



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 1



FROM THE OFFICE

Hello to our new Summer term and welcome back to all our pupils, staff and parents.

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

PTA Summer Party - Saturday 27 June



Dust off your "Summer Sophistication" attire for a night of nibbles and a live disco from 6pm until late at the Juniors. Tickets are £45 for an evening of effortless elegance—don't miss out! Book your tickets [here](#)

Does Your Child Suffer with Hayfever?

Hayfever medication should be commenced at least 2-4 weeks before your symptoms usually begin to achieve maximum effectiveness. For most people this means starting treatment in early Spring (March). 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 11's sitting their GCSE's.

- Timing:
 - 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.

School Uniform Reminder

Please may we remind pupils and parents of the school uniform [here](#) and also:

- **Make-up** minimal makeup (foundation and mascara only) is allowed in Year 10 and Year 11 only. No false eyelashes, false nails or nail varnish.
- **Jewellery** up to two pairs of plain silver or gold earrings stud earrings in each earlobe maximum 3mm in diameter. Cartilage and nose piercings are not allowed. No other jewellery is permitted.
- **Jewellery re PE/Games Lessons** pupils are **not** permitted to wear jewellery for PE and Games lessons in line with the Association for PE guidance, this includes earrings. Earrings cannot be taped as this does not prevent injury to them or others. Therefore, we ask that you please schedule any ear piercings at the start of the Summer holidays so that your daughter has the appropriate 6 week period to allow them to heal before removing them for lessons.
- **CC branded coats** can be worn around school over your blazer - if it is not CC branded then it can be worn to and from school only and put away into your locker once arrived.
- **Tights** must not have any holes/ladders in them. The school office keeps a small amount of tights in stock and these will be charged at £6 per pair to parents on their EOT bills but we would recommend that girls bring in a spare pair of tights to keep in their locker.

- **Year 7-9 white ankle socks** may be worn April/May and September/October. Year 9 and above may wear flesh coloured tights instead of white ankle socks.
- **Skirts** must be knee length so please allow room for growth when purchasing.
- **Hair** should be neutral in colour and if long must be tied back off the face. Hair accessories must be in school colours.
- **All items of uniform** should be named as it is easier to find its way back to its owner.

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:

• ~~20 April~~ **CANCELLED**

- **11 May***
- **1 June***

The PTA needs volunteers for their Monday morning sales. If you can help for an hour, please contact seniorgirls@clairescourt.com and we will inform the PTA.

School Uniform Donations

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is currently holding a drive for donations of good quality, pre-loved school uniform items. We are particularly in need of specific items that are always in high demand, such as **blazers and skirts**. Your donation helps the PTA raise vital funds that directly benefit the school and your children's educational experience. Please drop off your clean, good quality uniform donations at the school office during regular school hours. A member of the office staff will happily accept your contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the PTA's fundraising efforts.

Whole School Photo

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

- Tempest School Photography will be visiting us to take the whole senior girls school photo from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm**.
- **All girls in Years 7-11** must wear **full school uniform, including blazers**.
- Please ensure hair is **neat and tidy** (long hair must be tied back off the face) and remember to **bring a hairbrush**.
- Parents will be notified when the photo is available for viewing and ordering.

Claires Court SchoolTV - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE**

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claires 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. With the current situation in the Middle East please take a look at this Special Report on [Discussing War and Conflict](#) which may help in any conversations you have with your children and this [KEYpoint factsheet](#).

Rewards and Sanctions email

Your daughter's Form Tutor sends out weekly emails detailing any rewards and sanctions she has received. Should you not receive this communication, please check your junk or spam folder and ensure the tutor's email address is added to your 'safe sender' list.

School Closure Policy

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 there as your main source

of information. Depending on the circumstances for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communications will be sent directly from Vectare regarding coach operation.

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

Calendar

Please see our website [calendar](#) for this term's dates, which will be updated when new events and dates are confirmed.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Geography Trip to Rushall Farm - Monday 20 April *REMINDER*

Please note the following information for the Year 7 trip to [Rushall Farm](#) on Monday 20 April:

- School uniform is not required but clothing should be both warm and waterproof
- Change of footwear is **essential** - clean trainers/footwear for the coach and wellingtons/sturdy walking boots/waterproof trainers to change into on arrival
- Coaches depart 9am and return approximately 4pm depending on traffic
- Please provide a nut-free packed lunch, snacks and drinks
- Pupils will need to bring their own pens/pencils and if possible a clipboard

YEAR 8 ONLY

Year 8 Option Choices Online Meeting

Tuesday 21 April 6pm *SAVE THE DATE*

Please don't forget to join the online meeting on **Tuesday next week** regarding the [Year 8 Option Choices](#) into Year 9 September 2026. Information was emailed home yesterday together with the MEET link for parents to join.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 12 May *SAVE THE DATE*

Information to follow soon on when Schoolcloud will be open enabling parents to book their timed appointments but please save the date!

HPV Vaccinations - Friday 3 July *SAVE THE DATE*

The [NHS Berkshire Immunisation Team](#) will be visiting Claires Court Senior Girls on Friday 3 July to administer the HPV vaccine.

Please complete:

YES/NO [Consent Form](#)

You will also need the school code **BK110153G**

Further information about the HPV vaccine can be found on the [NHS website](#).

Scientific Calculator - for the Summer Term

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 currently complete non-calculator work in Mathematics, but the IGCSE examination papers are both calculator only, and so in the last term of Year 8 we like to start looking at calculator skills and topics which require a calculator. With this in mind, your son/daughter will need a scientific calculator for their Maths lessons from Easter onwards. Our strong recommendation is that the best calculator for the IGCSE studies is the Casio FX-83GT CW+, as it has the best functionality and ease of input for pupils.

YEAR 9 ONLY

Parents Evening - Monday 27 April 6pm-8pm

Schoolcloud will go live on Monday 20 April

The [Schoolcloud online booking form](#) will be available for parents to book their timed appointments from **9.30am** on **Monday 20 April** and will close at **12noon** on **Monday 27 April**.

Please Note:

- Full details on how to book your appointment are available [here](#).
- Ensure you use your daughter's full name when booking, as nicknames or shortened versions will not be recognised.
- We advise manually booking your appointments and allowing a 5-minute gap between each. This 'travel' time is suggested because subject teachers will be spread across the main hall, classrooms, and the library.
- A rooming map showing teacher locations will be available upon arrival from a table in the Atrium.

Pupils are also expected to attend. They may remain at school after lessons finish at 4pm, going to study or their usual club, and should then make their way to the library at 5pm to wait and meet parents as they arrive. Pupils will be supervised in the library from 5pm-6pm.

Year 9 Legoland Trip - Tuesday 19 May *SAVE THE DATE*

Information to follow soon.

YEAR 10 ONLY

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 noting the following information:

- Meet at 8.30am at Senior Girls to walk to the station
- Dress code is school uniform
- Please bring pen, notebook, nut-free packed lunch, snacks & drink
- Return approximately 5pm in time for coaches home

Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable

Please find the proposed [Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable](#) for the summer term.

English Language IGCSE Revision Booklet

With the IGCSE English Examination fast approaching it is vital that pupils are organising their revision time effectively. Please find a [Revision Booklet](#) which has also been shared with Year 10 pupils to guide them in the best practical use of their time. Revision should be active, specific, visual and not easy. May we kindly ask you to discuss this with your daughter and support her with her revision in preparation for Thursday 21 May.

Exam Regulations Booklet

Please find the [Exam Regulations Booklet](#) that you kindly 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

Study Leave

Please complete the [Study Leave Form for w/c 5 May here](#) by Friday 1 May - thank you.

Reminders

- Thursday 23/Friday 24 April - Art Exam Days

- Monday 27 April - GCSE PE Moderation Day
- Tuesday 28 April - Whole School Photograph (between 11.30am - 12.30pm)
- Wednesday 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams GCSE French and Spanish Language
- Friday 1 May - 1.40pm **Celebration Assembly** followed by refreshments outside the hall (weather dependent)
- Friday 1 May - deadline to complete the **Study Arrangements** form
- Tuesday 5 May - Study Leave commences
- Tuesday 5 May - MFL Speaking Exams GCSE German Language
- Thursday 7 May - written GCSE Examinations commence
- Tuesday 23 June - Thorpe Park Trip
- Wednesday 24 June - GCSE Contingency Day
- Wednesday 24 June - **Year 11 Prom**
- w/c 29 June - Work Experience week 1 including Young Leaders in the Workplace
- w/c 6 July - Work Experience week 2
- Tuesday 7 July - Year 12 Induction Day
- Thursday 9 July - deadline to return chromebook/power lead
- Thursday 20 August - GCSE results day & Sixth Form Registration
- Wednesday 9 September - Sixth Form Induction
- Thursday 10 September - Autumn Term commences

Leavers Hoodies £23

Please ensure you have paid Goyals as per the information emailed home on the 12 March and in the End of Term/Summer Term Final Arrangements letter for Year 11 sent on 23 March - if Goyals haven't received your payment there will be a delay in your daughter's hoodie arriving at school before the end of April.

Friday 1 May - Year 11 Celebration Assembly



Invitation to Year 11 Celebration Assembly

Friday 1 May 2026, 1.40pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,
We are pleased to invite you to join us at Senior Girls for the Year 11 Celebration Assembly.

Arrivals from 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will be served from 2.40pm.

We look forward to celebrating your time with us here at Senior Girls.

You are cordially invited to the **Year 11 Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 1 May** starting at **1.40pm** to celebrate your daughter's time with us at Senior Girls. Please feel free to arrive from 1.30pm via the Atrium doors with afternoon tea after at 2.40pm outside the hall on the lawned area (weather dependent).

Unfortunately there will be no parking in school due to the limited number of spaces on site, so may we kindly ask that you park considerately for our neighbours on surrounding roads. Parents can take their daughter home after the Year 11 Celebration Assembly between 3pm-3.30pm.

Your daughter is expected to come to school at the usual start of the day, smartly dressed in her full school uniform. Whilst we appreciate the girls do want to have fun on their last day, they will be warned that any unacceptable behaviour (either on the day or during the preceding period) will result in them not being to attend this final day, and that vandalism

of school property will not be tolerated and will have consequences. We kindly ask that you reinforce this message with your daughter.

Thorpe Park - Tuesday 23 June - book ticket/coach by 17 April

Year 11s are invited to [Thorpe Park](#) on Tuesday 23 June to celebrate the end of their GCSE's. Those who had not currently confirmed their child's place were sent a reminder email yesterday to **EITHER** pay £20 for a ticket via the Payment Portal **OR** complete [Annual Pass Form](#) to book a seat on the coach, deadline **TODAY**, Friday 17 April.

Year 11 Prom - deadline to purchase tickets 1 May

The [Year 11 Prom](#) will be held at Moor Hall in Cookham (SL6 9QH) on Wednesday 24 June. Tickets are priced £25 and are now 'bookable' via the [Payment Portal](#). The **deadline to purchase tickets is Friday 1 May**, so ensure payment is received by then. Parents are invited to a drinks reception on arrival at 6.30pm. After parents depart at 7.30pm there will be dinner and a disco for pupils. Carriages 10pm, but no earlier than 9pm please.



Class Pick Photos - order by 29 April!



The Year 11 Form Group and Year Group 'Fun and Formal' photos are still available to view and order via their [website here](#). The access code enabling you to view the photos has been emailed home to parents previously. We hope you will be delighted with the images and that they give you a valuable memento of your daughter's time in Year 11 at Claires Court Senior Girls.

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:

- 23/24 April - Art Exam
- 27 April - PE
- 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams French & Spanish starting 1.30pm

- 5 May - MFL Speaking Exam German starting at 1.30pm

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 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.

Claire's Court Combined Cadet Force Letters

For our Y9-13 CCF Cadets Only

CCF Field Weekend 'Bramley Training Area' 25-26 April*

Please find an att'd [letter](#) emailed home before the Easter break for our Y9-13 Cadets.

CCF Annual Camp 'Exercise Southern Fire' 21-26 June*

Please find an att'd [letter](#) emailed home to parents yesterday of our current Y9-13 CCF Cadets - the deadline for the payment via the Payment Portal of £50 is **Wednesday 25 March**.

Spanish Trip Open to all Year 8 to Year 10 Pupils - October Half Term

Please find [att'd letter](#) regarding the Spanish trip taking place Saturday 17 - Tuesday 20 October 2026.

Turkey Watersports Trip - 20-27 October 2026

A few spaces have become available on our October half term watersports trip to Turkey. Please find a copy of the [original letter](#) sent out in September. If you would like any further information or if your child is interested in participating please contact the Outdoor Education team via outdoored@clairescourt.net. For those already booked on the trip the payment schedule can be found in the [second letter](#).

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



[Welcome to April](#)

What do you know about April? Can you find out any other facts?

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 " meaning "
- Example words include " and "

Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 13 April

Year 10: Kaja S French: *Very good vocabulary recall at the moment and she's always diligent with homework. Great work!*

Year 11: Izzy C Spanish: *Izzy has worked exceptionally hard this year, combining independence with thorough, focused revision. Her commitment is outstanding and it will show in all her work.*

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 13 April

Year 7: Beatrice C-T

Year 8: Scarlett K

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 13 April

Year 7: Ada H

Year 8: Peyton R

Year 9: Jenny B

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](#)

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