



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 13 March 2026 LENT SPRING TERM WEEK 10

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Let your light shine so brightly that others can see their way out of the dark."](#)

FROM THE OFFICE

New Holiday Club Partner Announcement



Starting this Easter, Claires Court is excited to partner with Let's Leap Holiday Camps to offer an enriched, high-energy activity programme for children aged 3–12 at our Juniors (Ridgeway) site. While Let's Leap introduces new activities like electric go-karting, laser tag, and zorb football, Claires Court will continue to run its own dedicated childcare provision for children aged 3–8 at our College Avenue site. Families can enjoy an introductory 10% discount on Let's Leap bookings by using the promo code CCJ10. For full details on activities, pricing, and to secure your spot, please book directly via our [website](#).

Activities Booking - Closes Monday 16 March

Booking of activities will close on Monday 16 March. Please ensure your child has something selected after school for each day of the week Monday through to Friday whether that be an activity, study or going home. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: **Activities Guide**.

Charity Week w/c 16 March

Pupils across all year groups will be taking part in our annual Charity Week the week commencing 16 March. Please send your daughter into school with loose change to support this initiative and raise valuable funds for [Thames Hospice](#) with the following activities taking place throughout the week:

Monday 16 March Lunchtime: Year 7 Games and Bake Sale

Tuesday 17 March: Year 8 - [Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk](#)

Wednesday 18 March: Year 10 - Donuts & Cookies for sale/Soak The Teacher for £2!

Thursday 19 March Lunchtime: Year 7-11 Dance-a-thon all can get involved for £2

Friday 20 March Lunchtime: Year 8 Bake Sales and Year 10 Easter Egg Raffle

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.

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.



Clares Court's In the Rugby Final!



U15 National Vase Final - Wednesday 18 March

The U15 National Vase Final against Wirral Grammar kicks off 12 midday next Wednesday at Ealing Trailfinders (W130DD). Please come and support Clareshamton if you are able and it will also be live streamed via the RFU YouTube Channel [here](#) .

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. 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](#).

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.

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

IWD Non Uniform Day

Thank you to all who supported [International Women's Day 2026](#) yesterday. If you still need to donate, please do so via the [Payment Portal](#) by Friday 13 March thank you.



PE Department News U15 Hockey Team County Cup



Congratulations to our U15 Hockey team, who travelled to St Mary's Ascot on Monday to compete in the County Cup Tournament. The squad showed tremendous resilience and teamwork throughout the day, playing with commitment and skill against some of the best teams in the region. Their hard work paid off, culminating in a fantastic **3rd place** finish overall having been knocked out of the semifinals with a tense penalty shoot out. This achievement is a testament to their dedication in training and their ability to perform under pressure.

U16 Netball Team Shines in Nottingham

The positive momentum continued on Tuesday as our U16 Netball team journeyed to Nottingham. Competing fiercely in their group matches, the team delivered a series of high-quality performances. Their tactical play, accurate shooting, and tenacious defence saw them successfully navigate the group stage and proudly secure **silver medals in the Bowl**. Travelling to an away tournament and achieving such a strong result speaks volumes about their unity as a squad and their determination to succeed.

A Note of Thanks to Our PE Department

These wonderful results would not be possible without the unwavering support and tireless efforts of our dedicated PE Department staff. We extend our sincere thanks to all our PE staff for the countless hours they spend coaching, mentoring, and inspiring our pupils. Their commitment to the students' development, both on and off the pitch and court, is invaluable and is directly reflected in the success we celebrate this week. Well done to all the players and staff!

Library News

On Tuesday, Claires Court entered a team of four into the National Reading Championship Quiz regional heat (Oxford/Berkshire/Buckinghamshire). The quiz was of a very high standard, aimed at keen readers and consisted of 75 questions, divided into ten categories with different themes. Our students showed a fabulous knowledge of books and achieved a very respectable score, placing 10th in a field of 24 schools. Huge congratulations to Ava (Y8), Olivia D (Y9), Henry P (Y9) and Hayden D (Y9) for representing their school.



Spring Concert - Joint Selected Seniors and Sixth Form Pupils Wednesday 18 March

Parents of participating children, please remember to complete the Google form regarding this event, which was emailed home recently. We kindly request that you submit the form by today **Friday 13 March**. This will help us accurately estimate the number of attendees for hall capacity and refreshment planning. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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 2026**
- **11 May 2026**

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. These items will be sorted, cleaned, and offered for sale to other families at our popular nearly new uniform sales, providing a sustainable and cost-effective option for all.

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.

How to Donate:

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.

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.

YEAR 8 ONLY

Year 8 Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk - Tuesday 17 March

Year 8 will be embarking on a Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk as part of Charity Week taking place in the afternoon of Tuesday 17 March. The theme is '**Superheroes**' and they will be raising money for the [Thames Hospice](#). Pupils should arrive at school in uniform and change into their outfits at lunchtime, bringing with them water and any healthy snacks they might want for the walk. The deadline to hand in sponsorship money is the end of term, so **by Wednesday 25 March**, preferably via the [Payment Portal](#) or alternatively in cash to Form Tutors.

YEAR 9

Bronze DofE First Aid and Skills Training Day - Sunday 22 March

For pupils on our Internal Bronze DofE programme (canoeing & walking) please find the [Bronze DofE First Aid and Skills Training Day letter](#) taking place at the Senior Boys school on Sunday 22 March. Please note the following:

- Complete [Google form](#) by Monday 16 March
- Arrive 8.45am, collection 4pm (SL6 8TE)
- Bring packed lunch / drinks / medication
- Wear warm clothing for outdoors & suitable for practical activities
- Emergency contact number 07597 476917

YEAR 10 ONLY

Year 10 Exam Support Drop-in - Monday 23 March

Mr Richards will be holding a short virtual meeting at 6pm on Monday 23 March to support Year 10 in getting ready for their forthcoming exams. The topics will include what/when/how to revise and strategies for success. The session is expected to last approximately half an hour and there will be the opportunity for questions at the end. We advise that your son also attends this online session with you if possible so that he can benefit from the topics discussed. For those unable to attend the session will be recorded and shared along with the presentation slides. The MEET link will be emailed out next week.

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](#) handed out to the Year 10 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.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Year 11 Exam Support Evening - Monday 16 March

Mr Richards will be hosting another short online meeting at 6pm on Monday 16 March where he will talk about support for the forthcoming examination period and final arrangements in school. This will be followed by a Q&A session. The MEET link was emailed home on Tuesday, if you have not received it please check your Junk/Spam folder.

Year 11 Music Coursework Day - Thursday 26 March

The Music Departments at Senior Boys and Senior Girls will be hosting a Coursework 'Catch-up and Complete' day for Year 11 GCSE pupils on Thursday 26 March in the Music rooms at the respective sites. Please may we ask that you complete the [google form](#) by **Friday 13 March** to confirm your son/daughter's attendance. We ask pupils to be at reception promptly at 9.30am on the day and would advise that they bring a packed lunch as they must stay onsite and the dining room will not be open for pupils. The day will run until 3.30pm.

Year 11 Art/Textiles Day - Tuesday 14 April

Year 11 Art pupils are invited into school on Tuesday 14 April to work on their component 2 Art/Textiles project in preparation for the 10 hour exam days on the 23 and 24 April. Please complete this [form](#) to indicate whether your daughter will be attending so that we know who will be on site at Senior Girls. The day will run from 9am until 3pm. Pupils will need to bring with them snacks and food for the day as the canteen will not be in operation.

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
- 29 April - MFL Speaking Exams French & Spanish starting 1.30pm
- 27 April - PE
- 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](#)

Year 11 Senior Girls Leavers Hoodies - deadline for girls to complete their google form is **Monday 23 March**



- Goyals in Maidenhead are providing the burgundy hoodies at a cost of **£23** including printing/will include a school badge on front. A decision was taken to allow both our uniform stockist of Goyals (for girls) and Hawkinsport (for boys) to

supply these this year. The girls have tried on sample tops and the quality of the material is excellent.

- Year 11 Senior Girls were shared a google form yesterday, Thursday 12 March, to be completed by **Monday 23 March** confirming size/name for back of hoodie.
- Parents have been emailed details on how to make the **£23** payment by Bank Transfer direct to Goyals quoting a reference of their '**daughters surname/CCSG**' ie: *Smith/CCSG*
- Delivery of hoodies back to school will be w/c 20 April or before.



Class Pick Photos

The Year 11 Form Group and Year Group 'Fun and Formal' photos are now available to view and order via their [website here](#). The **access code** has been emailed home to parents earlier today.

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.

Ski Trip - 28 March - 4 April

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from the Ski Trip Information Evening. If there are any changes to times/plans etc. these slides will be updated accordingly.

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](#).

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](#) which is now overdue as payment deadline was due by **1 March**
- Sign [UK Residential Trip Ground Rules](#)
- Complete Administration of Medicine Form and hand it into the school nurse **by Wednesday 11 March**

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 **due next week latest on 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

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](#) and is **now overdue as payment deadline was Monday 9 March**.

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](#) **which was due 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](#) which was requested **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.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION



Welcome to [March](#)

Root of the Week..... 'SCOPE' meaning 'SEE'

<p>Scope</p> <p>Origin: Greek</p> <p>Meaning: See</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Telescope</p> <p>Microscope</p> <p>Periscope</p> <p>Endoscope</p>
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Well done to all the girls named below this week!

Linguist of the Week

w/c 9 March 2026

Year 10: Abbie M "Showing great enthusiasm and maturity. Very good performance in the Spanish Common Task. Well done!"

Scientists of the Week

w/c 9 March 2026

Apologies we have no 'Scientists of Week' today but please look again next week.

Sparx Reader of the Week



w/c 9 March 2026

Year 7: Sophie N

Year 8: Eleanor G

Accelerated Reader of the Week



w/c 9 March 2026

Year 7: Sienna K

Year 8: Clodagh E

Year 9: Luella H

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](#)

RESPONSIBILITY



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