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Sigma Sixth Tending

Weekly News



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The Insights of an Author



Last week we were delighted to welcome local author Sam Scott, who very kindly spoke to our Year 7 'Exceptional' English students about her journey in becoming a writer. As part of her visit, she shared her writing experiences and gave the students an insight into the publishing industry.



Our Year 7 students loved listening to excerpts from Sam's newest book: 'House of Hundred Doors' and accompanied the author on her writing journey, as she read her Young Adult Thriller! To conclude the workshop, Sam answered some fascinating questions posed by the audience about the book and her route into writing novels. As a bonus, each of the students has been gifted a copy of 'House of Hundred Doors', so that they can enjoy reading the whole story and find out what eventually happens to the protagonist, Maximillion, the main character in the novel.

May Half-Term and Revision Sessions

We finish today for the May (Whitsun) half-term.

We are **back to school on Monday 5th June** for seven action-packed weeks, until the start of the summer holidays; end of term is Friday 21st July.

Please Note: There are numerous revision sessions scheduled for next week for students taking exams after half-term. These have been arranged individually between staff and their students and are by invitation only. If you are a parent of a student who has been invited, can we urge you to impress upon them the importance of making the most of this additional support. Remember, staff are prepared to give up their holiday and family time to commit to their students and we hope that the students show their appreciation by attending.

Coastal Schools Rounders Tournament

As we approach the mid-point of the final term of this academic year, we have now started the rounders season alongside the continuing summer athletics. Our teams were in action last week with the girls taking on the other schools in the Coastal Schools League at the annual rounders tournament. The Year 7 and 8 teams travelled to Clacton Coastal Academy whilst the Year 9 and 10 teams were in action at Manningtree High.



The Year 7 girls had a steep learning curve, having had little experience, and had a fantastic afternoon, despite their losses. Our Year 8's narrowly missed out on the top spot after wins against Clacton Coastal Academy and Harwich & Dovercourt High School, accompanied with a narrow defeat to eventual champions – Tendring Technology College.



The Year 9 girls claimed their only victory against Harwich & Dovercourt, whilst the Year 10 team were just happy to be back on the rounders pitch. Unfortunately, a depleted team put the Year 10 girls at a disadvantage against their opposition.

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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.

What's being celebrated around the world?

Did you know that Shavuot - or the Feast of Weeks - is a Jewish holiday, celebrated between Thursday, 25th May – Saturday, 27th. The holiday has both an agricultural and biblical significance. Agriculturally, it marks the wheat harvest in Israel.

June 4th – Trinity Sunday: A Sunday that centres on the doctrine in the Christian church that God is three in one — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Whole School Notices

Planning ahead for September 2023 - Uniform & Equipment

- [Everything you need to know about school uniform](#)
- [Equipment checklist](#)

READY to Learn - Does your child have everything they need for the school day?

May we remind you to ensure your child has a school bag with them, fully equipped and ready for school.

Depending on your routine, each evening or morning, please check that your child has everything they need for the forthcoming school day and a suitable bag to carry to accommodate all of their belongings (small across-the-shoulder bags are not appropriate as they cannot carry books/folders).

Please help to ensure that your child is fully equipped for their day - [Details of required equipment](#).

School Ties

Please see the table below to view student ties for the next academic year. Students will continue through their school journey with the same coloured tie. New Year 7s in September 2023 will have a purple stripe.

<u>CCHS Student Ties</u>	<u>Next Academic Year 2023/4</u>
Year 7	Purple stripe
Year 8 (current Year 7)	Light blue stripe
Year 9 (current Year 8)	Red stripe
Year 10 (current Year 9)	Plain Tie (no stripe)
Year 11 (current Year 10)	Yellow stripe

Term date reminders

- [Term Dates 2023/2024](#)
- Monday 29th May (Spring bank holiday) – Friday 2nd June - Half term Holiday
- Monday 5th June first day of the final half term school; school starts prompt at 8.45am
- Thursday 29th June – Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 13th July – School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Friday 14th July – School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Saturday 15th July – School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Friday 21st July – End of Term (school finishes after Period 2)

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CCHS Summer Musical - Evita

This year's CCHS Summer Musical 'Evita' takes to the school stage from the 13th to 15th July.

- Thursday 13th July @ 7pm
- Friday 14th July @ 7pm
- Saturday 15th July @ 2pm and 7pm

All seats priced £8

[Tickets are now on sale - Click here.....](#)

A CLACTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION



EVITA

13TH & 14TH JULY 7PM, 15TH JULY 2PM & 7PM

TICKETS £8 FROM COUNTYHIGH.ORG.UK

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.
ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY HAROLD PRINCE.
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP LTD.

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](#)



Year 7

Important Dates:

- Year 7 Parents Evening Thursday, 8th June, further information on this to follow.

Year 8

Year 8 - End of Assessment Week

The Year 8s completed their assessment week and it is worth commending the majority of the students in the year group for their excellent attitude to the process. Two of the assessments were carried out in the main hall to give the students a taste of what is to come and they responded to our expectations in a very responsible and mature manner. If your child is in Year 8, please pass on our commendations, we are very 'proud' of them: well done Year 8!

Year 9

From Crime Scene to Court Room.....

On Friday 30th June, thirty talented Year 9 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a FREE workshop where they will be required to investigate a murder scene, solve the crime and take it through the judicial system.

To secure a place on this workshop, students have been tasked with producing a poster (computer or hand-made) to demonstrate how science is linked to solving crimes.

The best 30 posters will be chosen for a place!

Posters could include:

- Scientific discoveries and techniques which help to solve crimes.
- How science has helped with the way criminals are prosecuted?
- Anything else related to how science links to solving crimes.

Entries can be handed into their science teacher or sent to science.poster@cchs.school

The closing date is Friday 9th June and winners will be announced the following week!



Year 9 Madrid Trip 2024 - 22nd March – 25th March 2024 - only for students taking Spanish
[Letter from Mrs Rubio-Weston](#)



Year 9 End of Year Assessments

These assessments will be in English, Maths and Science during the week commencing 19th June. Your child's teachers will have started to share what is needed in terms of revision. A timetable will be shared with students upon return from half term.

For all students, assessments play a very important role in preparation for their national exams which take place at the end of year 11 and give a real experience of exam conditions. The more practice they get, the more prepared they are, the greater chance of achieving their potential and, we hope, should make the exam experience less daunting for them. As in all examinations it is vital that students comply with strict conditions which include: no mobile phones, no watches, to have a clear pencil case with correct equipment, any outdoor clothing removed and left outside of the exam room (they are not allowed to be draped over the back of chairs etc). Students should bring a bag to school to ensure they have somewhere to keep their belongings together and safe.

Preparation for exams is very important and encouraging your child to complete independent learning will make a huge difference to their examination success. As always, thank you for your support.

Year 10

Yr 10 Futures Week Monday, 3rd July – Friday, 7th July

During this term, we are providing a full range of careers education, information, advice, guidance and activities for Year 10 students in preparation for Year 11. Information and support will be available to help them to make appropriate choices about their post-16 destinations with access to a range of opportunities and exciting events.

[Letter from Mr A Cooke](#)

Year 10 mocks

Year 10 will embark on their first big mock exam series after the half term break - commencing 19th June for two weeks. Resources for revision have started to be shared with students, and the exam timetable will be published shortly.

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Year 11

Sigma Sixth Induction Day - Thursday, 13th July

Message from Head of College - Mrs S McKarry

Our Sixth Form Induction Day for year 11 students joining us in September will be on Thursday, 13th July. We are very excited to welcome the new cohort to Sigma Sixth for the day and have some exciting activities planned which we hope students will find both informative and enjoyable.

The day begins with an introductory talk on life in the college and the expectations of being a Sigma Sixth student. Students will then participate in activities that will help them prepare for their studies in September and will be introduced to their subject assignments which they are expected to complete over the summer holiday. The afternoon session will focus on team building. We have invited The Problem Solving Company into college to provide a range of team building and problem solving activities to develop a bond with the new cohort through collaborative working and promote critical thinking in preparation for post-16 study.

Letters have been sent to applicants, parents and carers but if you have not received this or require further information please contact the sixth form team: sixthform@cchs.school.



Year 11 Examinations

GCSE examinations are in full swing. The links below will provide all of the important information that parents might need to support their child. Students have behaved maturely and in line with the strict examination requirements and have been revising hard in preparation. Well done to all of those students who have been up bright and early to attend the 8am revision sessions and thank you to their teachers for giving up their personal time to provide the additional support, before school, after school and during the half term break. N.B. The sessions next week are by invitation only.

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

Years 12 & 13 - SIGMA SIXTH Important Dates:

[Letter from Mrs S McKarry - Head of College Important exam information](#)

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](#)

[Full Exam timetable](#)

[Revision and Exam Timetable](#)

SAFEGUARDING, SEND and WELLBEING

Autism Central for parents and carers

A new programme designed and developed to deliver high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families, parents, carers, and personal assistants. [Click here for more information](#)

InterAct - “Developing Resilience & Wellbeing

InterAct are offering a **FREE** four- week course for Parents and Carers, in any role of raising children (0-19) with SEND and/or additional needs. [Click here for more information](#)

Missed immunisations Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT)

Please call **0300 790 0597**

The immunisation team can offer the following catch up vaccines for years 8, 9, 10 & 11 please call them directly to arrange.

- Meningitis A, C, W, Y
- HPV1 & 2
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio

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.

Clacton Pier's new £500k dinosaur attraction to open this weekend

The £500,000 project is the latest addition to Clacton Pier's growing list of attractions and a whole host of events has been lined-up for the weekend. The interactive dino safari walk-through experience and 4D cinema will open its gates to visitors on Saturday morning, May 27, and there will be a spectacular fireworks extravaganza at 9pm on Sunday, May 28. The display will include dino-themed music, lighting and lasers staged by Dynamic Fireworks and MRL Productions.



Free online resources - Money-saving, waste-preventing, cookery courses

UKHARVEST offer to help you make the most of your food through engaging sessions that are designed to improve your cookery skills, help you make healthy choices, and fight food waste in the home, so you can eat well for less and reduce your environmental impact. From online videos, live cook-alongs and recipes you'll learn small, lasting and effective changes to the way you plan, shop and cook your meals, suitable for any budget. [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

Reuben Buckley, Archie Chaney, Bluebell Cunningham-Mason, Finley Gooding, Harry Green, Demii Lee, Poppy London, Katie Lowe, Bobby Majid, Kane Steele, Erin Stevenson and Ethan Swift



Year 8

Brandon Baylis, Owen Clark, Jasmine Cooledge, Scarlet Cooper, Louie Fayik, Rhea Gee, Irene Hook, Ivy Keeble, Ben Leeks, Riley Page and Olivia Stevens



Year 9

Rebecca Barnard, Ben Brading, Dulcee Buckley, Faye Burford, Lacey-Mae Butler, Archie Davidge, Callum Goss, Riley Grant, Charlie Hilson, Albanie Howden, Mickie King and Luke Taylor



Year 10

Callum Berkeley, Chloe Chandler, William Cowley, Charlie Curran, Riley Gentry, Simon Liu, Charlie McGrath, Maddie Shirley, Bobby Smith and Luke Willis

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

Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Hollie Monks, Oliver Pound, Luke Roberts, Zac Russell and Hayden Welsh

Winner - Hayden

Year 8

Tilly Jarman, Kirill Maslechko, Megan Read-Barwick, Finley Turner, Ruby Wagland, Louie Welham and Bella Wright

Winner - Tilly

Year 9

Faith Bunce, Nevaeh Edwards, George Fletcher, Aston Godfrey, Ben Headford, Jack Moore, Charlz Paine, Ethan Salter, Mia Slim and Freja Turner Butler

Winner – Jack

Year 10

Maximilian Brigden, Zophia McClymont, Roisin Whyte, Sam Potter, Emmy Davidson, Kieran-John Streeter, Leah Young, Josh Hawkins, Kostadina Katsakiori and Daisy Stow

Winner – Sam