



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Duke of Edinburgh Practice Hike

Our Year 9 DofE students endured some damp and cold conditions when they took part in their second practice hike last week, for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



The hikers were split into small groups and used their navigation skills to find their way along their pre-planned routes using marked footpaths from the designated start and finish points at Little Bentley and Weeley Village.



The fifty students completed their hikes, without too many mistakes and are now preparing for their final practice hike in a few weeks around Gt Oakley, Ramsey and Dovercourt, before their 2-day assessment in Thetford Forest in June, which includes a night under canvas.



What Parents Need to know – Wizz App

Wizz sits in the App Store's top 20 social networking downloads and aims to enable young people to forge rewarding online connections with others. Despite its verification processes and security checks, Wizz can still be prone to risk and, regrettably, wherever young people gather to chat online, potential predators and the possibility of explicit material are seldom far behind. National Online Safety's #WakeUpWednesday guide has the [lowdown on Wizz](#) to ensure parents can help secure their child's online safety.

King Charles III Coronation
Saturday 6th May 2023

Monday 8th May is the
Coronation Bank Holiday.



'Our Oceans' Art Project

During the spring term, four year 7 classes worked on a special art project entitled 'Our Oceans'. As part of their studies, the students looked at the environmental changes that are occurring within coral reefs and the impact that climate change is having on these fragile eco-systems.



Students analysed the work of two influential environmental artists – Beatriz Chachamovits and Courtney Mattison, before observing images of coral reefs. Their research included looking at the journey of discarded plastic within our oceans and the existence of the Great Pacific Garbage patch. The students took inspiration from their research to then design and create their own ocean design and created various ceramic pieces.



Their ceramic creations are now on display in a special collaborative art installation, bringing together the work from the four classes. The exhibit endeavours to show the beauty of coral reefs, as well as highlighting the coral bleaching which is taking place due to environmental changes. Well done to all those involved.

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Attendance Rewards – Spring Term

We recently celebrated the form groups across the school with the highest number of students achieving 100% attendance for the second-half of the spring term. The top form group in each year group was treated to a Reward Breakfast in our Clouds servery to acknowledge their accomplishments.



Well done to 7y6 (Miss Collins) for continuing to be the top attending form in Year 7 and congratulations to 8y1 (Mrs Vieira and Mrs Osca) – pictured above, 9x2 (Mr Raza), 10x3 (Mr Wilson) and 11x5 (Miss French) who managed to move to the top of the 100% attendance leader board for last half-term. The 100% attendance incentive aims for all our form groups to work collectively on whole form attendance, those with fantastic attendance actively encourage other form members to follow their example.



An Outstanding Speech

A few weeks ago, we acknowledged the seventy Year 10 students took part in the annual Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' public speaking workshop. Just before the Easter break, our six CCHS finalists battled it out for a place in the regional finals, performing their speeches to the 'Writing for Performance Club'. Congratulations to Denis Ali, Betsy Gladden, Daisy Stow, Adam Taylor, Bethany Wretham and the eventual winner, Amy who was chosen as the CCHS representative in the regional final of the competition, held recently at St Benedict's College in Colchester.



Her delivery of her speech, entitled 'Hidden Chapters' was incredible and she was unfortunate not to progress to the National final in London. Well done Amy! Thanks also to last year's regional runner-up, Rocco McIntyre in Year 11, who was part of this year's judging panel and offered some beneficial feedback to all the finalists.

A-Level Drama in London

Last week, Sigma Sixth drama students travelled to Theatre Land in London for a day packed full of drama. Their first port of call was the National Theatre on London's South Bank to watch a matinee performance of 'Dancing at Lughnasa', a challenging play set in the County of Donegal during the summer of 1936. Later in the day they moved to the Wyndhams Theatre to see Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!



Sigma Sixth drama students around the statue of Sir Lawrence Olivier outside The National Theatre

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and engaged in lively discussions about the two pieces of theatre they watched; both challenging in different ways. The students were highly praised by audience members who commented on how informed, articulate and inquisitive the students were. Not only did the day highlight the wide and varied forms of drama performance and opportunities in London, but also served to give students the confidence of travelling to and from, and within, the capital. This has also given them additional confidence when making university visits or just travelling to London in general. A fabulous learning experience for all who attended which has certainly broadened their horizons.

Poetry Stars Creations – Part 4

During March we congratulated numerous students who been selected by the judges of the Young Writers 'The Power of Poetry' competition for inclusion in their latest publication. Apologies to Christopher Harris in Year 7 who was omitted from the list of congratulations. Well done Chris!



CCHS Uniform Recycling

We are always grateful for any donation of used school uniform that is still in good condition - CCHS blazers, ties and CCHS PE kit - shirts, rugby tops and sweatshirts. Any items of uniform, no longer required, can be brought into our school reception - please ensure items are washed and names of previous owner removed.



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.

Whole School Notices

The Coronation of His Majesty, The King - Saturday, 6th May 2023

The coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort. The Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in long standing traditions and pageantry.



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](#)**

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 8th May – Bank Holiday King's Coronation school is closed
- Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June - Half term Holiday
- Thursday 29th June – Year 11 Prom
- Friday 21st July – End of Term (school finishes after Period 2)

Year 7

No individual notices for year 7 this week!

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Year 8

Year 8 Assessment Week 22nd-26th May

Next week we will be sharing with you and your child their assessment timetable for the above week and explaining to them how the assessments will run.

They will be assessed in the following subjects; English, maths, science, geography, history and Spanish and their teachers have already started sharing with them revision resources.

Please encourage your child to start revising for their assessments. Independent study in preparation for exams and assessments is a very important skill for your child to develop as they progress through their educational career. Good habits developed now will stand them in good stead.

Year 8 HPV Immunisations – 17th and 18th May 2023

[Letter from NHS](#)

Year 9

Year 9 Ski Trip 2024 – ITALY 29th March – 5th April

Places are still available on a first come first served basis please see letter below for more information

[Letter from Mr Bartlett](#)

Year 10

Year 10 Examinations Booklet - [Please click here to view the booklet](#)

Year 10 & 11

Year 10 and Year 11 students: A calm place to revise for their exams

The school library is now open every lunchtime for Year 10 and Year 11 only.

- This is a space for them to revise and prepare for upcoming exams
- Revision and Study must be apparent
- Food and drink may be brought into the study area but the library must be kept clean and tidy
- Students may talk whilst in the library but no disruption or distraction to others who may be wanting to work independently!
- When entering the library students must sign in with a student leader at the door

Year 11

Year 11 Examinations

- [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 next week i.e. 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:

Year 12 Pathways week – Tuesday, 13th – Friday, 16th June

Our annual Post 18 Pathways Week for year 12 students will take place from Tuesday, 13th June until Friday, 16th June, inclusive. Students will have the opportunity to follow a range of activities designed to support and inform their post 18 choices. [Click here for more information](#)

Exams Summer 2023 - Sixth Form Students & Parents

[Sigma Sixth Exams website](#)

[Exam timetable](#)

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InterAct (Clacton) – Clubs for students with special educational needs

Every Wednesday for 15 – 18 years old and monthly on a Thursday for 8 -14 years old

[Click here for more information](#)

Interact Club is a local weekly group for 15-18 year old young people with a special educational need and provides an opportunity for them to meet, engage with a number of activities and to support their transition into adult life. More information can be found here or by contacting Louise Bowen louise.bowen@barnardos.org or by visiting their website www.interact.org.uk

Careers Updates

The CCHS Careers hub micro website is continually being updated with information on all different types of careers and much, much more.

[Please take a look at our Careers Hub Here.](#)

Throughout June and July there are a lot of career focussed events coming up, particularly for our Year 10 students as they begin to think about higher education, further education, work and apprenticeships.

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](#)

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

Thomas Arber, Ilayda Ates, Finley Coburn, Rebecca Kidby, Lucy King, Alfie Knight, Harrison Linge, Gracie Rendall, Luke Roberts, Zack Salmon, Molly Wells and Charlie Will



Year 8

Charlie Cheshire, Owen Clarke, Millie Field, Hayden Garside, Dolce-May Gorton, Alexis Hunt, Bradley Jarrard, Dolcie Neal, Lucie Protheroe, Princess White and Summer Yallop



Year 9

Rebecca Barnard, Olivia Brown, Hayden Edwards, George Feighery, Lilia Kenvyn-Rains, Max Majid, James Mounfield, Grace Patrick, Heather Roberts, Jayme Salsbury and Fletcher Wigglesworth



Year 10

Thomas Bryden, Jake Clark, Zoe Faint, Sam O'Brien, Lucie Pile, Felicity Ransley, Lukas Rasimas, Nigel Sainte Marie, Jerzie Shorter and Kieran-John Streeter



Year 11

Ollie Blanes, Abi Courdrey, Bill Fletcher, Ellis Garside, Lenny Grant, Mia Haskins, Lilah Hawkins, Lauren Lee, Owen Marlborough, Callum Millar, Robert Powell and Ruby Thorpe

Weekly Proud Awards

The top students in each year group who attained the most PROUD+ points last week and also had 100% attendance (listed alphabetically) – Each year group winner collects the top prize of an amazing £10 Amazon voucher.



Year 7

Winner - Ruby Carter

Year 8

Sienna Barnard, Neave Cassidy, Millie Field, Ronnie Marshall, Demi Merrick, Harrie Morris, Summer Thompson, Oliver Tulip, Chloe Whelan-Abraham, Princess White and Nathan Wilson

Winner - Nathan

Year 9

Ethan Salter, Riley Paine, Cameron Mayers, Imanu'el Kigang, Angel McMahon, George Fletcher, Fletcher Wigglesworth, Alex Parker, Holly Balcombe and Nathan Ward-Wilkinson

Winner – Imanu'el

Year 10

Chris Brown, Charlie Curtis, Harry Edwards, Zophia McClymont, Rose Parker, Kian Price, Taio Revell, Oliver Stevenson, Kieran-John Streeter and Roisin Whyte

Winner – Roisin

Year 11

Dafina Antonova, Angela Chitsakamile, Emma Durrant, Natalee Elkes, Mia Gittins, Freddie Hasteed, Lily Knappett, Lauren Lee and Natt Thiwong

Winner – Dafina

