



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 14 MARCH - Week 9 **James Wilding Blog**

Read Mr Wilding's blog, ["Changemaking in this Diamond era - how to meet the challenge!"](#)

FROM THE OFFICE.....

Claire's Court PTA Quiz Night - 6pm Friday 21 March

A few seats have become available at next week's quiz night. If you would like to attend please contact Helen Phipps via HEP@clairescourt.net. For those who have bought tickets we look forward to seeing you at College Avenue SL6 6AW. A reminder there will be a card payment only bar and please bring your own food or order in.

Summer Term After School Programme

****Booking opens 9am Tuesday 18 March****

Our [activities website](#) provides parents with all the necessary information surrounding the before, during & after the school programme. Parents will require their parent Report Portal login details in order to book their child into activities, study or going home. A choice does need to be made for each day of the week please. Booking opens 9am Tuesday 18 (but the activities are now visible on our [webpage](#)) and closes on Monday 24 March. A brief guide to show how to book can be found in the [Activities Guide](#). Please direct any enquiries to activities@clairescourt.net.

Thames hospice

Charity Week - w/c 17 March

As part of the school's charity week raising valuable funds for [Thames Hospice](#), please send your daughter to school next week with 50p/£1 change to support the following activities taking place each day over the course of the week:

Monday 17 March

Year 7 'Fayre Stalls' in the hall at lunchtime 'Cake Sales', 'Lucky Dips', 'Sweet Pong' - Please don't forget to put the [allergen information](#) with any home baked

goods brought in for sale (shop bought cakes will have this on their packets) and NO nut related products - thank you

Tuesday 18 March

Year 8 Sponsored Fancy Dress Charity Walk - please find information [here](#)

Wednesday 19 March

Year 10 Boys & Girls Mixed Netball at lunchtime - Krispy Kreme Donuts will be on sale during the match

Thursday 20 March

Year 8 Selling strawberries and marshmallows in chocolate

Year 9 '[Get Vinted](#)' Clothes Sale (Sports Hall - lunchtime) with donations most welcomed - teen clothes, size 6-12 female clothing, shoes, accessories. Please bring these in before 20 March in a clean bag to the PE or School Office.

Update to our Sports Kit

We would like to let you know that we are changing some of the sports kit from September 2025. The key reasons for these changes are to:

- create a more unified appearance across all four divisions of the school
- reduce the amount of white kit
- streamline the number of items required.

This will make the kit more versatile across different sports, ultimately helping to reduce costs for families.

The new kit will be available for purchase from Hawkinsport from May/June 2025 with a gradual transition to adopt all new items by the start of the Autumn term in September 2026. Please note that there is no immediate requirement to purchase the new kit if your child's current PE kit still fits. We hope to have samples of the new kit for you and the pupils to see soon after the Easter break and we thank you for your support in this.

Senior Girls Gymnastic & Dance Display

Thursday 20 March 6pm Senior Boys School SL6 8TE



Our PE department would like to invite all parents to come and watch some of our senior girls performing (*the pupils who are participating were informed last week*) in a gymnastic and dance display being held at our senior boys school SL6

8TE starting at **6pm** on **Thursday 20 March**. So we know how many parents are likely to attend for hall capacity and refreshments, may we ask you to confirm how many seats you would like by completing the [google form here](#) by **today, Friday 14 March**.

Parking will be available on site but **not** before **5.45pm** when all the school coaches have safely departed. If you are parking on the surrounding roads we ask that you park considerately for the neighbours around the senior boys school. Thank you.

Joint Seniors Spring Concert - Thursday 27 March

Parents whose child is participating in the concert have been forwarded the information already, however, all are welcome to attend but please can you contact Helen Phipps (hep@clairescourt.net) no later than **Friday 21 March** so that a booking form can be emailed to you due to limited space available in the hall.

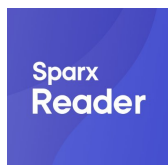
Claires Court PTA Canapes & Cocktails Friday 6 June

SAVE THE DATE This evening event will be for adults only at the CIM in Cookham, further details to be shared in due course, but please add this evening to your calendar.

Root of the Week.....

<h1>Re</h1> <p>Origin: Latin</p> <p>Meaning: Back or again</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <p>Return</p> <p>Reduce</p> <p>Repetition</p> <p>Repeat</p>
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Sparx Reader of the Week



Friday 14 March - the winners this week are:
Year 7 Molly K
Year 8 Anni R

Accelerated Reader of the Week



Friday 14 March - well done to the following girls:
Year 7 Harmony
Year 8 Amelia
Year 9 Naomi

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, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION/LETTERS/TRIPS.....

Reminders below but please do look at the school calendar

Belgium Choir Tour - October half term

[Belgium Choral Music Tour letter](#) 18 - 21 October for pupils currently in Years 7-12. To secure a place, a non-refundable £350 deposit is required via the [Payment Portal](#).

Hazewinkel Training Camp 5-12 April

Please find the [final letter](#) for the Rowing Training Camp with details of final payment, departure/return times/locations, kit list, consent forms, ground rules.

YEAR 7

Charity Week 'Baked' Sale

If your daughter is bringing items into school next week to sell as part of Charity Week, please ensure she completes the [HOME BAKED-ALLERGEN CARD 2025](#) to accompany all items, thank you.

YEAR 8

Year 8 Sponsored Fancy Dress Walk - 18 March

Please find details of the [Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk](#) that Year 8 will be doing for Charity Week during the afternoon of Tuesday 18 March. Please help us in raising money for the [Thames Hospice](#) by gaining sponsorship and handing monies collected in to form tutors by the end of term or transfer via the [Payment Portal](#) by Friday 4 April.

Scientific Calculator - for the Summer Term

Currently, our students in Year 7 and 8 complete non-calculator work in Mathematics, but the IGCSE examinations 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 daughter will need a scientific calculator for her Maths lessons from Easter. Our strong recommendation is that the best calculator for their IGCSE studies is the Casio FX-83GTCW, as it has the best functionality and ease of input for pupils.

YEAR 9

Year 9 Senior Girls 'Get Vinted' Thursday 20 March

Please can we ask on behalf of G9 that if you have any clothes/sellable items that you no longer need that may appeal to our girls **(Teen clothes, size 6-12 female clothing, shoes, accessories) please bring these in before 20 March in a clean bag** - if you want to begin bringing them to the **PE office at CCSG** and hopefully as the amount of donations grows we will find an alternative place to store the donations.

Anything we do not sell will be donated to the Thames Hospice Charity shop to help them raise even more money for their mission to support their palliative and end of life care offering.

These are the categories:

- New with tags
- New without tags
- Very good
- Good
- Satisfactory

Cadbury World Trip Tuesday 25 March

Full details can be found in this [letter](#), but in summary pupils should arrive in school at the normal time for registration wearing school uniform including blazer and will return at approximately 4.30pm to either attend their usual after school activities or for onward travel home. They will need a nut-free pack lunch and drinks and optionally a small amount of money.

YEAR 10

Geography Trip to Margam Park 20-22 March 2025

Final details for Margam Park, including itinerary, kit list and emergency contact, can be found in the [final arrangements letter](#).

Careers Fayre Reading University Thursday 27 March

Year 10 girls will be attending a Careers Visit to the University of Reading on Thursday 27 March taking place within the normal school day timings. Pupils should wear their full school uniform, including a blazer, bring a coat depending on weather, writing equipment and notebook, nut-free packed lunch and drinks, as well as the books/Chromebook she requires for her normal Period 5 lesson.

Year 10 GCSE Business Trip - payment by Monday 31 March

Please find shared the GCSE Business Trip Letter 2025 for Year 10 pupils taking place on Monday 30 June. To confirm your child's place on this trip to the Warner Brothers Studios, please pay the non-refundable £45 via the Payment Portal by **Monday 31 March**.

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

Parents Evening - Tuesday 18 March - 6pm to 8pm - **Schoolcloud is open now and will close Tuesday 18 March at 12noon**

Please find the Parents' Guide [here](#) as a reminder of how to do this. Appointments for all subjects will need to be pre-booked via Schoolcloud. Please opt to **book manually** so that you can leave appropriate 'travel time' gaps between appointments. Entrance is via the Atrium with light refreshments available in our Main Hall.

Year 11 Music Coursework Day - Friday 4 April - confirm by TODAY

The Music department is hosting a 'Coursework Catch-up and Complete' day for GCSE Music pupils on Friday 4 April to ensure all coursework is submitted prior to the Easter holiday. Please complete this [form](#) to confirm attendance **by today, Friday 14 March**. Pupils will need to arrive at 9.30am, bring a packed lunch and be collected at 3.30pm

Playworker Programme - Application deadline is today 14 March.

Please find the [Playworker Programme letter](#) which will be running w/c 30 June. Year 11 pupils will have an assembly about the scheme after half term. Those interested in applying should complete an [application form](#) by 14 March.

*** NEW DATE * Year 11 Exam Support Evening - 6pm Monday 31 March**

Mr Richards will be hosting another short online meeting on Monday 31 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 will be emailed to you in advance of the evening.

GCSE Art & Textiles Day - Tuesday 22 April

A reminder for parents whose daughter is taking the GCSE Art/Textiles exam that there is an opportunity for her to attend a 'catch-up' day on Tuesday 22 April - please complete the [google form](#) to confirm she will be attending. Information and form was emailed home earlier this with a request for the google form to be completed **Friday 21 March** to confirm attendance.

Thorpe Park Trip - Tuesday 24 June

Please find details of the [Thorpe Park trip](#) for Year 11. To confirm your daughter's place please pay £20 via the [Payment Portal](#) or complete [Annual Pass Form](#) **by Friday 4 April**.

Year 11 Prom - payment by 4 April

The Year 11 Prom will be held at Moor Hall Cookham on Wednesday 25 June for Claires Court pupils only. To book your daughter's ticket please pay the non-refundable £25 via the [Payment Portal](#) by Friday 4 April.



GCSE Examination Timetable

Please find the generic written timetable [here](#). Pupils have received a personalised timetable from their Form Tutor.

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.

'Drop In' GCSE Clinics

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

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