



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tendring Weekly News



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Open Evening – Thursday 21st Sept School finishes at 1.15pm

Next Thursday, 21st September is our annual Open Evening (4 – 7pm), when we welcome Year 6 students from across the district, along with their parents, to join us to tour the school and enjoy some fun activities throughout the evening.



[Year 6 Parents - Please visit our admissions webpage for full arrangements and timings for the evening.](#)

To enable staff to prepare for this special evening, school will finish after Lesson 3 at 1.15pm. Students will return home from this time; Year 9 students who will be following live lessons at home will also finish their online learning at 1.15pm. Those who are entitled to Free School Meals should ensure they collect their meal and refreshment during the morning break. The school will return to its normal timings on Friday with Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 in school and Year 8 online learning at home.

CCHS students should not attend the Open Evening unless they are designated helpers, whose parents have completed an Open Evening Helper consent form issued by one of our faculty leaders.

Year 12 Settle into their new Surroundings

Three years ago, we opened Sigma Sixth, our own sixth form college based at the Tendring Education Centre in Jaywick Lane. This term we welcomed one hundred and eighty new Year 12 students, and now we have over three hundred college students across the two sixth form year groups. Our popular sixth form gives students all the benefits of a sixth form college but without the daily commute to Colchester. Sigma Sixth prides itself on the quality of its post-16 educational provision and provides its students with camaraderie and friendship. Last week, as part of their first day, the new Year 12 students took part in various team building activities and attended numerous sessions designed to help them with transitioning from GCSE to A-Level study.

Grab Every Opportunity

It is always gratifying to learn of students' achievements outside school – those who endeavour to widen their knowledge and skills set in their own time.



Over the summer holiday CCHS students Laura, Adam and Sophie, in Years 8 to 10 respectively, challenged themselves to improve their sailing. They they all took to the water for the annual Walton & Frinton Yacht Club's cadet week and five days of racing.



After some great days out on the water the final results were derived from the combined results of all the week's races;

Adam won the Regatta Fleet Championship, winning all of his races in the process, Sophie took second place, with Laura in 10th. Well done to them all!



One activity became rather competitive as groups of students competed to produce the most stylist newspaper costume

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Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities – Autumn Term 2023

Alongside the main curriculum subjects, we are proud to offer our students in Years 7 to 11 a wide and varied choice of activities, clubs, subject support, coursework catch-up and revision sessions which they can participate in. We encourage all of our students to make full use of the opportunity to learn additional skills and knowledge, through their participation in activities that interest them. Below is a list of all the enrichment activities and additional learning sessions that we have on offer this term, including the year groups they are aimed at and where they take place. Please can parents and carers promote these activities and encourage their child to participate in as many activities as they can. This list is also available to download from our [‘Clubs & Activities’ webpage](#), where additional clubs and activities will be published throughout the year so please check regularly for the latest information on the clubs available.

For more information about each club or activity, students should talk to a member of staff from the department organising the session. The majority of clubs start week commencing 18th September or have already started, unless an alternative start date is listed. Sign-up lists are now open, although many do not have a sign-up process and students can just turn-up on the day, although regular attendance is requested. Any sign-up requirements are listed below.

Students – please ensure that your parents/carers are always aware that you intend to attend a club on a specific day and when to expect you home, so that they are not unduly concerned when you do not arrive home at your usual time.

Enrichment Clubs

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	
	PRIDE & Diversity Hub 1:15 - 1:50 Room F5 Miss Margariti - Bring lunch, turn up chat &/or get support	Chess Club All year groups 1:15 - 1:50 Room B16 Mrs Matthews	PRIDE & Diversity Hub 1:15 - 1:50 Room F5 Miss Margariti - Bring lunch, turn up chat &/or get support	WEEK A - Card Trading Club 1.15 - 1.50 Room B20 (Mr Pascall)	PRIDE & Diversity Hub 1:15 - 1:50 Room F5 Miss Margariti - Bring lunch, turn up chat &/or get support
		Crochet Club All year groups 1:15 - 1:50 Room B16 Miss Bartlett	‘BookTok’ Book Club Years 8 and 9 only 1:15 - 1:50 Room F13 Sign-up with Miss Ballard (Eng)	WEEK B - Warhammer Club 1.15 - 1.50 Room B20 Sign up with Ms James (Eng)	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AFTER SCHOOL	Craft Club All Years (by invitation only) 3.15 - 4.00 - Inclusion Hub	Chess Club All Years (by invitation only) 3.15 - 4.00 - Inclusion Hub	Lego Club All Years (by invitation only) 3.15 - 4.00 Inclusion hub	Social Skills Club All Years (by invitation only) 3.15 – 3.45 Inclusion Hub By Invitation Only	STEM Club - CREST Award Years 7 to 9 3.20 – 4.20 Room B15 Mr Marshall - Turn up and participate
	Science Club Years 7 – 10 Room D13 Sign-up at the Science Team room - Starts 25 th September	Games Club All Years (by invitation only) 3.15 - 3.45 - Inclusion Hub	Dungeons & Dragons Club 3.15 - 4.00 - Inclusion Hub Sign up with Miss Walbridge (Inclusion Hub)		
	Cricket Club Years 7 and 8 3.20 – 4.20 Clacton Cricket Club Sign up at the PE Office (Limited spaces – starts 2 nd Oct)	Girls Netball Club All Year Groups 3.20 – 4.20 Netball Courts	Boys Football Club Years 7 to 10 3.20 – 4.20 School Field		
	Art Club All years welcome 1:15 - 1:50 Room A6 Miss Myddleton	Boys Football Club Year 11 3.20 – 4.20 School Field	Girls Football Club All Years 3.20 – 4.20 School Field		
	Tuesday Continued Below	Boys Rugby Club Year 7 3.20 – 4.20 School Field	Photography Club All Years 3:15 - 4:15 Room A6 Miss Myddleton		
	Language Leaders Award 3:15 - 4:15 Room F5 Miss Margariti - Current group only New group information - TBC	Swimming Club Year 7 and 8 3.20 – 4.20 Swimming Pool Sign-up at the PE Office	Lower School Drama Club Years 7 to 9 3:05 - 4:00 Room H2 Miss Wade		
		CCHS Dance Company All Years 3.15 – 4.00 Room J2 Sign up with Mrs Tucker	F24 Racing Car Team – STEM Years 7 to 11 3.20 – 4.30 Room A11 Sign-up with Mr Binczyk (Science) or Mr Dorleans (Maths)		

Subject Support, Revision and Coursework Catch-up

	MONDAY LUNCH					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		SPARX Reader Homework Support 1:15 - 1:45 F13 Year 7 & 8 only - Come along to complete your SPARX Reader homework (Starts Monday 2 nd October)				
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club - for those requiring additional support All year groups 3.15 – 4.00 Inclusion Hub	Homework Club - for those requiring additional support All year groups 3.15 – 4.00 Inclusion Hub	Homework Club - for those requiring additional support All year groups 3.15 – 4.00 Inclusion Hub	Homework Club - for those requiring additional support All year groups 3.15 – 4.00 Inclusion Hub	SPARX Maths Homework - Computer Access and Support Years 7 to 10 3.20 – 4.20 Room B15 Mr Marshall	
	Business Coursework Support Years 10 & 11 3.20 – 4.20 Room B2 Sign-up with Miss Everett	Business Coursework Support Years 10 & 11 3.20 – 4.20 Room B2 Sign-up with Miss Everett	Textiles Coursework Support Years 10 & 11 3.10 – 4.30 Room A13 Mrs Mussett	Textiles Coursework Support Years 10 & 11 3.10 – 4.30 Room A13 Mrs Mussett	Triple Chemistry Year 10 & 11 3.15 – 4.00 Room D1 Miss Loosley	
	Maths GCSE Drop-In Revision Year 11 3.15 – 4.15 B-Block Rooms	Music Coursework Clinic Year 11 3.15 – 4.30 Music Dept.	Maths GCSE Drop-In Revision Year 11 3.10 – 4.10 B-Block Rooms	Further Maths (GCSE) Year 10 - By Invite Only 3.20 – 4.30 Room B01 Mr Marshall		
	Photography Year 11 - Coursework Support 3:15 - 4:30 Room A6 Miss Myddleton	KS4 Drama Coursework Clinic Years 10 & 11 3.10 - 4.30 Room J3 Mrs Pickard - Starts Tues 3 rd October	KS4 Drama Coursework Clinic Years 10 & 11 3.10 - 4.30 Room J3 Mrs Pickard - Starts Wed 4 th October	Wednesday Continued Below		
	Tuesday Continued Below	GCSE Spanish Revision Year 11 - HIGHER TIER 3.15 – 4.00 Room F5 Mrs Barker	GCSE Spanish Revision Year 11 - HIGHER TIER 3.15 – 4.00 Room F5 Mrs Margarti	Music Coursework Clinic Year 11 3.15 – 4.30 Music Dept.		
	Spanish Revision Year 11 3.15 - 4.15 Room F6 Mrs Nundy	Spanish Revision All Year Groups 3.15 - 4.15 Room F2 Miss Souto	GCSE Spanish Revision Year 11 - FOUNDATION TIER 3.15 – 4.00 Room F3 Mrs Rubio-Weston	Art GCSE Coursework Support Years 10 & 11 3:30 - 4:30pm Room A5 Mrs Gately		



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Notices and Letters



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The Weekly Notices is a 'one-stop shop' for home/school written communications and information.

Please take the time to check through the mailing particularly for your child's individual year group: there could be some very important information for you to be aware of.

The start of any new term brings about lots of questions and the need for support for our parents and carers, [our website](#) holds a lot of valuable information and should be your first port of call, any queries you may have can be emailed to admin@cchs.school.

Whole School Notices

[Letter from Head of School - from Head of School – Mr C Taylor Update on RAAC Remedial Works](#)

[Letter from Head of School - from Head of School – Mr C Taylor Attendance Awareness](#)

CCHS is pleased to announce that they have partnered with [tootoot](#) –tootoot is a safe, secure and diverse web-based safeguarding tool, which allows young people of all age ranges to report any concerns or issues that may be worrying them in an anonymous, confidential and discreet manner.

[Click here for more information](#)



Important Notice for all parents - re use of student mobile phones for photographing/filming unauthorised images

Social media is currently responsible for encouraging children to post photos or videos of people. CCHS is a no mobile phone zone for students for the entire school day, including social times. On entering the school site all phones must be switched off and stowed away in school bags. Students seen using phones at any time during the school day will need to hand them to a senior member of staff for safekeeping until the end of the day.

Any student at CCHS who is caught videoing/photographing anyone in school will receive an appropriate sanction and will also be banned from having their phone on them during the school day.

Our school has an ethos of visible kindness towards others, to take any images and post them online without the person's permission is extremely unkind and hurtful. Students should consider how they would feel if photos or videos of them were shared with others without their knowledge or consent. Please ensure that you discuss this with your child and ensure they have no part in this type of anti-social behaviour.

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Arbor- Our Parents and Carers Portal

Since September 1st we have been using a new communications portal, please see below some useful links and information to help you gain greater satisfaction from using the new system.



[Help with logging in](#)

[Your Homepage Dashboard](#)

On the App homepage you will be able to see sections for:

- [Calendar/timetable](#) - You can see what lessons and events your child is taking part in on the browser version of Parent Portal and on the Arbor App. (active)
- [Statistics](#) - This shows information about the student's attendance, behaviour and progress statistics for the current term. (active)
- [Guardian consultations](#) – The **Guardian Consultations** section allows guardians to book time for Parents Evening meetings by selecting one of the available slots as per the School's setup. **(Will be activated in due course)**
- [Assignments](#) - This section shows any homework or coursework assignments that are due, overdue or marked. (active)
- [Accounts](#) - The **Accounts** section loads the student's current Meals and other top-up account balances. (active)
- [Trips](#)- Sign your child up for trips. (active)
- [School Shop](#) - Make purchases for items.

[Notices and consents](#) This section contains a list of missing information (including consents) on the student's profile. Parents and Carers will receive notifications when consents are pending, please accept or decline consents. **Please check and handle any missing consents as soon as possible**

Reminder of Timings of the school day

Registration is at 8.45am. We are happy that students are on site prior to this time, but no earlier than 8.15am

Breakfast Club in Clouds, opens at 8.15am.
Breaktime for Years 8 and 10 is at 11.40am

Breaktime for Years 7, 9 and 11 is at 10.20am
Lunchtime for all years is 13.15pm

School finishes for the day at 15.10. Students not participating in an after-school activity or meeting with a member of staff are expected to leave the site by 15.30 in school uniform.

Student absence



Student appointments and absence reporting can be made via email absence@cchs.school

Medical or similar appointments for your child should, wherever possible, be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, an email should be sent in advance to absence@cchs.school. Students who need to sign out during the school day, must sign out at attendance and they will be provided with a green 'Permission to be out of School' slip. They must sign back into school at the attendance office upon their return. This is vital for safeguarding purposes.

(Please give your child a note on the day, to help them, and the class teacher, remember the appointment)

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please email absence@cchs.school **before** 8.45am. Please refer to the CCHS website for further information on reporting student absence - [Click here](#)

Lockers

As more areas of school become available again, following the temporary RAAC closures, Lockers will start be allocated. More information on this will follow in the next few weeks.

Autumn Term date reminders

- Thursday 21st September – Open Evening (school closes at 13.15)
- October half Term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

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Year 7

[Letter from Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Tate re Pupil Premium Grant](#)

Years 8

Please see the table imbedded in the Update on Student Arrangements due to RAAC Remedial Works for a schedule of home learning

Year 9

Please see the table imbedded in the Update on Student Arrangements due to RAAC Remedial Works for a schedule of home learning

Year 10

No individual notices for Year 10 this week!

Year 11

No individual notices for Year 11 this week!

Sixth Form Notices

[Start of term letter from Head of College - Mrs S McKarry](#)

Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

[How to stay safe in a heatwave - NHS](#)

Careers

At CCHS from year 7 onwards we start to encourage our students to think about their futures beyond school and education. 'What will I do, what will I be?' Through our PSHE lessons and our PROUD values we educate and encourage our students to think big and think wide! Careers education is a big part of this thought-provoking experience, whether it be the soft skills that students develop across year 7 right through to work experience in year 10 and exam preparation skills and post-16 opportunities in year 11.

This academic year we have some interesting projects going ahead. This term we are working with the NHS on a special project re career opportunities in the service and raising aspirations; we will provide more details of this as we progress with the arrangements.

Essex Careers have published a very informative and interesting brochure on a guide to local employment and skills and we encourage all students and their parents to take a look. The summer 2023 edition has a sector spotlight on Health & Social Care, Engineering and Finance, but there is much, much more within to help and inform.

To access your copy follow this <https://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/essex-careers-magazine/>

Community Notices

Youth Enquiry Service (YES)

Is your child or teenager receiving counselling? Are you finding life a challenge while waiting for counselling support to begin? Youth Enquiry Service (YES) offer a safe space to share please [click here](#) for more information

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service

The following workshops are available for parent/carers in the local area

[Click here to view](#)

