



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 8

On Monday, 23 February, we announced that Claire's Court has joined the LTC Education Group (LTCEG), the education arm of the Licensed Trade Charity.

This partnership represents a proactive and forward-looking step, carefully planned to safeguard our school's legacy and ensure that Claire's Court continues to flourish for both current and future pupils.

The school will retain its name, ethos and traditions, and the day-to-day life of our pupils remains unchanged, supported by the familiar staff and pastoral structures that our families value so highly.

By joining LTCEG, we are strengthening our foundations and creating new opportunities for future investment in facilities, ensuring that Claire's Court continues to thrive for generations to come.

If you were unable to join us on Wednesday evening to hear from James Wilding, Principal, and Christine Cunniffe, Executive Principal, you can watch a recording of the event on our YouTube channel via the link [here](#).

Please also see [here](#) for the most up to date FAQ document for detailed information regarding the transition. If you have further questions, please direct them to parents@ltceducationgroup.org.uk.

Principal's Blog

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

FROM THE OFFICE



Welcome back to the last few weeks of the Lent Spring Term and hope you all enjoyed the rest from the usual school routine last week!

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 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](#)

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'CLEARY

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

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.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

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 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.

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/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 and Facebook plus photo albums from [Flickr](#) which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

ALL YEAR GROUP INFORMATION



Non Uniform Day - Thursday 12 March

All staff and pupils are invited to wear non uniform for a **£2 donation** in support of [International Women's Day 2026](#) who this year are celebrating 115 years (1911-2026). The £2 donation can be paid directly in cash to the form tutor on the day or via our Payment Portal as from **Monday 2 March** through to **Friday 13 March**. Thank you in advance for help supporting this worthy cause.

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.

Tuesday 28 April - Whole School Photo *SAVE THE DATE*

Tempest School Photography will be in to take the whole senior girls school photo at 11.30am-12.30pm. Please can all the girls (Y7-11) wear full school uniform including blazers, bring in a hairbrush for neat tidy hair (long hair to be tied back off the face). We will inform parents when the photo is available to view/order.

CCF Diary Dates

***Reminder* CCF cadets will** be participating in air rifle shoots most Mondays to allow them to pass their Shooting qualification, so please let us know of any absences in advance so that we can plan accordingly.

- **Monday 2 March** - we will be training at the Junior site in order to look at some more advanced fieldcraft techniques. Pick up will be at 6pm as usual but **from the Junior site - SL6 4QQ**.
- **Sunday 8 March** - Leadership Challenge Day. Pick up time is likely to be 5.30pm rather than the 6pm mentioned in the letter.
- **Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 April - Field Weekend**. This is a key event in our CCF calendar so **all cadets are expected to attend**.
- **Monday 11 May *Additional Diary Date Added*** - Adventurous Training at Longridge Activity Centre. Pick up at 6.30pm
- **Sunday 7 June - Skill at Arms training** @ Wellington College. 8am-4.45pm. The day is compulsory for anyone going to Summer Camp, unless they have previously attended a camp.
- **21-26 June - Summer Camp**
Summer Camp is an absolutely fantastic week and we hope as many cadets as possible can join us, although we are aware of clashes in the calendar for Year 10 and above. A letter with more details will follow. Here is a [video](#) from a previous camp that shows the kinds of things we get up to.
- **Monday 29 June** - CCF Prizegiving from 5pm.

Message from the Senior Girls PE Office *Reminder*

Netball development has moved to College Avenue - finishing at 5pm in time for late buses/parent pickup.

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.

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.

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 7 ONLY

Year 7 Dorney Court - Tuesday 10 March

Please find the Year 7 Dorney Court History Trip letter. As this trip takes place during the school day pupils should arrive at school at the normal time wearing school tracksuit and will need the following:

- rain proof coat
- nut-free packed lunch and drinks

Year 7 Science Fair - Friday 13 March

Parents are invited to our inaugural Claires Court Year 7 Science Fair hosted at the Senior Boys Science Department (SL6 8TE) from 3.30pm, further information can be found in this [letter](#). Please complete this [form](#) by **Friday 6 March** to indicate whether you plan to attend and whether you will pick your daughter up from the Senior Boys school or Senior Girls. Unfortunately there is no parking at Senior Boys, so please park considerately for our neighbours on the surrounding roads.

YEAR 9 ONLY

***Reminder* Friday 6 March - Meningococcal ACWY and the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio)**

- Don't forget to complete the NHS Berkshire Health **YES/NO** [consent form](#) by Monday 2 March.
- Include the school's unique code **BK110153G**.
- Further details can be found in the letter [here](#).

YEAR 10 ONLY

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. The cost of the trip is £35 and is available to pay via our [Payment Portal](#) by Monday 9 March please.

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 Fun & Formal Photographs - Wednesday 11 March

Please save the date and ensure your daughter is in school and looking her best in smart uniform (including blazer), neat hair (tied back if long), polished shoes etc. on Wednesday 11 March for her Form Group and Year 11 photographs which will take place during form time 8.50am-9.10am. The photographs will be available to purchase and ordering details will be shared afterwards.

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: 

Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) handed out to the Year 11 girls recently. 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](#).

Practical Examination Dates are shown below:

- 3 & 5 March - Food Practical Exam
- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams
- TBC - PE

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 23 June - Thorpe Park Trip
Wednesday 24 June - Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Useful Links

[Revision Calendar Template](#)
[GCSE Subject Directory](#)
[Claire's Court GCSE handbook](#)
[Work Experience letter](#)
[GCSE Support Clinics](#)

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.

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 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..... 'LUMIN' meaning 'LIGHT'

<p>Lumin</p> <p>Origin: Latin</p> <p>Meaning: Light</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Luminous</p> <p>Illuminate</p> <p>Luminary</p> <p>Luminescence</p>
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week
w/c 23 February 2026

Year 9: French: Olivia D "for careful, thorough work in French Reading CT where she got full marks!"

Year 11: Spanish: Chloe B "Great commitment to Spanish. Working very hard and making good progress. Fantastic attitude to learning."

Scientists of the Week

w/c 23 February 2026 - apologies we have no winners this week for our Scientists of the Week but please look again next Friday.

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 23 February 2026 - as we didn't set any Sparx Reader work over the half term we have no winners this week but please look again next Friday.

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 23 February 2026

Year 7: Sophie B

Year 8: Peyton R

Year 9: Georgie C

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](#)