



# Clacton County High School

## Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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### **Year 12 focus on their Post 18 Pathways**

Last weeks' Sigma Sixth Post 18 Focus Week proved to be greatly beneficial for our Year 12 students, with a range of events and activities to help with their future career planning. The various sessions, throughout the week, helped the students to focus on their choices for when they conclude their A-Level studies in a year's time. They looked at higher education, apprenticeship, employment and gap year opportunities, registering for UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service), preparing their personal statement and the job application process.



Students had an opportunity to chat with a number of ex-students ranging from those who had recently left, to some who had been out in the big wide world a while longer. They offered students their advice and spoke about their experiences since leaving school. Students also attended the annual UCAS Convention at the University of Essex, where higher education institutions from across the country gave information and advice on the courses available - over 40,000 different course combinations, at 150 institutions.

Throughout the week there was a particular focus on preparing for an interview by identifying their skills and personal qualities, as well as improving their communication skills, ahead of a mock interview. A number of industry professionals met with each Year 12 student, who had dressed as if they were attending a real interview.



Each professional participated in a special 'You're Hired' competition, selecting their 'best' candidate. Many of our interviewers struggled to come up with their own winner as the competition was extremely fierce - well done to Hadiyah, Holly, Linda, Tinotenda, Aidan, Julie, Dominic, Millie, Mollie, Mia, Olivia, Roman, Harry and Elliot. Linda Boxall was voted the overall winner with her interviewer, Mark Burrows from Breheny Groundwork Contractors, commenting on her performance - "*Linda is clearly going places and was a pleasure to interview*". All of the Year 12 students took on the 'You're Hired' interview challenge with bucket loads of enthusiasm – for us, they were all winners!

### **Talented Artists Win Awards**

The Tending Show takes place at Lawford House Park on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and each year the Tending Hundred Farmers Club organise an art competition to design the front cover of the show's programme. The theme this year is "Creativity in the Countryside" and our Art team submitted numerous entries,



produced by our Year 7 and Year 8 students during one of their art classes or completed at home. This year, over thirty schools from across Tending entered the competition with more than 2500 entries across both primary and secondary schools. All of our entries were amazing, and Tending Hundred Farmers thought so too, celebrating our student's entries with eight awards, including the top three prizes! Congratulations to Jasmine (Year 8) who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize and receives a £35 book token, family entry to the show and £150 for the school; her design will now take pride of place on the front cover of the Tending Show programme 2023. In addition, Amelia (Year 7) won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Imogen (Year 7) secured 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize and Millie (Year 8), was a runner-up. We also had Highly Commended awards for Brooke (Year 7), George (Year 7), Kian (Year 8), Bonnie (Year 8) and Heckter (Year 8). We are delighted that every student who submitted an entry wins a free entry ticket to this year's show. This has been a fabulous celebration of the art our students create. We have been overwhelmed with the number of prizes that we have won this year and the CCHS Art team are beyond PROUD.

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## Spanish is Engaging

Our Parental Engagement team were back in action this week with a special Spanish themed evening, hosted by our Modern Foreign Languages department. Year 8 students and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the special 'Spanish in Action' evening which commenced with a lesson on how to order food and drinks in a Spanish restaurant.



Great fun was had by all as our Spanish team introduced various fun ways of remembering the words and phrases. This was followed by a simulated real-life experience when our guests had the opportunity to order and enjoy food and drinks in the CCHS Spanish restaurant! Our Year 9 Language Leaders were on-hand as Spanish waiters and waitresses – taking orders and serving what had been ordered. It was a great learning experience, even though some parents and students ended up with something different to that what they thought they had ordered when their order was lost in translation!



Many thanks to our Parental Engagement team, our Modern Foreign Languages teachers, especially Mrs Margariti, who masterminded the evening, along with our 'Spanish Musicians' - aka Mr Wilson and Mr Bowyer, who serenaded the restaurant clientele throughout the special evening.

## Multi-school Council – Inclusion Day

The annual 'Inclusion Day' took place earlier this week, when over two-hundred and fifty Multi-School Councillors, from across Essex, converged on Braxted Hall, near Witham. The special fun day, to help celebrate inclusion and diversity, was organised by the Essex SEND Strategy and Innovation team, along with numerous agencies who helped ensure that everyone had an enjoyable and inclusive day. Our councillors joined students from thirty-seven other primary, secondary and special schools with one goal in mind - to celebrate that everyone is different with their own, individual need. This could be just general support, someone to talk to, a group where they can feel accepted, a hobby they can concentrate on, or something they can do to lift their state of mind. Spread over three activity zones the students spent the day designing, making, playing and enjoying the wide variety of activities that children of all ages and abilities could participate in together. They even had the opportunity to work with some very special therapy dogs!



The Essex Multi-school Council aims to help break down perceptions towards children with SEND and mental health difficulties in schools and their wider communities. Children from mainstream and special schools meet regularly throughout the year to learn more about each other and put their plans in place for making a difference. Not only does the council help break down perceptions, it provides young people with an opportunity to improve their confidence, to develop their personal and social skills and to promote important values like democracy and acceptance. Throughout the day, Multi-school Council Ambassadors and a Paralympian spoke about their own journeys to help inspire and help build confidence. An enjoyable action-packed and fun day was had by all!



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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?

Eid ul-Adha is the second Eid in the Islamic calendar, after Eid ul-Fitr in April, and will be celebrated by millions of Muslims across the UK and rest of world from Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

#### Whole School Notices

##### **Pearson National Teaching Awards 2023 and Thank a Teacher Day**

We are very proud to announce that the following CCHS staff have received 2023 Pearson National Teaching Awards, a full report will follow in Weekly News next week.

**Unsung Hero Awards** – Lizzie Dominey and Simon Kedge

**Excellence in Special Educational needs** – Helen Bartrum

**Impact through Partnership** – The CCHS MIND Team

**Outstanding new Teacher of the year** – Charlotte Harvey

**Outstanding Teacher of the year** – Charlotte Wicks

**Outstanding Teacher of the year** – Ellie Lawrie

**Teacher Assistant of the year** - Kara Beales

**Teacher Assistant of the year** - Sue Barke



##### **Thank you to everyone who sent a "Thank a teacher day" card**

The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. As a school we received almost 100 Thank Yous for which staff are very grateful.

##### **Strike Action - Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**

The NEU proposes to hold two more strike days before the end of term on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

In order to give you advanced notice, unfortunately Years 7, 8, and 9 will be online for virtual lessons for these two days. Year 10 students will have online careers work to support them as part of their Futures Week, or those who are able, can gain an additional day of work shadowing.

[Please see a letter from Chris Taylor, Head of School](#)

##### **Blazers-Off next week!**

Next week the weather forecast is set to continue to be hot and sunny; students will not need to bring blazers to school with them. They are still required to have a school bag and be fully equipped and ready for all of their lessons. If a student wishes to wear something on top of their shirt then this must be their blazer.

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### **Term date Reminders**

#### Term Dates 2023/2024

- Tuesday 27th June - PE Awards Evening (by invitation)
- 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)

### **CCHS Summer Musical - Evita**

This year's CCHS Summer Musical 'Evita' takes to the 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.....](#)



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### **Year 7**

No individual notices for year 7 this week!

### **Year 8**

Subject choices for next academic year - [Click here for the letter from Mr Martin](#)

### **Year 9**

#### **Year 9 HPV Vaccinations – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Your consent will be required [Letter from Essex University Trust Immunisation Service](#)

Please click on the link in the letter (click on the word “here” highlighted in yellow)

### **Years 7 - 9**

#### **Year 7-9 Bounce and Fun afternoon - Tuesday 4th July 3.30pm until 5pm**

Our Year 12 Student Sport Leadership team invite students in Years 7 to 9 to a special afternoon of fun activities.

Along with the opportunity to use numerous inflatables, other activities will include - Face painting, Tin Can alley, Bean bag toss, Penalty shoot, Basketball Challenge, Water coin drop and a Lollipop Lucky-Dip.

Students will need to bring a change of clothes or their PE kit - Sports kit is advisable.

Students can collect a copy of the event information and consent form from the PE office

The cost is just £1 which needs to be paid when returning the completed consent form and all proceeds from this charity event will be donated to Alopecia UK.

### **Year 10**

#### **Year 10 Mocks continue**

[Letter from Mrs Karen Loosley - Deputy headteacher](#)

#### **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 11

### Year 11 Prom

**Thursday 29th June, invited students will start arriving at 6pm for doors to open at 7pm.**

Prom is an event in which we celebrate the achievements of the students over the last 5 years. Students have had to attend 10+ revision sessions and **attend all exams** to be able to buy a ticket. The event will be a fantastic evening, there is a DJ, photographer, ice cream, sweets, popcorn, fizzy drinks etc. Cars will arrive from 6pm and doors will open at 7pm, the hall will be decorated with the theme of Mid- Summer Night. [Click here for tickets](#)



### 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

## Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

**Family First Proudly supporting the NHS in improving the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in England**

[Family First Magazine](#)

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**SEND Roadshow – what support is available in Essex?**

[Click here for more information](#)

### 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](#)

## 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.

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### Essex Summer Programme Summer 2023

Join us for an action packed three days of fun, challenge, and games. Free to attend, including lunch.

After the three days, you can complete an optional two day/one- night expedition experience in the Essex countryside taking place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd August 2023.

<https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/essex-summer-programme-2023/>

[Click here for FREE Eat Well, Spend Less Booklet Food & Fuel](#)

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**

Thomas Arber, Callum Cheshire, Harrison Fox, Thomas Gandy, Kaysi-Leigh Grantham, Christopher Harris, Maisie Hussien, Bella McKay, Chloe Pickard, Ava-Mae Renaut, Bettsie Sheenan and Connor Walsh



##### **Year 8**

Adam Berner, Bonnie Busby, Ruby Cowley, Austin Cox, Poppy-Ella Dyer, Ellis Hough, Samuel Jolley, Millie Lambert, Shahamat Rahman, Amelia Smith and Isaac Wright



##### **Year 9**

Rebecca Barnard, Cameron Boon, Harry Bowen, Faith Bunce, Flynn Eyre, Ethan Heyden, Evie Louca, Abigail Roberts, Mia Slim, Noah Stuttle and Sophie Townsend



##### **Year 10**

Jake Batchelor, Chris Brown, Tiffany Connors, Vinny Lloyd-Chamberlain, Lillie McPherson, Dillon Morris, Regan-Marie O'Connor, Shahzad Rahman, Alfie Shaw and Ari Thompson

#### **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**

Thomas Beazley, Benjamin Childs, Jamie Dickings, Jack Hawkins, Leyla Mott, Bettsie Sheehan, Adam Siroki-Szabo, Paige Snipp and Jack White

**Winner** - Benjamin

##### **Year 8**

Alfie Abbott, Crystal Byrne, Neave Cassidy, Millie Field, Rhea Gee, Ronnie Haynes, Olivia Nundy, Mya Prior and Tamsin Vaughan

**Winner** - Ronnie

##### **Year 9**

Rebecca Barnard, Toby Byles, Hudson Croll, Joshua Day, Lexie Grint, Joshua Hill, Scarlett McClelland, Alex Parker, Ethan Salter and Isabel Skinner

**Winner** – Alex

##### **Year 10**

Tayla Beaver, Liam Brown, Ronnie Forrest, Thomas Jordan, Esme Line, Regan-Marie O'Connor, Jessica Pearce, Alisha Rowland, Lucy Warlow and Roisin Whyte

**Winner** – Thomas

