



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Celebrating Outstanding Attendance & Behaviour

At the start of Autumn term, we traditionally reward students for their outstanding attendance and behaviour throughout the previous academic year. Last year twenty-three students across the whole school recorded a 100% attendance record, as well as displaying exemplary behaviour and organisation throughout the year, with not a single negative behaviour point to their names.

Congratulations to Andy, Jessica, Oliver, Kasey and Veronica in Year 8;

Kayla, Archie, Daniel, Shaneka, Finley, Ruby and Marika in Year 9; Scarlett and Katie in Year 10; along with Samantha, Nicole, Ruby, Harry, Martha and Brooke in Year 11. They each received a certificate acknowledging their achievement and a special Bronze PROUD pin badge to wear on their blazers. In addition, Year 9 students Austin, Christina and Millie have now completed the last two years with 100% attendance and zero behaviour points, an outstanding achievement; they received a Silver PROUD pin badge to go with the Bronze badge they collected last year.



Sigma Sixth Culture and Diversity Day

This week our sixth form students held their inaugural Culture and Diversity Day. This was organised by our new Year 12 students to help celebrate the diversity of cultures that the college embraces. Throughout the day the students had the opportunity to engage with, and educate themselves about, different cultures from around the world. The UK is a proudly diverse country; where over 300 languages are spoken by a multitude of nationalities, so it is very important to celebrate the uniqueness of the UK's society.



and Fried Rice from China, along with a multitude of dishes from India, Kenya, Poland, Nigeria, Holland and Zimbabwe.

During their lunch break, students set-up stalls displaying their national flags, took the opportunity to inform others about their culture and prepared traditional dishes from their nation of origin for sampling. Many even dressed in their cultural clothing to make it a really colourful event. There were Jaffa Cakes from England, Cannelloni and Tiramisu from Italy, Thai Green curry from Thailand, Bhajis and Samosas from Bangladesh, Paella from Spain, Spring Rolls, Chow Mein

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Sixth Form Students Triumph at Tendring Youth Awards



A number of current and former students attended the 7th annual Tendring Youth Awards this week and walked away with an armful of trophies. The Community Improvement Award was won by 'Youth Inspired Tendring', a group of ten 16-18 year olds, including three of our Year 13 students – Linda, Mollie and Spencer, who have been helping various organisations, putting their ideas into action to put something back into their community. In the Arts Award, CCHS and Sigma Sixth dominated the short-list with former Year 13 students – Faith and Alfie (not pictured) nominated for their passion

for the performing arts and product design respectively, along with former Year 11 student Lily Knappett, who won the category for her passion for textiles, which she excelled in at GCSE level last year. Year 13 student, Mollie walked away with three awards; having already collected the Community Improvement Award, as part of Youth Inspired Tendring. Mollie then went on to win the Volunteer Award for her involvement with Community Voluntary Services Tendring, before collecting the prestigious Committee Award, chosen as the individual who stood out to the judges across all the award categories. Congratulations to all of them!

Gymnastics Star takes Gold

Talented Year 9 gymnast, Sydnie has been attending gymnastics lessons since she was 4 years old and is currently a member of Colchester School of Gymnastics, training for twelve hours a week. Over a number of years, she has been adding to her repertoire of gymnastics disciplines, as she worked through her gymnastics grades, and is now able to participate in elite competitions. All her hard work paid-off recently when she took part in the Essex County Gymnastics Championships and was crowned the All-round Essex Champion in her age-group. She scored the most combined points across the vault, bars beam and floor disciplines. Sydnie now progresses to the Regional Championships in Ipswich at the end of the month giving her the opportunity to qualify for the National Championships. Good Luck Sydnie!



European Day of Languages – Part 1



To celebrate the annual European Day of Languages, we set Year 8 students a challenge of researching a European country of their choice. They had to create an interesting fact file on their chosen country and create a 3D model to represent the country for their competition entry. There were some fantastic entries which included; Colosseums made from sweet tubs; the Louvre in Paris, made from cocktail sticks and tape; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; a Greek spartan shield; beautiful cardboard tulips from the Netherlands; the Eiffel Tower and a full-size Spanish flamenco dress. The entries didn't stop there either! Some students made traditional dishes from their chosen country, learnt a melody from the

country and played it on piano, and even a Hungarian dance learnt and filmed in full traditional Hungarian costume. After a student vote on the European Day of Languages, Finley's model of a church depicting a World War 2 scene was chosen as the best entry. His entry taught lots of us about a WW2 paratrooper who pretended to be dead for two hours when his parachute became caught on the steeple of a church in Paris. Finley recreated the church out of cardboard and wood and even included a Lego figure to represent the paratrooper with his parachute attached. Thank you to all the students who took part in this competition, the Modern Foreign Languages team were blown away with the creativity and effort and definitely all learnt something about the world around us! Congratulations Finley, along with Kiahana, Veronica, Laura, Adam and Freya (not pictured). Watch this space for the results of a European Day of Languages poster competition.



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.

CCHS Weekly Notices

October is INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

As the final warm days for much of the Northern Hemisphere land in October, International Walk to School Month encourages us to spend that time outdoors stretching our legs! It's not just for our health, as walking helps us to get fitter, but walking and talking to our friends and companions is a great way to start the day. There are added bonuses too; savings on fuel and decreased use of the car also benefits our environment.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: INVITATION TO YEAR 11 PARENTS & STUDENTS

SIGMA SIXTH
TENDING CAMPUS
Discover Yourself, Define Your Future

Open Evening
5.00-7.30pm
Thursday 12th October

We look forward to welcoming you!

Tending Education Centre - Jaywick Lane,
Clacton-on-Sea CO15 8BE

countyhigh.org.uk/sixthform

(The poster also features a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue blazer, smiling and holding an open book.)

Whole School Notices

Letter from Head of school – Mr C Taylor on [Respect for others: use of foul and abusive language](#)

Texting (SMS) CCHS

Please note that The Arbor App has a text function which is not supported by the school.

Parent/Carer text (SMS) messages sent to CCHS are not monitored.

Text messages sent by CCHS will now contain a "do not reply" notification. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform recycling

Message from Mr G Henderson

The PE department at CCHS is looking for donations of trainers and football boots/astros which will be used as spare kit should any students forget their own. If you have any pairs at home that are not being used any longer, and are still in decent condition, we would be very grateful for any donations. In terms of sizes, we would happily accept any trainers or boots/astros from adult size 3 to size 12.

Please do not donate any other items of sports clothing, just trainers and football boots if you have any.

You can drop them off to the school reception or students can bring them straight to the PE office.

Thank you in advance for any generous donations.

PE department.

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Physical Education @ CCHS - Year 7, 8 & 9 - Practical Activities 2023/24

The list of all the PE practical activities for this year, broken down into half-term blocks, are now available on our website - <https://www.countyhigh.org.uk/physical-education>

The practical timetable is subject to change due to weather constraints - students should always bring their full PE kit to all lessons, including trainers, as well as football boots (if applicable).

Students on swimming should also bring their full PE kit to all lessons, in the event that the pool is unavailable for any lesson

School Lockers for all years

Locker keys are ready for allocation. Students can arrange a locker by visiting the Attendance Office at break time. **They will need a £2 cash deposit. If a student loses the locker key, they will lose their deposit and need to return to Attendance for assistance.**

Information for other year groups will follow in due course.

Autumn Term date reminders

- Thursday, 12th October – Year 7 Tutor Evening (appointments through School Cloud)
- Thursday, 12th October – Sigma Sixth Open Evening
- October Half-Term – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Year 7

Tutor Evening for Year 7 Parents and Carers

Thursday, 12th October from 3.45pm. Please see [letter of invitation](#) from Deputy Headteacher- Mr A Kidd

Year 7 Halloween Disco - Monday, 30th October

The fancy dress disco will take place in the main hall from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Tickets can be purchased for £2.50 from form tutors or Arbor pay (under trips)



Year 9

School Photographs

Tuesday, 17th October - Year 9 School Photographs with Carmel Jane Photography.

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 17th of October 2023, to take the Year 9 Individual Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRKP4T**
You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

Don't miss out pre-register today!



Letter from Head of College – Mrs S McKarry – [Invitation to open evening](#)

Year 11 Sigma Sixth Open Evening - Thursday, 12th October

Year 11 students from across the district are invited to the CCHS Sixth Form Open Evening next **Thursday, 12th October from 5pm to 7.30pm**.

Choosing where and what to study post 16 is important and exciting, a choice that will not only shape the next two years but could influence the decisions made for life after college. At Sigma Sixth students have a chance to study subjects they are passionate about and participate in a range of extra-curricular and community opportunities.

Sigma Sixth Tending supports its students on a journey of self-discovery on their individual career pathways; helping them to define who they want to be and where they want to go. The open evening will provide an opportunity to meet staff and current college student, find out about our academic programmes and decide if this is the learning community that they would like to join.

Informative presentations will be held in the Kingsman Atrium at 5.15pm and 6.15pm – we look forward to seeing you all!

Year 11 Coursework-revision timetable

Mock exams start at the beginning of November and we have put together a schedule to help your child make the most of the support available and to enable them to have the best possible preparation for their mocks. A link to the revision time table is here: [Click here to view](#)

Please encourage your child to attend all available revision sessions.

Careers

'The Parent Perspective' Podcast - Introduced by Rachel Burden from Radio 5 live

["The Parent Perspective"](#) is an exciting podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.

Together with "Not Going to Uni", the series aims to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing career support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.

Through the podcast Rachel Burden and guests offer a fun and informative space for listeners to:

- Explore which careers are available today
- Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models
- Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing

Each episode Rachel speaks to a diverse mix of parents, bringing their burning questions to expert speakers from the careers world. Together they uncover practical solutions and informative answers, to help parents and their children to make informed decisions on those all important next steps.

Episode 5 is the latest and the focus is on The Army: why apprenticeships are so important to the British Army. Previous episodes in this series are also available.

Safe Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

Lads Need Dads - Parent /Carer WORKSHOPS

[Click here for more information](#)

How to get help from Clacton Foodbank

[Click here for more information](#)

Get help if you are behind with your energy bills

[Citizens advice](#)

Community Notices

[What's on at Colchester Museums/ Castle](#)



Celebrating Student Success

Attendance Weekly Golden Ticket Awards

100% Attendance prize draw - one student from each form group wins their form's 'Golden Attendance Ticket', allowing them to skip to the front of the Clouds food servery queue on a day of their choice.

Congratulations to.....



Year 7

Issie Charters, Alby Coppola, Henry Cowling, Connor Evans, Jessica Hyland, Harriet Johnson, Anais Kalungwishi, Charlie King, Evie Lawrence, Summer Rye, Nathaniel Smith and Henry Smith



Year 8

Charlie Bayford, Libbie Brading, Liam Brady, George Edwards, Archie Foord-Fairman, Libby Gleeson, Danny Hilton, Edna Lee, Chloe Nicholas, Jack Skinner, Emily Thompson and Hayden Welsh



Year 9

Brandon Baylis, Bonnie Busby, Oliver Firminn, Rhea Gee, Summer Jenkins, Ronnie Marshall, Lexi Oakes, Ellis Pearson, Lilly Shahdin, Coby Smith and Lola Ward



Year 10

Sonny Cook, Lola Ewer, Francis Harvey, Hermione Marlborough, Chloe Morris, Cruz Moyce, Maisie Palmer-Newton, Hope Purcell, Mia Slim, Jude Sykes and Charlie Willis



Year 11

Rebecka Bull, Fraser Day, Brandon Hogg, Hyden Lance, Esme Line, Lucie Pile, Summer Pirotta, Felicity Ransley, Heidi Thomson, Zakk Wakley and Katie Wigley

Weekly Proud Awards

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Frankie-Mai Bates, Gabby Cantrell, Karina Gancarz, Alicia Gittins, Stanley Newman, Erin Partridge, Evie Rosier, Lulu Simenok, Finley Ward and Emily White

Winner – Erin

Year 8

Ellie Bowman, Finlay Cafful, Kyle Edwards, Laura Kedge, Levi O'Brien, Luke Roberts, Zac Russell, Kaedyn Stanton, Hayden Welsh, Charlie Wilson-Turner and Jayden Wolstencroft

Winner - Jayden

Year 9

Kian Fryer, Freddie Gentry, Ruby Gittings, Aaron Hobbs, Ellie-May Lucas, Demi Merrick, Logan Parker, Isabelle Partridge, Ellie Singers, Celeste Tchicaya and Sirinapha Thiwong

Winner – Celeste

Year 10

Callum Bates, Olivia Brown, Faith Bunce, Bradley Howden, Lilia Kenvyn-Rains, George McDougall, Jan Pankiewicz, Imogen Ridout, Damilola Shola and Joseph Woolf

Winner – Damilola

Year 11

Denis Ali, Tiffany Ball, Nate Barrett, Tiffany Connors, Adam Nunn, Eloise Pettitt, Oliver Stevenson, Daisy Stow, Kieran-John Streeter and Grace Wheeler

Winner – Daisy

