



CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here, "[The Author, The Village and the Paradox of Independence](#)"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sailing Fixture against Magdalen College School, Clifton College and Oxford sailing club

Huge congratulations to the Sixth Form Sailing team who sailed against Magdalen College School, Clifton College and Oxford sailing club. They didn't lose a race all day and won overall!!



Valentines Quiz

Thank you to the 'Make a Difference' Team who organised a Valentine's Day Quiz this week to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.



PTA AGM

All parents are warmly invited to our PTA Annual General Meeting from 9.15-11am on Friday 27 February at Claires Court Juniors Sports Hall. There will be pupil presentations and updates on projects for which the PTA have kindly provided funding. Coffee and pastries will be provided. The agenda can be found [here](#).

PTA Quiz Night: Book Your Table!

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’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](#)

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.

Philosophy essay competitions 2026

Push yourself, go for it! It will look superb on your UCAS applications! Please see Mrs Le Neve foster if you're interested in applying or would like to discuss further:

<https://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/news/think-essay-prize/>

<https://www.johnlockeinstitute.com/essay-competition>

Save the Date

[Spring Term Calendars](#)

- Spring Half Term- Monday 16 -Friday 20 February
- Y13 Mock Exams- Monday 23 February- Tuesday 3 March
- PTA AGM - Juniors Sports Hall Friday 27 February
- Y12 Formal Assessments- Wednesday 4 - Tuesday 10 March
- Y13 Parents Evening- Wednesday 11 March
- Y12 Parents Evening- Tuesday 17 March
- Spring Term Ends - Wednesday 25 March

Mock Exams and Formal Assessments

We would like to make you aware that the morning exams will start at 9am sharp, so we recommend on the days your son/daughter has a morning exam they arrive at school by 8.45am the latest.

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.



[Welcome to February](#)

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

University and College Open Days - www.opendays.com

Free Year 12 Oxbridge / Top University Programme

This is a substantial free offering, combining live lectures and 1:1 sessions, with 6 hours of total support across the year. Drawing on their latest research, they share high-impact, practical guidance on applications that has helped learners achieve a 43% Oxbridge success rate, compared to a national average of 16%.

Sign-up deadline: 10 February

Please see further information [here](#)

Thames Valley Medical Applicants' Conference

This conference will provide students with a comprehensive overview of the UK medical school application process, expert tips for excelling in the UCAT exam, standing out at interview and the personal statement, how to go about organising relevant work experience, and key updates for the 26/27 cycle.

The Marist School in Sunninghill

Tuesday 24 February from 1-4pm

Further information can be found [here](#)

CAREERS INFORMATION

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeship

Find out more [here](#)

Choice Magazine- The Ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships

View [here](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships - Everything you need to know about Apprenticeships and Technical Education

Further information can be found [here](#)

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing

More information can be found [here](#)

Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships

More information can be found [here](#)

February Half Term Virtual STEM Work Experience

NESO is part of the UK Government, is publicly owned and has a core responsibility for the entire distribution of the UK's electricity and gas supply. They have some fantastic student programmes on offer this year and this work experience day will give students a unique insight to the work they do.

Tuesday 17 February 10-2.30pm

Register [Here](#)

ONE BIG EVENT at Wembley Stadium

Wednesday 11 March

The day includes:

- An introduction to the Global Institute of Sport (GIS) and how we prepare students for success in the global sports industry
- A guided tour of Wembley Stadium
- An interactive sports careers workshop
- Talks from guest speakers working within the sports industry

It's a brilliant opportunity for students to discover the pathways available to them, expand their understanding of the industry, and start thinking about their next steps all while standing in one of the most iconic venues in world sport.

Please see more information [here](#)

InvestIN Future of Work Webinar Series

Two free workshops to help students think about their next steps after school, with a particular focus on AI and the rapidly changing career landscape.



INVESTIN
Future of Work Webinar Series

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL?

The world of work is changing fast. Join our series of free workshops to explore what the future of work could look like and how you can start to prepare for it.

3rd Feb 6pm Uk Time

Will AI Take My Dream Job?

- How AI is impacting jobs now and in the future
- The opportunities and challenges that AI could bring you
- How AI affects subject choices, university decisions and career planning
- Live Q&A

10th Feb 6pm Uk Time

How to Futureproof Your Career (interactive workshop)

- Learn how to prepare for changing career paths
- Identify what matters most to you
- Practise building key transferable skills
- Explore how work experience supports career planning

Receive a certificate of completion

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Clifford Chance Law Work Experience

Virtual insight event for you to spend a whole day with Clifford Chance on Thursday, 19 February, 10am -3pm.

Register [here](#)

Grant Thornton Business and Accounting Insight Event in Oxford

You will have the chance to participate in workshops and network with the firm's service lines and their teams. You will meet partners, managers and trainees across all their core business service areas, so you can find out which part of Grant Thornton is the right fit for you.

Friday 13 March

Register [here](#)

Maltman's Green School Gap Year Support Assistant-Job Vacancy Starting in September 2026.

A gap year position at Maltman's Green will enable you to develop transferable skills, working as part of a friendly team in a beautiful learning environment.

The successful candidate will have a genuine interest in working with children and a flexible approach. The role will include supporting class teachers with children in either Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. You may also be assisting with their wrap around care programme and their busy extra-curricular sport and activities programme. An interest in music, drama or sports would be welcomed.

If you are interested in applying, please contact: HR@maltmansgreen.com by Monday 23 February 2026.

REMINDERS

Cashless Catering

Please can you regularly check your son/daughter's cashless catering balance and ensure there are sufficient funds available. Overdrawn accounts will be closed until funds have been added.

Sixth Form Dress Code Reminder

Formal business dress remains on a Monday. Casual business dress may be worn from Tuesday to Friday. The requirements for Sixth Form dress may be found [here](#). Trainers, Crocs, Uggs and hoodies are not part of the dress code.

Sickness Absence & Medical Absence reporting

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 8.45am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327560 or by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net.

Any absence from school required for medical or dental appointments may also be requested by email to sixthform@clairescourt.net.

Lanyards

Please can we remind parents that the wearing of lanyards by Sixth Form students is a required part of the dress code. It helps to identify them as part of the Sixth Form, both on our site and for those who travel to Senior Boys. It is an integral part of our safeguarding policy that students wear their lanyards at all times on school grounds. Unfortunately, many students come into school without lanyards, or have lost them. Please can you check that your son or daughter has their lanyard when they leave for school.

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.