



CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

FRIDAY 7 February 2025 - Week 5

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week here: [Proprietorial governance in times of change](#)

FROM THE OFFICE.....

PTA Pre-loved Uniform Plea


If you have some uniform that your daughter has grown out of please drop it off at reception for the pre-loved uniform shop that our fantastic PTA volunteers organise. Please only send in uniform in good condition and CLEAN. You will understand that we cannot accept dirty/damaged uniform that cannot be sold.

If you would like to purchase pre-loved uniform, please get in touch with the school office 01628 327500 or seniorgirls@clairescourt.com who can provide you with all the information you need.

Year 7 - Year 11 House Food Competition - Thursday 13 February **"Baking the world a better place"**

All Senior Girls are invited to take part in the competition with a judging panel looking at taste, texture and design.

Valentine's Day House Baking Competition



NATIONAL DAY
Valentine's Day | February 14
#CelebrateEveryDay

Everyone in year 7-11 welcome to enter, please bring your cake to the food room before AM registration on **Thursday 13th February**

Cakes will be judged on taste, texture and design

Cakes will be judged by our expert panel.

Break 2/lunch time cakes will be sold to raise money for Thames Hospice care - so remember your money!

Reminder; no nuts in any products please

- Bring in items before morning registration and leave in the Food Tech room.
- **No nuts or kiwi fruit** in any products please.
- Items will be judged 'blind' so please put the [allergen label](#) on top (the allergen labels are also available in the school office). Don't forget to put on the bottom of your plate your name/house/form.

♥ Valentine's Day Non-Uniform Day - Fundraiser for Thames Hospice

A small group of our student leaders visited Thames Hospice recently and they wanted to do something to help. As such, we will hold a non-uniform day on **Friday 14 February** across the Senior School to raise money for the hospice.

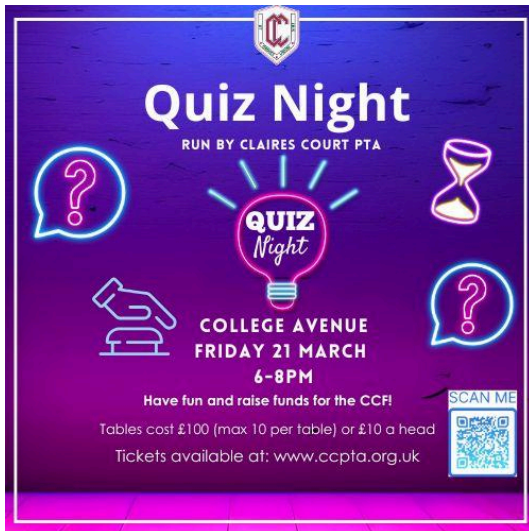
As it is Valentine's Day, we ask senior pupils, both girls and boys, (and staff) to wear red, white or pink to show their love for the loved ones who have been, are, or will be supported by this wonderful hospice. We ask for a minimum donation of £2 but all amounts are welcome, as this amazing place needs every penny we can muster. This can be in the form of cash to the Form Tutor or online payment via our [Payment Portal](#) (this will be available from Friday 7 February through to Monday 17 February so you can make your donation during this period).

Lessons will continue as normal, so please remember to bring the correct games kit (if timetabled) and the right equipment for lessons, as this can sometimes be forgotten when we deviate from the norm. Thank you all for your support.

The Croft Clinic - ADHD and Autism Support Group - Coffee Morning Friday 14 March

Please see further details [here](#). RSVP by Friday 7 March admin@thecroftclinic.com

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.

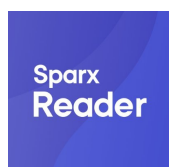
Seniors Spring Concert - Thursday 27 March ***SAVE THE DATE***

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

Root of the Week.....

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Sparx Reader of the Week - all our winners will be put into a draw for a prize at the end of term assembly



Friday 7 February - this week's winners are:

Year 7 Clodagh E

Year 8 Leiyah T

Accelerated Reader of the Week



Friday 7 February - well done to the following girls:

Year 7 Clodagh E

Year 8 Darcey B

Year 9 Ruby R

Tub-2-Pub

Last opportunity to bring any empty plastic sweet/cracker tubs to school by **Monday 10 February** to be recycled raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. More information can be found at Tub2pub.co.uk and [here](#).

Lost/Found

Please may we ask if you can check that your daughter is wearing the correct bench coat? We have a senior girl who cannot find hers at school - it has the initials LST - they are so expensive and the weather is still quite cold. If found or seen around the school please return to the office and we will reunite with its owner. Thank you.

TCS The London Marathon

We have a couple of our teaching staff who are running the London Marathon for **Mencap** they are: Mr R Beck (PE Teacher, Senior Boys), his sister Jo (ex pupil and Headgirl) and Mrs K Beck (Learning Support, Senior Girls) - if you would like to support them and their chosen charity and to keep them running around the 26.2 mile route please visit their [justgiving page](#). Thank you.

Reporting Sickness/Medical Appointments/Holiday Requests

Please report all absences daily to the school office before **9.30am** either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)) or by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

For medical appointments please let the school office know as soon as they are booked (notwithstanding emergency appointments) by emailing seniorgirls@clairescourt.net or telephone 01628 327500.

For holiday requests please use our [Request for Exceptional Term Time Absence](#) - this will be recorded onto a spreadsheet for the office to acknowledge.

The office can then inform the Form Tutors and update the registers in a timely manner regarding any absence from school. Thank you.

Parking Reminder

Please can we ask parents to avoid parking/waiting in their cars:

- Double parking bays on the left as you enter into school (teaching staff use these and you could find yourself blocked in)
- Coach bay during school day - this is for our school transport and emergency vehicles
- Outside the school on the yellow zig zags outside school gates - the Highway code states that you must not wait or park on school

entrance/exit markings. It also causes problems for our school coaches accessing/exiting

- Front car park by the school office - bays that are marked 'short term staff parking' as these are used for teaching staff who teach throughout the day at the different sites and have limited time to park and get to lessons

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/LETTERS/TRIPS.....

Reminders below but please do look at the school calendar

TRIPS

YEAR 7 - YEAR 12 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](#) by **Monday 3 March**.

YEAR 8 - YEAR 10 'COLOGNE' TRIP

October 2025

A great opportunity for those pupils who study German in current Years 8, 9 and 10. If your child is interested please find [details here](#) with the non-refundable deposit of £350 to be paid via the Payment Portal by today, **Friday 7 February 2025**.

YEAR 10 - YEAR 12 DRAMA THEATRE TRIP 'BLOOD BROTHERS'

Wednesday 26 February

Please find shared the [Y10-12 Drama Theatre Trip letter](#) to see Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal Windsor on **Wednesday 26 February**. To confirm your child's place on this trip, please pay £46 (non-refundable) via the [Payment Portal](#) and complete the [Consent Form](#) by **14 February**.

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 GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 9

Parents Evening - Tuesday 11 February *Booking System Now Open*

Schoolcloud opened on **Thursday 6 February** at **10am** and will close on **Monday 10 February** at **12 midnight**. Some teachers teach all the girls in the year group, and appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis. The parent information guide can be found [here](#) and bookings made via <https://clairescourt.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please use your child's full name, as nicknames are not accepted by the system. If you are unable to make an appointment with a teacher that you particularly want to speak to, please let Mrs O'Clee know ako@clairescourt.net so that we can arrange a phone call at a later date.

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

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 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 to 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.

Parents Evening - Tuesday 18 March *SAVE THE DATE*

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.

'Drop In' GCSE Clinics

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

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