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As we start the final term of this academic year, we hope that this will be the start of a great summer for everyone. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, who are about to take exams, the very best of luck. Students in Year 11 are now into the final few weeks before their GCSE written exams, which commence on the 5th May; language speaking exams start next week and other practical exams will soon be underway. Our Year 13 students are also about to finish their Sixth Form education as they sit their A2 exams during May and June.

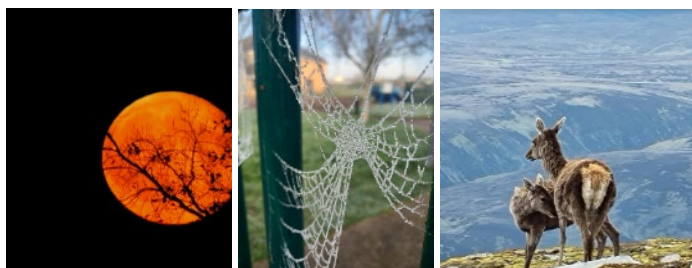
Science Week Photography Winners



As part of our recent CCHS Science Week students were challenged to capture the theme of this year's British Science Week – 'Connections' in a photograph. There were over eighty entries submitted with some fantastic science related photos, many thanks to everyone who entered. The science team deliberated long and hard to decide the winning shots – one for each year group



Congratulations to Jessica Levy (Year 7); Marika Wrembel (Year 8); Sophie Rayner (Year 9); Eloise Carter (Year 10); Oliver Vine (Year 11), Craig Jenkins (6th Form) and Mrs Watts (Staff Competition).



A Spring Weekend in Madrid

After a break of four years, we saw the return of the 'Spanish Learn on Location' trip to Madrid. This was the sixth time that we have held the trip and, yet again, it was a fantastic cultural experience for the students and an outstanding success.



At the end of last term, fifty-five Year 10 and 11 students and staff flew to Madrid to enjoy a four-day long weekend filled with great experiences in the Spanish capital. The hot and sunny weather was a great backdrop to exploring many of Madrid's key sites including the Royal Palace, El Parque Retiro, the Plaza Mayor, Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium - which is under a massive refurbishment, and the Madrid Zoo. The group walked miles every day, as well as experiencing the Madrid underground.



Students put their Spanish skills to good use whenever possible; while purchasing souvenirs, ordering lunch whilst enjoying typical cuisine in the restaurants. On the Sunday morning, the group visited a famous flea market, El Rastro, with an opportunity to barter for their purchases in Spanish. They also visited a traditional Churrería, to try out 'Churros con chocolate' and El Mercado de San Miguel- a food market where they tried some traditional Spanish foods. The trip was a huge linguistic and cultural experience for the students, with some unforgettable memories created that will last a lifetime.

A big thank you to Mrs Rubio-Weston for again organising such a wonderful trip, as well as Mr Dale, Mr Godwin, Mrs Chapman and Miss Margariti for their assistance and giving up their weekend.

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Cooking their way to University

Sigma Sixth students took to the kitchen at the end of last term when they were challenged with making a student friendly main course, spending only £5 on the ingredients. The 'Learn University Skills' initiative is to help equip students with some important life skills, including budgeting, planning and then cooking meals for when they get to university.



Nine teams set about the fun 'Cook-Off Challenge' creating some incredibly tasty masterpieces – these included spicy chicken noodles, vegetable burritos, mushroom stroganoff, fake Nando's, home-made burgers, pizza, chicken skewers, all-day breakfast and garlic chicken noodles. The teams were judged on value for money, presentation, taste and speed of preparation.



The incredibly high standard of presentation gave the judges a difficult task. Congratulations to the overall winners - "Cooking Mamas" - Sophie, Rocqi and Jemima for their Fake Nando's. Well done to all who took part!

Geography Brought to Life



Year 11 Geography students travelled to Ipswich Waterfront recently to gather information to use as part of their Human Geography GCSE exam in June. Students looked at how the Ipswich Docks area has changed since it was an active port and how the area has been redeveloped.

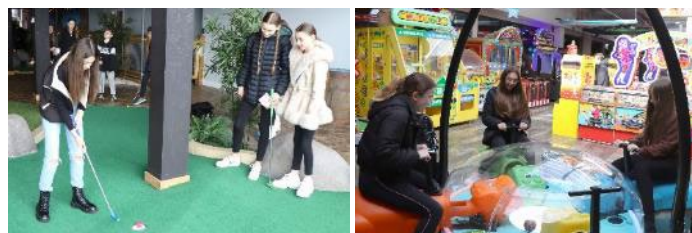
Many of the warehouses and buildings have kept their original features, to help preserve their conservation status, and been re-purposed as up-market housing with the ground floor units operating as food, drink and retail outlets. Over the past twenty years the regeneration has breathed new life into what was a derelict part of Ipswich to produce a vibrant part of the town and a key part of the Ipswich night time economy.

Rewarding Outstanding Commitment

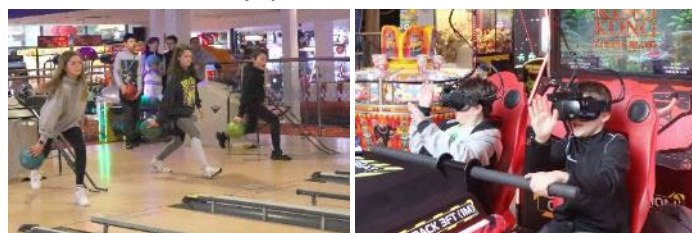
During the final week before the Easter holiday, we were delighted to reward over three hundred students from years 7 to 10 for their outstanding work throughout the spring term. Students with excellent attendance and behaviour, qualified for the reward trip to Clacton Pier.



Students relished playing tenpin bowling, riding the bumper cars and challenging themselves to a game of adventure golf.



A fantastic time was had by all; the treat was a fitting, and a well-deserved reward for all the students' hard work throughout the term – Well done to all those students who were invited and enjoyed their reward.



Each term we reward our students for their exemplary attendance and behaviour, dedication to their school work and determination to succeed – as we start a new term, students can focus on being one of the top students in their year group and make sure that they are able to take part and enjoy the next student rewards trip. This term we will be rewarding students with a trip to the cinema in July, before we finish for the summer holiday.





Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Notices and Letters



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The Weekly Notices and 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.

What's being celebrated around the world?

Today marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan

In the UK, Ramadan 2023 began on the evening of Wednesday 22 March and will end today. This means Eid al-Fitr 2023 will be celebrated on Saturday 22 April in the UK. 'Eid mubarak'

Whole School Notices

Strike Action Thursday 27th April – partial closure

Please be advised that due to further industrial action, we will have to close the school to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 on Thursday 27th April.

Year 10 students will be invited in for part or all of the day if they study Business Studies, Child Care, Music, PE, GCSE Short course RE or Further Maths. A bespoke timetable will be issued for these students next week.

Year 11 and 13 students will be in for normal lessons to ensure that the preparations for their GCSEs are uninterrupted.

UK Emergency Alert – Sunday, 23rd April 2023

The test alert, which will take place at 3pm on Sunday 23 April, will see people receive a message on the home screen of their mobile phone, along with a sound and vibration for up to ten seconds. The message will say:

This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.

www.gov.uk/alerts for more information

In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.



Happy National Thank a Teacher Day! Wednesday, 21st June 2023



A nationwide celebration of all UK teaching and support staff can only mean one thing...National Thank a Teacher Day is back on Wednesday 21st June 2023! Don't miss the chance to say thank you and celebrate all the wonderful staff in your teaching community.

Say thank you to an amazing teacher – [Send your Free personalised Thank a Teacher card here](#)

PE Clubs – Summer Term- [Click here for a full list of extracurricular activities available for our students.](#)

After school clubs are a very important part of school life. Students can meet and interact with other like-minded students from across different year groups, they help to broaden students perspectives and promote new friendships. There is something to suit almost everyone, so please take a look and encourage your child to get involved with a club or activity. If your child has a suggestion for a club, they should speak with their form tutor or pastoral leader in the first instance, all ideas are warmly welcomed!

Tuesdays – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Athletics Club (Throwing Events)
Athletics Club (Jumping Events)
Basketball Club
Racket Club – Badminton & Tennis

Wednesdays – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Athletics Club (Track Events)
Rounders Club
Cricket Club
Table Tennis Club

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Are you having trouble getting through?



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.

(it is helpful to give your child a note, 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](#)

Term date reminders

- [Term Dates 2023/2024](#)
- Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday school is closed
- Thursday 4th May – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday King's Coronation school is closed
- Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June - Half term Holiday
- Friday 21st July – End of Term (school finishes early)

Year 7

Year 7 Assessment Week

Well done to all of our Year 7 students who participated in their first CCHS assessments. Overall students behaved exemplary and took the assessments extremely seriously. I sincerely hope that they are pleased with their achievements from this week.

Year 8

Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday, 4th May - [Click here for further information](#).

Year 9

No individual notices for year 9 this week!

Year 10

Yr 10 Examinations Booklet

Our Yr 10 booklet gives all the relevant information needed for year 10 students to sit GCSE exams in May 2023. It contains Exam Board Guidelines, School Information, including internal appeal procedures and an Exam timetable.

[Please click here to view the booklet](#)

Free online tuition

In the build up to their GCSE exams. Year 10 Students can receive up to 3 hours of tuition a week in the weeks (1 hour a week per subject, up to 3 subjects). Year 10 students' tuition is available in Maths, English and Science.

[Letter from Mr Cooke](#)

Year 11

Year 11 Information Letter

An Exam update letter has been emailed to parents and carer, it contains vital information about the imminent exams starting on 5th May. It also has links to other important documents such as the exam timetable. Please ensure you read this information send as a separate email.

Yr 11 Examinations Booklet

Our Yr 11 examinations booklet provides all the relevant information needed for students to sit GCSE exams in April, May and June 2023. It contains Exam Board Guidelines, School Information, including internal appeal procedures and a Revision and Exam timetable.

- [Please click here to view the booklet](#)
- [Click here to view the declining timetable](#)
- [Exams page of our website](#)



Year 11 Prom

We are very much looking forward to the Passport to Prom prize draw which will take place on Friday 12th May. To enter students need to have completed 25 revision sessions and had 95% attendance over the Passport to Prom period and handed these in to their tutors by Wednesday 10th May. Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay once your child has met the minimum requirement of 14 sessions and 95% attendance by handing in completed Passports to Prom to their tutor. However, please remember that tickets will be refunded if your child does not attend the compulsory revision sessions and all their exams as per the declining timetable.

Years 12 & 13 - SIGMA SIXTH Important Dates:

Heddingham Buses are changing their Clacton network from 16th April 2023 – this will affect buses to Sigma Sixth Form.

In the morning pupils catching the bus boarding from Holland Park School will now need to catch the route 98 at 0821 which will travel along Holland Road, Skelmersdale Road and past the Railway Station. On arrival at the Town Centre this bus will continue to Sigma as now (as route 4). As the current 136 journey from Stephenson Road will no longer run, any passengers from the Great Clacton area will need to catch the 137 journey from the Church at 0811 and change in Pier Avenue. Route 98 starts in Walton on the Naze.

In the afternoon a route 4 bus will continue to leave at 15.20 and will run beyond the Town Centre as route 137 as the existing timetable. The 16.30 journey from the College will no longer run due to very little usage.

www.heddinghamandchambers.co.uk

www.konectbus.co.uk

Exams Summer 2023 - Sixth Form Students & Parents

We have published the provisional timetable for next summer's A Level and BTEC Level 3 Examinations on the

[Sigma Sixth Exams website](#)

In addition, all of the 'Information for Candidates' sheets, supplied to us by the exam boards have been updated. Please take your time to review this important information.

[Exam timetable](#)

SAFEGUARDING, SEND and WELLBEING

Well Being Hub at CCHS

Support for Students and Families - On this page you will find information and links to assist with your family's well-being and mental health. Scroll down to access numerous support groups and organisations, covering a variety of topics.

[Click here for further information](#)

Breakfast Club at CCHS

Toast is available Monday - Friday from 08.00 - 08.45 for all students at no cost. Please feel free to send your child if they need breakfast at the start of the day. No registration or booking is required.

School Nursing Service

In North East Essex, between the age of 0-8 years your child will be under the Health Visiting Service. From their 8th birthday onward they will be under the School Age Team up until the age of 19 or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs. Please visit our website to learn more about the [School Nursing Service](#)

Careers Updates

Following on from our recent Careers' Week and the Careers' Fair held just prior to the Easter holidays, it is important to keep students' attention focussed on their futures and the possible areas of interest for their careers. With this in mind, please take a look at the CCHS Careers Hub; <https://sites.google.com/countymhigh.org.uk/careershubs/home>, where students and parents can find out more about the possibilities for future study, apprenticeships or even just seek out some inspiration to explore the opportunities available. Consider, what do I want to do when I leave school or college?

COMMUNITY NOTICES

UK Junior Chess Challenge qualifying event – Sunday, 12st May 2023

UK Chess Challenge (UKCC) is the largest chess competition in the UK – for young players of all ages and abilities. It is one of the most prestigious junior chess events in the world. The UKCC Essex Megafinal will take place at Colchester Town Hall on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The event is supported by [Essex Junior Chess Association](#). This is an excellent opportunity for Essex junior players to qualify for the later stages - [Click here for more information](#)

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