



# CLAIRES COURT SIXTH FORM

## Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2026 - SUMMER TERM - Week 2**

**SAVE THE DATE**



### **PTA Summer Fete - Saturday 20 June**

Bring the whole family for inflatable madness, artisan stalls, and a Pimms tent from 12pm-4pm. Advance family tickets are a steal at just £12 - grab yours now at [ccpta.org.uk](http://ccpta.org.uk)

- **Sixth Form Whole Group Photograph** - Tuesday 28 April
- **Year 13 Leavers** - Friday 1 May
- **Spring Bank Holiday** - Monday 4 May
- **Year 12 Biology trip** - Thursday 14 - Friday 15 May
- **Half Term** - Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
- **Year 12 University of Hertfordshire trip** - Thursday 4 June
- **Year 13 Summer Ball** - Thursday 25 June

[Summer Term Calendars](#)

**NOTICES**

## **School Photograph - Tuesday 28 April**

Tempest School Photography will be taking the Sixth Form School photograph at 1pm on Tuesday 28 April. All pupils are to be wearing formal business dress. Please ensure their hair is **neat and tidy** and any pupils who would normally have home study or extra sporting activities on a Tuesday at that time will be expected to be in school. Details of how to order photographs will be shared once available.

## **Calling All Year 12 Parents!**

We are looking for any enthusiastic and proactive Year 12 parents who might wish to join the PTA's Sixth Form Division. As our Year 13s near their departure from Claires Court, we must also begin to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to those parents who are also moving on. So, if you would like to join the PTA - ideally from May half term onwards, or September - and help organise some fantastic events, please email Cat Lambert in the Sixth Form Office at [cfl@clairescourt.net](mailto:cfl@clairescourt.net)

## **Does Your Child Suffer with Hayfever?**

Hayfever medication should be commenced at least 2-4 weeks before symptoms usually begin to achieve maximum effectiveness. For most people, this means starting treatment in early Spring. Using medication before coming into contact with pollen helps stop the release of histamine, which triggers the symptoms. Hayfever, if poorly controlled, can be very disruptive to your child's day, especially for Year 13s sitting their exams. Approximate timings are as follows:

- Tree Pollen: start early March
- Grass Pollen: start mid-March - April

Please ensure your child takes their chosen medication every day before school. Thank you for your help.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Get Into Medicine and Dentistry**

At the upcoming free virtual Get Into Medicine and Dentistry Conference, you will have access to doctors and dentists who are specially trained in the UCAS application process and medical/dental students who scored in the top 10% of UCAT; you can also learn effective preparation strategies that will give you the best chance of obtaining high scores.

#### **For aspiring Doctors:**

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Saturday 25th April from 9am - 1:30pm

Saturday 2nd May from 9am - 1:30pm

[https://medicmentor.org/get-into\\_medicine\\_conference\\_signup/](https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/)

#### **For aspiring Dentists:**

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Sunday 31st May from 9am - 1:30pm

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-12 are invited to register. These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- UCAT Entrance Exam
- Exam techniques and sample questions from each UCAT section
- UCAT shortcuts and timeline
- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Applying for scholarships

By attending, you will not only gain knowledge and preparation tips, but you will also earn a certificate that you can proudly showcase in the 'conferences you have attended' section of your UCAS application.

Please note that parental attendance is required to ensure parents are also supported throughout the application process.

Students and parents can register for free at this link:

Medicine: [https://medicmentor.org/get-into\\_medicine\\_conference\\_signup/](https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/)

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email [education@medicmentorfamily.org](mailto:education@medicmentorfamily.org).

### **Springboard FutureChef Culinary Career Sessions**

Our sessions are back for 2026 and open for registration. Bringing together our amazing chef ambassadors and industry supporters this series of four 45-minute webinars, which take place on Microsoft Teams, will explore various elements of culinary careers. Full details of the sessions are as follows:

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Chef Roles – 10am-10:45am**

- Hear from industry professional chefs about their career journey, how they got to where they are and the different roles available in the kitchen!

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Sectors – 10am-10:45am**

- A look at the various sectors of the culinary industry, hearing from chefs who work in the most prestigious establishments from football grounds to grand hotels

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Pathways – 10am-10:45am**

- We hear from hospitality professionals about the myriad of entry routes into the industry, be it tertiary education, apprenticeship or working your way up through the kitchen!

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Alumni POV – 10am-10:45am**

- We hear firsthand from former FutureChef competitors about their own FutureChef journey and how it helped kickstart their culinary career!

Once you have registered on the link below, you will be sent a link for you to join the session live each week. If that time doesn't suit, please still register and the recording can be sent to you after the session has completed, and you can keep this as a career resource to use whenever you see fit.

[Culinary Careers Registration](#)

### **Summer Research Programmes with 1:1 Oxbridge Supervision**

These are four-week online programmes where students design and complete their own research project, with 1:1 supervision from Oxford and Cambridge tutors. Over the course of the programme, students produce a university-style research paper while developing key skills in research, critical thinking, and independent study.

The programmes are rooted in the Humanities and Social Sciences, but are open to students from all subject areas, with projects tailored to individual interests (for example, medical ethics or the history of science).

These programmes are designed to help students:

- Stay intellectually engaged over the summer
- Strengthen university applications
- Gain experience in independent research

Students who can demonstrate independent academic exploration and subject depth are much better prepared for competitive university applications - particularly in the Humanities and Social Sciences, where opportunities for subject-specific enrichment are often more limited.

Full details: [www.inquisitas.com/research-programmes](http://www.inquisitas.com/research-programmes)

### **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

**University and College Open Days** - [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

### **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](#)

## **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](mailto:sixthform@clairescourt.net).

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

### **Signing in and out of School**

Not only do our lanyards help to identify students on school sites, the cards carried in them are used to electronically sign students in and out of school each day. Please help us to remind your son or daughter to tap in or out every time

they arrive or leave a school site. This is vital for health and safety around the school, should a fire alarm sound, and for us to be able to complete our morning and afternoon registers each day.

**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.

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