



**CLAIRES COURT
SENIOR GIRLS**

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 24 January 2025 - Week 3

Principal's Blog

[Read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week: "The longer I live, the more convinced am I that this planet is used by other planets as a lunatic asylum." – George Bernard Shaw | A Principled view](#)

FROM THE OFFICE.....

Parent Survey - your voice is heard!

Please could we ask that you complete the survey, sent on Tuesday via email, by 8pm on Friday 31 January. We read all the comments and the feedback helps to aid our plans for the future too.

Court Report - hard copy

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Court Report for 2022-24, please complete the [Google Form here](#) and we will pass it to your child to give to you.

PTA - Seniors Meeting - Friday 7 February *SAVE THE DATE*****

Our first 2025 PTA meeting is in two weeks and will be virtual, as we want to encourage as many senior parents as we can to join us. The meeting will take place at 9.30am to ensure parents can be home/work after the school drop off. The purpose of the meeting is for the PTA to share what they have been doing, what is planned for 2025 and also to provide an opportunity for parents to make suggestions and share ideas on fundraising and enhancing our children's school experience in addition to the curriculum and what the school provides. Please add a placeholder in your calendars and the **meeting link will be sent next week.**

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 21 March *SAVE THE DATE*****

Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee are hosting another popular Quiz Night on Friday 21 March 6-8pm in the Hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW. This event sold out in November, so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £10 per person or £100 for a table of ten and can be booked here -> <https://ccpta.org.uk/products/quiz-time>. There will be a bar, card payment only, with thanks to the PTA and bring your own food or order food in. Any questions please contact Helen Phipps via hep@clairescourt.net.



Seniors Spring Concert - Thursday 27 March *SAVE THE DATE*

This music concert will be held at College Avenue and further details will be shared in due course.

Lost Property

Please ensure all items that girls bring to school that you would not want to get lost are clearly labelled with your daughter's name, as named lost property is much easier to reunite with the correct pupil. If girls have lost anything, they should check in both the office and staff room for blazers, books, calculators, water bottles and for Chromebooks. For mislaid PE Kit please ask your daughter to pop along to the PE Office as it is often found there.

Asthma Inhalers

A reminder from the school nurse that all pupils with a diagnosis of asthma should carry an inhaler with them at all times **and** parents should supply a spare inhaler to be kept in the office for use in an emergency. Any queries please email medical-tc@clairescourt.net

Drugs Talk Resources

Thank you to those who joined Bob Tait (DRED) virtually for his informative talk last Wednesday. Please find the presentation slides from the evening and further information for your reference:

[Slide Presentation](#)

[Alcohol and the Law](#)

[Edibles](#)

[Types of Drugs](#)

[Tables of Class A, B and C Drugs](#)

[The Law](#)

'Words of the Term'

It has been widely researched that one of the stumbling blocks for teenagers is literacy. A teenager with a 2000 word vocabulary is able to access 73% of academic literature, a 5000 word vocabulary 83% of academic literature. However it has also been found through research that a pupil with a 2000 word vocabulary in addition to the 570 words identified through research as the

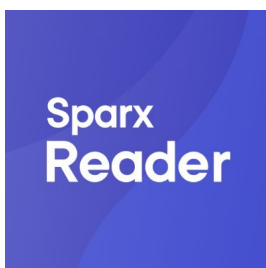
Academic Word List can access 95% of academic literature. The [Spring term Academic Words](#) are shown below and pupils have a copy of these words inside their exercise books. Please support your daughter to familiarise herself with these words, as well as comprehend and use them in the correct context.

sector	available	financial	process	individual	specific
method	data	research	contract	environment	export
source	assessment	policy	identified	create	derived
factors	procedure	definition	assume	theory	benefit
evidence	established	authority	major	issues	labour
occur	economic	involved	percent	interpretation	consistent
income	structure	legal	concept	formula	section
required	constitutional	analysis	distribution	function	area
approach	role	legislation	indicate	response	period
context	significant	similar	principle	estimate	variables

Root of the Week.....

<p>Post</p> <p>Origin: Latin</p> <p>Meaning: After or behind</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Postpone</p> <p>Postmortem</p> <p>Postscript</p> <p>Postseason</p> <p>Postgraduate</p>
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Sparx Reader of the Week - all our winners will be put into a draw for a prize at the of end of term assembly



Last Friday 17 January

Year 7 - Mimi Scott-Sewell
Year 8 - Lucy Williams

This Week Friday 24 January

Year 7 - Amelie Woodward
Year 8 - Tiana Kuvarega

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 recently.

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 GCSE Art & Textiles Pupils **only to V&A - Wednesday 5 March**

Please find the [information here](#) regarding the Year 10 GCSE Art & Textiles trip. The payment of £18 to cover the cost of travel is available to pay via our Payment Portal now.

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 Work Experience Summer Term

After the GCSE examination period is complete, our Year 11 students may have a number of school commitments to be involved with, including sporting and expedition opportunities. In addition, we have found that many students have benefitted from acquiring work skills and this period of time provides them with an opportunity to pursue those interests.

The weeks concerned are:

- Week 1 w/c 23 June
- Week 2 w/c 30 June

Please find all the information [here](#)

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

Information to follow.

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](#).