



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS

Weekly Bulletin

27 FEBRUARY (SPRING TERM WEEK 7)

FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog

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

LTC Announcement

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 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.

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](#)

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'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.cepta.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

Clares Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Clares Court SchoolTV](#) - available to all our parents. 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.

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.

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](#) #IWD2026 #GiveToGain. IWD has been around for over a hundred years, as have many of the issues still impacting women's advancements. Please support this cause by making a £2 donation via the [Payment Portal](#) (from Monday 2 March through to Friday 13 March) or in cash on the day to the form tutor.



Seniors Spring Concert - Wednesday 18 March

For those parents whose child is participating in this event please don't forget to complete the [Google form](#) by Friday 13 March so we have an idea on numbers for hall capacity and refreshments.

YEARS 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. Unfortunately there is no parking at Senior Boys, so please park considerately for our neighbours on the surrounding roads.

YEAR 10 ONLY

Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) that we kindly ask that you read this booklet carefully as it contains important information that you will need to know for the English Language GCSE examination in the summer. Please keep a copy for future reference as any questions you may have are likely to be answered within.

German Day Goethe Institute - Thursday 23 April

Please find the [letter](#) regarding the Year 10 GCSE German Language trip to London on Thursday 23 April. The cost of the trip is £35 and is available to pay via our [Payment Portal](#) by Monday 9 March please.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Examination Dates & Booklet

Please find a generic copy of the [GCSE Written Examination Timetable](#) noting that all pupils need to be available all day for Contingency Day on Wednesday 24 June.

Confirmed dates for the Practical Examinations are:

- 5/6 March - Food Practical Exam
- 12 March - Drama Practical Exam
- 22 & 24 April - MFL Speaking Exams
- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- TBC - PE

Please also find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) which we kindly ask that you read 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 be answered within.

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.



Form and Year Group Photographs - Friday 20 March

Please save the date and ensure your son is in school and looking his best in smart uniform (with tie!), neat hair, polished shoes etc. on Friday 20 March for his Form Group and Year 11 photographs. The photographs will be available to purchase and ordering details will be shared afterwards.

Year 11 Useful Links

[Revision Calendar Template](#)

[GCSE Subject Directory](#)

[Claire's Court GCSE handbook](#)

[Work Experience letter](#)

[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

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.

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

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 '**lumin**' meaning '**light**'
- Example words include '**illuminate**' and '**luminous**'

Lumin

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Light

Examples:

Luminous

Illuminate

Luminary

Luminescence



'Of the Month'

Please find our February edition of ['Of the month'](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Book of the month is 'Welcome to Camp Killer' by Cynthia Murphy. A summer residential camp in the grounds of an English stately home is not as expected with a near-drowning on the lake, a fatal fall from a cliff.

Linguists of the Week

In French for great CT2 results!

Year 9 - William B, Max L, Jay S, Nathaniel W

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Felix S, Jude A

Year 8 - Jack M, Rex R

Year 9 - Nathaniel W, Christian B, Henry P

Year 10 - Toby P, Rocco A

Year 11 - Tom F, Seb S

Scientists of the Week

Year 10 - Curtis L and Trent R for excellent work on the Physics past paper questions done for CT2 revision

Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Thomas H

Year 8 - Robert S

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Jude A

Year 8 - Jack M

Year 9 - Christian B and Evan 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](#)

