



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 7

Principal's Blog

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

FROM THE OFFICE



Enjoy the half term break next week and Happy Valentine's Day tomorrow.



PTA AGM

All parents are warmly invited to our PTA Annual General Meeting from 9.15-11am on **Friday 27 February** at Claire's Court Juniors Sports Hall (SL6 4QQ). There will be pupil presentations and updates on projects for which the PTA have kindly provided funding. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Transport Questionnaire - deadline for completion is **Monday 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: **Friday 6 March. Book Your Ticket/Table now!**

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

CLAIRE'S COURT PTA PRESENTS

QUIZ Night

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

6 March 2026
6PM-8PM

College Avenue
SL6 6AW

HOSTED BY QUIZMASTERS RICHARDS AND O'CLEE

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

- 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](#)

Year 11 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March

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: 

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**
- 11 May 2026
- 1 June 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 Fete - Saturday 20 June 2026 *SAVE THE DATE*

The PTA Summer Fete is confirmed for Saturday 20 June held at our Junior School. Further details to follow in due course.

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

U15 ISA Netball - Well Done Girls!



Our U15 girls delivered an outstanding performance at their recent ISA London West Netball Tournament. They performed exceptionally well from the very start, finishing second in a highly competitive pool, with their only loss coming against Farnborough Hill, who went on to win the entire tournament. The girls then faced tough opposition in the knockout stages but remained focused and continued to perform brilliantly. We met Farnborough Hill again in the semi-finals and, despite a determined performance, narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Showing great resilience and character, the girls kept their heads held high and went on to confidently secure third place. This was a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of all the girls' hard work and dedication throughout the term so far.

Spring Concert - Joint Selected Seniors and Sixth Form Pupils

Wednesday 18 March

For those parents whose child is participating in this event please don't forget to complete the Google form emailed home earlier this week by Friday 13 March so we have an idea on numbers for hall capacity and refreshments. Thank you.

Message from the Senior Girls PE Office *Reminder*

Netball development will move to College Avenue after February half term, finishing at 5pm in time for late buses/parent pickup.

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'.

YEARS 7-9

Year 7-9 Academic Breakfast - Thursday 26 February

Year 7-9 Scholars have been invited to the next Academic Breakfast taking place in the Senior Girls Library from 8.15am - 9am on Thursday 26 February. Pupils who have confirmed their attendance by 13 February should come prepared to discuss: If we were to abolish homework what would we replace it with? There will be transport back to Senior Boys afterwards.

YEAR 9 ONLY

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

Spanish Trip to BFI, Southbank - Monday 23 February

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Spanish trip to the British Film Institute taking place on Monday 23 February.

Year 10 GCSE German Pupils only!

German Day 'Goethe Institute', London - Thursday 23 April

Please find att'd [letter here](#) which was emailed home yesterday to parents whose child is studying GCSE German.

Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) handed out to the Year 10 girls this afternoon. Please read this carefully as it contains important information that you will need to know for the GCSE Examination period. Please keep a copy for future reference as any questions you may have are likely to have the answers contained within.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Sixth Form Coffee Morning - Friday 13 March



Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) handed out to the Year 11 girls this morning. Please read this carefully as it contains important information that you will need to know for the GCSE Examination period. Please keep a copy for future reference as any questions you may have are likely to have the answers contained within. Please also find a generic copy of the [GCSE Written Examination Timetable](#).

Work Experience

Please find the [Work Experience letter](#) emailed home recently 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.

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**.

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.

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 inbound flight details and Braywick collection. In the event of an emergency, please contact Mr Flynn via 01628 327387.

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

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](#) was due **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

Spanish Trip - 17-20 October 2026

Now open to all pupils currently in Years 9 and 10, please find the [Spanish Trip letter](#) taking place in 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 27 February. If oversubscribed places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

French Trip - 17-20 October 2026

Please find the [Paris Trip letter](#) taking place in October half term open to pupils currently in Years 9 and 10. To secure your place please pay the £300 non-refundable deposit via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete [Consent Form](#) **by Monday 2 March**. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be offered on a first come first served basis and students in KS4 from September 2026 will be prioritised.

Turkey Watersports Trip October 2026

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

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



Welcome to [February](#)

Root of the Week..... 'CIRCUM' meaning 'AROUND'

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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 9 February 2026

Year 9: Spanish: Aishwarya M-W *"Great work and effort in Spanish, always making the most to improve your knowledge! ¡Fantástico!"*

Year 11: German: Ava H *"For catching up well and producing good work".*

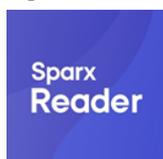
Scientists of the Week

w/c 9 February 2026

Year 7: Sienna K *"For resilience and thoughtful planning on her planned practical".*

Year 9: Ellie H, Amelia P and Luella H *"For excellent thinking, resilience and hard work in science".*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 9 February 2026

Year 7: Evelyn E "*For exceeding the amount of work required - keep it up!*"

Year 8: Harmony C-T

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 9 February 2026

Year 7: Avril C

Year 8: Molly K

Year 9: Emily W

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](#)

