



**CLAIRE'S COURT**  
**SENIOR GIRLS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**FRIDAY 17 January 2025 - Week 2**

## **Parent Survey**

As expected of independent schools within the UK, we are required both to complete surveys by the Department for Education and the Independent Schools Council (ISC) at this time of year. In addition, we also make use of the Independent Schools Inspectorate questionnaire to survey the views of our own parents and guardians, and we keep to the same format (with some minor tweaks as requested in previous surveys) so we can compare year on year the views and contributions that surface during the survey. The survey will be sent early next week and will be open until Friday 31 January 8pm, after which we will take stock and check then use that feedback to aid our plans for the future.

## **VAT Update**

Our preparations for the imposition of VAT on tuition fees from January have not been assisted by the pace at which HMRC and schools have had to work. ISBA are representing our sector in those discussions, and over the next weeks, we hope full clarity will emerge to assist us in our longer term planning too. As you may recall, ISC and other groups have called for Judicial review of the imposition of this new tax on independent school tuition fees, and preliminary hearings commence shortly. As news emerges, we will of course keep parents and guardians informed. James Wilding

## **Principal's Blog**

Read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week: ["Everything that needs to be said has already been said. But since no-one was listening, everything must be said again". André Gide](#)

## **The Court Report 2022-24**

We invite you to read the Court Report covering the past two years' highlights across the school [-https://bit.ly/4gNJChn](https://bit.ly/4gNJChn)

## FROM THE OFFICE.....

### Swimarathon News

Claire's Court had a wonderful representation at the Lions Club Swimarathon event held at Braywick leisure centre last Sunday. We had 6 lanes of the pool and completed a total of 369 laps (= 738 lengths) in our allotted 50 minutes.

Junior Boys swam 57 laps

Junior Girls 63

Senior Girls 59

Senior Boys (assisted by teachers and the Potter family) 78

Year 12 did 58

Year 13 did 54

So far the sponsorship raised by Claire's Court is **£1240** (and to which gift aid will be added) and this is still increasing. This money will be shared between Maidenhead Lions Club local charities and our school's charity choice of Thames Hospice.

Thank you to all the pupils and teachers who participated or supported and all the people who have sponsored them. Further donations can still be made using either of these links:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/claairescourt2025>

or for the Sixth Form

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/claairescourtschoolsixthform2025>

## Root of the Week.....

<p><b>Non</b></p> <p><b>Origin:</b> Latin</p> <p><b>Meaning:</b> Not</p>	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <p>Nonfiction</p> <p>Nonexistent</p> <p>Nonsense</p> <p>Nondescript</p>
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### Reminder - Friday Morning Run Club

It's that time of year when people are trying to start new habits and get back in shape. So in the hope of supporting that, a reminder about our weekly run club that happens every Friday morning for staff and pupils. This is open to everyone, you don't have to be a seasoned runner to get involved, in fact you don't even have to run it, but it's an opportunity every week to train at a set time with a

good group of people. This [Consent Form](#) will need to be completed prior to participating.

- When: Every Friday morning 7.20am arrival for a 7.30am (sharp!) start
- Where: Starting and finishing from outside the Senior Boys' reception
- Distance: Choose between a 3.5km ([Sheep](#)) or 5km route ([Double Sheep](#))

### **Parking College Road/College Avenue**

Just a reminder to our parents about the parking restrictions on the roads surrounding the school site - we have noticed that the traffic wardens have been out and about also.

### **News, News, News!**

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40ggNjs> 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 INFORMATION.....**

*Reminders below but please do look at the school calendar*

#### **YEAR 7**

#### **Unicorn Theatre Trip "Pig Heart Boy" Wednesday 5 February**

Please find att'd [letter here](#) that was emailed home today.

#### **Parents Evening - Thursday 6 February \*SAVE THE DATE\***

Further information to follow.

#### **YEAR 9**

#### **Tetanus, Dip, Polio, Meningitis ACWY & MMR Catch Up**

**\*Reminder - Wednesday 29 January\***

Have you completed the [E consent form](#) yet?

#### **Parents Evening - Tuesday 11 February \*SAVE THE DATE\***

Further information to follow.

#### **YEAR 10**

#### **English Language Mock Exam - Tuesday 11 February**

In preparation for the examination in the Summer, all of G10 will be sitting another English Language Mock Examination on the morning of Tuesday 11 February. This will replace normal lessons on that morning. We will be preparing for this in class, but students should be encouraged to revise and prepare for this at home as well.

#### **Year 10 Geography Trip to Margam Park - 20-22 March 2025**

Please find the [Margam Park Geography trip letter](#) taking place 20-22 March 2025, where girls will undertake fieldwork to collect data for their paper 3 Geographical Investigations. The [consent form](#) should be completed and the non-refundable £360 [payment](#) made by Friday 28 February 2025.

**YEAR 11** please find lots of information for our Year 11 Senior Girls and Parents below.....

### **Year 11 Reports - Friday 17 January**

Year 11 Full Reports have been emailed home to parents TODAY, Friday 17 January, and will also be available to view on the [Report Portal](#).

### **Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening - 6.30pm Monday 20 January**

Mr Richards will be hosting an online 'Exam Preparation Evening' at 6.30pm on Monday 20 January. The meeting will last approx. 30 minutes and will provide you with information on what to expect in the coming months and how you can support your child's GCSE exam preparation. Please join using this meet link [meet.google.com/rcn-ijbv-pde](https://meet.google.com/rcn-ijbv-pde) with your camera and mic turned off. The meeting will be recorded and shared via the Bulletin for anyone unable to attend.

### **Year 11 Coursework Evening - by invitation only - Wednesday 22 January**

Parents of selected pupils have already been invited to book an online appointment to discuss Art, Design & Technology, Food, Music or PE coursework on **Wednesday 22 January**. These appointments are for those pupils who teachers feel would benefit from additional support with their coursework at this stage. The appointments will be held virtually via schoolcloud and can be booked in advance - if applicable you will receive an email with booking information.

***Your daughter will find it useful to attend online with you.***

### **English Literature Mock Exam - Tuesday 11 February**

As we were unable to run a full English Literature exam during the December Mocks due where we were in the teaching of the course content, we will be running another English Literature Mock Examination for students in Year 11 who sit this subject (the sets taught by FJM and SRA). This will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 11 February and will replace their normal lessons that afternoon. We will be preparing for this in class, but students should be encouraged to revise and prepare for this at home as well.

### **Year 11 Parents Evening - Tuesday 18 March**

This will be followed up by a full Parents Evening in school for all pupils and all subjects on Tuesday 18 March.

### **GCSE Subject Directory 2024/25**

Please find [details here](#) regarding the various subjects/exam board/coursework deadlines/exam dates. You will also find a link to the GCSE handbook on the document.

### **Year 11 'Drop In' GCSE Clinics**

Please find the Year 11 GCSE Clinic Timetable [here](#).