 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 has emailed to inform you of your son's allocated interview date.

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.

Year 11 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March

Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#).



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.

RSVP: 

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.

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)	

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.

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**.

Auschwitz Trip - 13-15 February 2026

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

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

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.

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

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](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



'Of the Month'

Please find our February edition of ['Of the month'](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! The name February comes from the Latin word februum, meaning "purification," named after the Roman festival of purification, Februa, held in the month to cleanse and prepare for spring.

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 '**Uni**' meaning '**one**'
- Example words include '**unicycle**' and '**uniform**'

Uni

Origin: Latin

Meaning: One

Examples:

Universal

University

Unicycle

Unilateral

Uniform

Unique

Linguists of the Week

In German for great Speaking test:

Year 8 - Tim F, James R, Myles W, Oscar P, James C, Alex E, Jake M

Year 9 - Oli G, Will H, George N, Max E

Y10 - Freddie C, Rushil H, Kody H, Harrison Mc, Vihaan T, Anton Z

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7: Henry Bat

Year 8: Ernie G, Manny B

Year 9: Leon H, Noah P, Theo K

Year 10: Trent R, Matthieu M, Freddie C

Year 11: Max B, Akhil V

Scientists of the Week

Year 9: George R for fantastic root tip squash and rates of reaction practicals

Year 9: Max L for outstanding work in Chemistry whilst working on a series of revision strategies

Year 11: Dylan S for his thorough notes on his Biology Past Paper Tracker

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7: Louis M

Year 8: Rufus C & Elliot K-H

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7: Henry Bat and Henry Bar

Year 8: William G and Zak D

Year 9: Max L

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](#)
- [Claire's Court SchoolTV](#)
- [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)

