



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR BOYS**

# Weekly Bulletin

## 13 MARCH (SPRING TERM WEEK 9)

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### 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."](#)

#### 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 son into school next week with loose change to support our annual Charity Week this initiative and raise valuable funds for [Thames Hospice](#) with the following activities taking place throughout the week:

Year 7 - Cake sales

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

Year 9 - [Sponsored Rowathon](#) - Monday 16 March

Year 10 - Charity Netball Match vs. Senior Girls - Wednesday 18 March

Year 11 - Raffle

#### U15 National Vase Final - Wednesday 18 March

The U15 National Vase Final against Wirral Grammar kicks off 12 midday next Wednesday at Ealing Trailfinders (W13 0DD). Please come and support Claire's Court if you are able and it will also be streamed via the [RFU YouTube Channel](#) (not yet live!).



## PTA Nearly New Uniform Donations and Sale - Monday 23 March

If you have any donations of good quality uniform please drop them to the office by Friday 20 March. All monies raised goes directly to the PTA to support the school, so thank you in advance for your kind donations. We will be holding a PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale on Monday 23 March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. So if you need any extra sports kit or uniform for the summer term pop along and please note card payment only.

## IWD Non Uniform Day

Thank you to all who supported [International Women's Day 2026](#) yesterday. We have raised £478 thus far and if you still need to donate, please do so via the [Payment Portal](#), thank you.



## 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.

## Library News

Claire's 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 (Year 8), Olivia D (Year 9), Henry P (Year 9) and Hayden D (Year 9) for representing the school.



## Kayaking Endeavours

Sam P (Year 11) was invited to the Great Britain Wild Water Racing development weekend at the National White Water Centre, Nottingham. He came 39th across all age groups including adults out of over 80 entrants. As well as being a qualified coach and instructor for kayaking, Sam also has his powerboat level 2, Safety and Rescue qualification, is an assistant instructor in dinghy sailing and paddleboarding and a qualified scuba diver.



## 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](#).

A colorful poster for Let's Leap Children's Holiday Camp. The poster features a large green frog mascot in the center with its arms raised. The text 'Let's Leap CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP' is prominently displayed. Below the title, it says 'Running Every School Holiday!'. The poster includes images of children participating in various activities: 'Arts &amp; Crafts', 'Electric Go-Karting', 'Laser Tag', and 'Bouncy Castles'. At the top right, it says 'Ages | 3-12 Years' and 'Ofsted Approved'. At the bottom, it provides the location: 'Claire's Court Juniors, Ridgeway, The Thicket, Maidenhead, SL6 3QE' and the website 'letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk'. A small note at the bottom says 'Want the exact camp dates? Just hop on over to our website!'.

## **Claire's Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE**

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claire's 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.

## **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](#) today Friday 13 March so we have an idea on numbers for hall capacity and refreshments.

## **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 ONLY**

### **B9 Sponsored Rowathon - Monday 16 March**

On Monday 16 March Year 9 will be doing a Sponsored Rowathon for Charity Week and this will take the place in their games afternoon. A sponsorship form is contained in the letter and they will be raising money for the Thames Hospice. 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.

## **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**

### **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. ensuring you have signed the [UK Residential Trip Ground Rules](#).

### **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 son and support him with his revision in preparation for Thursday 21 May.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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 and blazer!), neat hair, polished shoes etc. on Friday 20 March for his Form and Year Group photographs. The photographs will be available to purchase and ordering details will be shared afterwards.

## **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 Day - Tuesday 14 April**

Year 11 Art pupils are invited into school on Tuesday 14 April to work on their component 2 Art project in preparation for the 10 hour exam days on the 23 and 24 April. Please complete this [form](#) to indicate whether your son will be attending so that we know who will be on site at Senior Boys. 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 & Exam Regulations 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:

- Drama Practical Exam - CHANGE OF DATE - NOW 17 April
- MFL Speaking Exams (German & French) - 22 April (P2/3)
- Art Exam - 23 and 24 April
- MFL Speaking Exams (Spanish & French) - 24 April (P4/5)
- PE - Monday 27 April

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](#)

[Year 11 Drop-In Timetable](#)

# **TRIP INFORMATION**

## **Ski Trip - 28 March - 4 April**

Please find the [presentation slides](#) from the Ski Trip Information Evening last week. 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](mailto:outdoored@clairescourt.net). For those already booked on the trip the payment schedule can be found in the [second letter](#).

### **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 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.

### **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.

## **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 '**Scope**' meaning '**see**'
- Example words include '**microscope**' and '**endoscope**'

# Scope

**Origin:** Greek

**Meaning:** See

## Examples:

Telescope

Microscope

Periscope

Endoscope



## 'Of the Month'

Please find our **March** ['Of the month'](#) containing interesting facts and information for your perusal! Did you know, March always begins on the same day of the week as November?

## Linguists of the Week

In Y8 Spanish for great CT2 results!

Tom A, Finn D, Rhys N, Harry R, Manny B, Zak D, Phoenix A, Jack M, Alex E.

## Mathematicians of the Week

Year 8 - Guy H, Tim F

Year 9 - Rahul M, Hayden D

Year 10 - Varan P-A, Elliot R

Year 11 - Peter A-L

## Scientists of the Week

Year 7 - Henry B and Harry H for winning awards for their projects at the Science Fair

## Sparx Reader of the Week

Year 7 - Sammy A-O

Year 8 - Elliott K-H and Phoenix A

## Accelerated Reader of the Week

Year 7 - George F

Year 8 - Zack G (again!)

Year 9 - Max 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](mailto: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](#)

