



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 11th February 2022

Happy Friday, and welcome to the start of the half term!

There is a lot of information included in this week's mailing, so please take the time to read through so that you are fully aware of anything that is particularly relevant to your child's year group.

Within the community notices, there are links to a new Parenting Hub. The past two years have been difficult for most but challenging for many, in particular some young people. The Parenting Hub aims to provide advice and guidance for us as parents/carers on how we can help and support our children.

For year 11 parents - a reminder that the next round of mock exams commence week beginning 7th March.

A reminder that Monday, 21st February is a teacher training day and students are not required in school. We wish you a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 22nd February.

Whole School Notices

HALF TERM UPDATE LETTER - from Head of School, Chris Taylor - [Click Here](#)

Weekly News – As ever within the weekly news are the articles on what has been happening in school and what our students, your children, have been up to - [Click Here](#)

'Everyone's Welcome' Parental Engagement Evening – There are still a few places available for you and your family to attend our next parental engagement evening; 'Everyone's Welcome' on Thursday, 24th February 2022 from 5pm until 6.30pm in the school hall. Please [click here](#) to view the invitation and response form. We really hope to see you there.

'PSHE & RSHE Curriculum' – A [letter](#) was sent out on Wednesday about the topics covered in the 'Relationships, Sex and Health Education' curriculum. A link was included to information as well as details of a planned drop-in on 1st March @ 3.30pm for those parents who would like further information. Alternatively, parents may contact Mrs Cook via admin@cchs.school and she will be happy to respond to any questions.

Polite Reminder – Consideration for our neighbours – Boley Drive is just around the corner from school and some of the residents in this private road have become increasingly concerned at the amount of traffic and inconsiderate parking that happens at drop off and pick up times. It is important to have empathy with others in this situation and the inconvenience that could be caused outside of your own home by someone parking inappropriately or blocking your access. The leisure centre car park is a good place to drop off or meet your child, please consider this as an alternative.

Lost Property – we still have a large amount of unnamed lost property that has not been claimed. Items will be displayed in Clouds at lunchtime on Wednesday, 23rd and Thursday, 24th February for students to claim. Please remind your child to go along on these days to find any items lost recently. When items are misplaced in school, if they are named we always do our best to reunite them with their owner as swiftly as possible.

Careers @ CCHS

This link takes you to the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) which has a wealth of advice and guidance and aims to provide inspiration to our students on a range of career pathways.

Are you interested in a career within the NHS? Due to the ongoing impact of Covid, physical work experience placements within hospitals have been put on hold. The NHS is still actively encouraging new applicants to the profession and to meet the demand for information and work experience, have launched the [NHS Talent Academy](#) which brings together organisations from across health and care, to provide easy access to the wide range of careers and employability services available within the various regions.

Visit the [Talent Academy](#) to experience virtual work experience programmes in various roles including, Pharmacy, Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Midwifery, Disability Nursing, and Occupational Therapy. Visit the [Careers Hub](#) for links to this and many other opportunities.

Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have now submitted their applications for our CCHS sixth form college; Sigma Sixth. We are delighted that so many of our students have considered our sixth form as their first choice destination for Post-16 study. For those students who have yet to fully make up their minds and would like to discuss further they should contact sixthformteam@cchs.school. Also teachers at the main school are happy to help with advice and guidance, including senior members of staff and students can book an appointment to see them, please see Mrs Horsewill and she will be happy to help.

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS & THE NEXT ROUND OF MOCKS – Week beginning 7th March.

Important details will soon be released in regards to the next round of mock examinations and summer examinations, more information will follow after half term. The importance of the mock exams as preparation for the summer GCSE's cannot be underestimated. Excellent attitude to learning, excellent attendance and remembering that "every lesson counts" will optimise students' potential for success in the final exams.

The links below will provide you with quick access to some already released important information:

- [GCSE Advance Topic Information - Summer 2022](#)
- [Public Exams Timetable - Summer 2022](#)

Community Family Information

POP UP VACCINATION CENTRE – Half term availability

We have been asked by the immunisation team to share details of a vaccination pop-up centre available for everyone during half term. If you or anyone in your family, including 12-15 years are yet to be fully vaccinated the staff at Oak Tree Centre in Colchester will be happy to help you. Parking is available on site, further information [here](#).

New online support community for parents and guardians - To mark the start of Children's Mental Health Week, the Parenting Hub have launched their new online community platform. Without doubt the pandemic has brought about many challenges for us all, but especially for a significant number of young people. The Weekly News has full details of the Parenting Hub and will provide information or you can [sign up to the Parenting Hub](#) today and become part of the community of parents and carers or join their [next webinar](#) on Thursday, 17th February, titled "How to support the young people in your life as a parent or carer".