



Clacton County High School

Sigma Sixth Tending

Notices and Letters



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The weekly Notices & Letters is a 'one-stop shop' for home/school written communications and information. Please take the time to check through this mailing, particularly for your child's individual year group, there could be some very important information for you to be aware of.

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Whole School Notices

Important message from Deputy Headteacher - Mr A Kidd - Lockdown Drill

I am writing to inform you of the procedures that would be instigated by the school in the event of a serious incident occurring either in the local area or on the school site. The safety of students, staff members and visitors is paramount and it is our duty to protect the wellbeing and welfare of these people when on site.

In an emergency, staff members at Clacton County High School will endeavour to take all reasonable actions in order to ensure the safety of its students. It is vital that all staff, students and parents are aware of the procedures outlined in this policy to minimise disruption.

Training with staff has been undertaken and we will be informing students of the procedure and its rationale during registration. A practice drill will soon be undertaken: staff, students and families will be notified in advance of the practice time and date. Following this, lockdown drills will take place annually.

During a lockdown, staff members will keep students indoors for a period of time, rather than use outdoor areas, open spaces or corridors. The lockdown drill will be timed to ensure it causes the least possible disruption to students' learning, whilst providing a test of the lockdown procedures.

It is essential we carry out this drill, so that in the case of a real emergency situation, staff are fully rehearsed in their responsibilities and duties, and in order to identify any potential areas for improvement.

We hope the lockdown procedure will never have to be used, but need to ensure we are fully prepared for all situations.

The school's lockdown procedure will come into effect in, for example, the following circumstances:

- In the event that unauthorised person/people, considered dangerous, are on school grounds.
- In instances, including domestic breakdowns, where estranged parties are attempting to abduct students.
- In instances where personnel, students, volunteers or staff become a threat to the wellbeing of others.
- In emergency situations where there is a risk from poisonous fumes or a chemical spillage.
- If a dangerous animal is on the premises.
- In an extreme weather event causing the students to be at risk.
- At the sound of the lockdown alarm:

- A senior member of staff will circulate the main buildings to announce the lockdown drill.
- If outside, or on lesson changeover, teachers will direct students to go to what would be their next lesson.
- Teachers will secure all exterior doors.
- All windows will be secured and blinds closed.
- Teachers will reassure students throughout the procedure.
- Students will be directed away from doors and windows.
- Nobody will be allowed in or out of any building for the duration of the drill.
- At the end of the drill an *all clear* announcement will be made.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Adrian Kidd, Deputy Headteacher, using admin@cch.school.

Whole School Letters

Statement on changes to punctuality arrangements – Summer 2024 – Please click [here](#)

Dates for Your Diary

This month (April)

- Monday 22nd April – Start of Summer Exams - Sigma Sixth and Year 11

Later

- Thursday 2nd May - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May - Start of Year 11 Exams
- Monday 20th May - Year 7 Start of Assessment week
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half Term Holiday
- Wednesday 11th June – Year 12 Pathways Week
- Thursday 20th June – PROM

Year 7

Advance notice:

Year 7 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 20th May 2024

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4th July 2024

In the week starting Monday, 20th May our Year 7 students will sit a series of assessments in a range of subjects. The purpose of these assessments is to provide students with an exam experience so that as they progress through school towards their final year 11 examinations, they are ready and prepared and do not feel so daunted by the prospect. The Year 7 exams will:

- Provide our students with insight into what it will feel like sitting exams within a specific time limit
- Provide our students with revision strategies to prepare for assessments
- For students who would not normally engage with revision, provide time for preparation through independent study sessions
- Provide assessment data to give students feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement

Year 8

Advance notice:

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 2nd May 2024 – Bookings are now open on SchoolCloud [Letter](#) from Deputy Headteacher – Mr A Kidd

Year 9

Year 9 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 7th May

Please click [here](#) for a letter from Deputy Headteacher - Mrs K Loosley about Year 9 Assessments

Year 10

Careers Futures Week from 1st - 5th July includes opportunities for work shadowing, work placements, and visits to the University of Essex and local national companies. One-day **workplace visits** are organised in partnership with exciting local and national businesses to give students an insight into the world of work.

Careers Work Shadowing involves students attending a place of work with either a parent, another family member, or another responsible adult to help them gain a true sense of a work-life experience. Guidance on how to arrange this is included in this [letter](#) and this [recorded session](#) from Assistant Headteacher – Mr A Cooke.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office via admin@cch.school, and your enquiry will be forwarded to Mr. A Cooke.

Year 11

Year 11 Exams – Starting Tuesday, 7th May 2024

The exam timetable is referred to as the Declining Exam Timetable and can be viewed [here](#). Further [exam information](#) can be found on our website. **Year 11 - Exam Booklet can be viewed [here](#)**

Year 11 Prom Thursday, 20th June 2024 - Please click [here](#) for Passport to Prom details

Dress 'Hire'

CCHS prom 'shop', students can 'hire' a dress free of charge. We have approximately ninety new and pre-loved prom dresses available for loan; many of which have never been worn at a prom before and have been donated by high street boutiques, some still with price tags still on. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Year 11 team by emailing admin@cchs.school to arrange a viewing of the dresses. Also, if you have a dress or suit that you feel would be suitable to donate, this would be greatly appreciated; again, please contact us using the email address above.

Free Prom clothing – Les Nicoll on Facebook

North Essex Support Team (NEST) is collecting, displaying, and giving away free of charge prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories. Local events include -

Sunday, 28th April - Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre, Old Mayflower School, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 4AJ at 09.30 am – 2.00 pm

Saturday, 4th May - Elm Church, Clematis Way, Greenstead, Colchester, CO4 3PY at 09.30 am – 2.00 pm

Sunday, 19th May - Great Clacton Community Centre, 16 -26 Valley Road, Gt. Clacton, CO15 4AR

Sixth Form Notices

Advance notice:

Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2024 – Tuesday, 11th June – Friday, 14th June

Pathways Week provides a range of activities designed to support and inform students with post-18 choices. These will include information and guidance regarding higher education, apprenticeships, business skills, preparing for interviews, and the world of work. The week will include a huge amount of information that will be of benefit to all year 12 students regardless of their future pathway and forms an essential component of their sixth form education.

Click here to view a [letter](#) from Mrs Amanda Read – Careers and Destinations

Sixth form Summer exam timetable can be viewed [here](#)

Careers – All years

Year 13 Careers Information and Guidance - from Mrs. A Read - Careers Adviser & Year Manager 6th Form
Information on UCAS Applications, Student Finance, Apprenticeships/Employment/Alternative options, Extra/Super Curricular Activities, and Future Support can all be found [here](#)

Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

InterAct - funded Developing Resilience Courses for parents whose children are on the SEND register

Please click [here](#) for more information on local courses

Please click [here](#) for online courses

Adult Community Learning Essex (ACL)– Free Online courses for Parents

Community and Family Learning – Spring 2024 – [Link to all Courses](#)

Extra support for Families – STOP Parenting Programme – Raising a Teenager

Begins Wednesday 1st May. Jaywick Community Resource Centre 9:30am - 11:30am

A supportive programme for parents of teenagers Stop is a 11-week programme which aims to support parents of children aged 11 – 16 in their relationship with their child and to help reduce family stress. STOP will help parents: to understand why their teenager behaves as they do; have a greater awareness of peer influences on their teenager; to develop effective listening skills; to find ways to praise and encourage their teenager; to set limits for their teenager and reduce confrontation; be aware of the drugs available to teenagers and their effects ; to find ways to talk about relationships and sex with their teenager; and last but not least, look after themselves as parents. **Click [here](#) for more information**

Has your child missed their school vaccinations – Years 9 -11

Click [here](#) to see more about catch up clinics

Community Notices

Cannons Basketball - Junior National League Trials – Years 7 -13

Saturday 11th May - Click [here](#) for more information



Clacton Pier – Jurassic Half Term Saturday, 25th May – Sunday, 2nd June Meet life-sized Dinosaurs roaming. It will be 1 year since the launch of their Jurassic Pier attraction in May so no better way to celebrate than with a whole week full of prehistoric goodness 25th May - 2nd June.

Clacton Police Station Open Day on Saturday 11 May 2024 from 11am to 2pm.

Join the District Commander, Chief Inspector Ella Latham, and her team at our police station on Beatrice Road and meet the people who work to keep our community safe.

There will be lots of police-themed activities for the younger members of our community to get involved in as well as demonstrations from some of their specialist policing teams. The police will be giving an insight into their work and the type of equipment they use to protect people in Essex and catch criminals. And, of course, they will have different Essex Police vehicles on hand for people to get a closer look at, plus some police uniform to try on too.

The Police will be joined by colleagues including Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Tendring District Council, RNLI Clacton Lifeboat and Safer Essex Roads Partnership as well as several charitable organisations that they regularly work with such as Next Chapter, Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST), Neighbourhood Watch and Essex Search & Rescue.

No booking needed. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day, with all profits going to support local charities. Parking isn't available at the police station or on Beatrice Road, but there are several public car parks just a short walk from the station.

Please note the event will be taking place outside the front of Clacton Police Station, on Beatrice Road

Student Opportunity – 14 years and over. Do you want to be a volunteer to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge? [Click here for more information](#)

Ambition Institute - Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you have a degree?

Come and find out more at our drop-in coffee morning between **10 am-12 noon** on **Saturday 27th April** @ Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE.

Career Opportunities at CCHS

This week there are new positions available: Click [here](#) for further information