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We Will Remember Them

At 11 o'clock on Monday, the school fell quiet as we remembered the lost and injured service men and women, during current and previous conflicts around the world, including the two world wars.



A number of our Student Leaders, accompanied by Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Austin, joined representatives of the Royal British Legion and other dignitaries, including our Member of Parliament, Nigel Farage, for the traditional Armistice Day service at the Clacton War Memorial. They laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the CCHS school community in honour of the fallen heroes, from all the armed forces. After the short service, Mr Farage made a point of speaking to our student leaders and thanked them for attending the service.

Clay Poppies Boost Collection

On the lead up to Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, a number of our students have been busy producing their own tributes to the fallen heroes. Creative Year 7 & 8 students have been busy in their weekly Art club, carefully sculpting and painting clay poppies and clay hearts for use as tea light holders to sell for Remembrance Days; this initiative alone has contributed almost £70 towards our Royal British Legion Poppy collection this year. In addition, a number of students have been involved with selling the traditional poppies around school and in Clouds every lunchtime. Our Charities Committee would like to thank all of our staff and students for supporting this worthy cause.



CCHS Holly Court Christmas Appeal 2024

The festive period will soon be here, and it is the time of year when we spread some Christmas cheer through our Holly Court appeal. Each year staff, students and their parents kindly donate gifts for the grateful residents of the local sheltered housing facility. The initiative has been running for fourteen years and we are always truly amazed at the kindness and generosity of our students and their parents. We are very PROUD to be able to help and support our community at this time. Last December, we delivered over a hundred Christmas bags and, this year, we hope to be able to include even more goodies in each resident's special tote bag.



All we ask is that students bring in one or two non-perishable items to go in each bag. Appeal coordinator, Miss Macleod, and the CCHS Charities Committee, are aiming for each form group to fill as many Christmas bags as possible with items such as soaps, shower gels, gloves, scarfs, puzzle and word-search books, tinned food, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate and any other suitable items. Some students may like to complete whole Christmas bags on their own or with family members, and that is also welcome. **Form Tutors are now accepting items from their form groups. The deadline for contributions is Friday 13th December.** In addition, we are also able to accept donations through a special option via School Shop on [Arbor Pay](#) - just allocate a donation to the 'Holly Court Christmas Appeal 2024', these contributions will be used to purchase additional goodies to include in the Holly Court present bags.

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We Love Paris

Last week our Modern Foreign Language department took forty-seven of our Year 9 students to Paris on a three-day trip, to experience some of the culture that France has to offer. After leaving Clacton in the small hours, the group caught an early morning ferry across the English Channel from Dover to Calais, before a further four-hour drive to the French capital. On arrival in Paris, the students were treated to a quick coach tour around the Arc de Triomphe before heading to the famous Eiffel Tower. They were in awe of the impressive architecture of the grand monument and couldn't quite believe how tall it really was! After some photo opportunities, the group ventured to the nearby souvenir shops where they bought keyrings, fridge magnets, bags and even berets. They also had the chance to practise some of the French they had learnt.

After a very long first day, the students and staff settled into their accommodation for a well-earned rest, preparing for their full day at Disneyland Paris the following day. This brought much excitement and as the group made their way down Disneyland's famous Main Street, one student exclaimed "this is the BEST day of my life!" They spent the day on exhilarating rides with many conquering their initial fears of roller coasters and heights; had many an opportunity to meet numerous Disney characters, filled their autograph books, bought yet more souvenirs and sampled some of the sweet treats that Disney has to offer.



An evening buffet dinner, within the Disney Village at Billy Bob's diner, was another highlight for many - students loaded their plates with delicious Tex-Mex food before enjoying a huge array of Disney desserts, ranging from macarons to Mickey Mouse shaped mini cheesecakes. Afterwards, there was just time to witness one of Disney's fabulous firework displays, minus the drone show which was unable to cope with the misty November conditions. The non-stop, action packed mini-break continued with another early start on day three with croissants for breakfast before their final port-of-call - the Tour Montparnasse. This is Paris' only skyscraper and they were whizzed up to the 56th floor in only 38 seconds. Students could then climb a few more flights of stairs to the 59th floor to experience the rooftop terrace. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't overly on their side as the view was obscured by some fog but students said they enjoyed it nonetheless and couldn't believe how high they were.



It was then back to Calais with a quick stop at a typical French supermarket for students to buy snacks and even more souvenirs! A huge thank you and well done to all students on the trip. They were an absolute credit to the school and behaved impeccably throughout the duration of the trip. They pushed themselves out of their comfort zones on many occasions and used their French as much as possible, immersing themselves in the culture and making us proud every step of the way. Thank you also to the staff who accompanied the trip and provided students with such a memorable experience. They have all made memories to last a lifetime.

The Insights of a former Royal Marine



As part of Clacton Arts and Literary Societies' commitment to promoting the arts and literacy to a younger generation, a number of our students, who attend Walton Sea Cadets and Marine Detachment, were invited to attend a presentation this week at the Princes Theatre. It was poignant that former Royal Marine and TV presenter JJ Chalmers was speaking to a

virtual full-house on Armistice day and he was delighted, as a former Marine Cadet himself, that the entire Walton Sea Cadet Marine Detachment were in attendance.

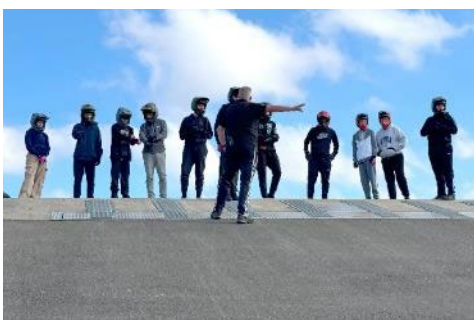


Year 10 Sport Learn on Location at the Olympic Cycling Centre

Before the half-term break, a number of Year 10 PE students travelled to the Lee Valley Velo Centre within the Queen Elizabeth Park at Stratford. As part of their Outdoor and Adventurous Activities unit of work, they took part in BMX and mountain biking sessions. The BMX session was held on the same course that the Olympic riders used back in 2012, albeit slightly rebuilt, and the students had an hour on the track to develop and improve their skills with the help of a professional instructor.



The mountain biking session took to the trails around the Olympic Park and included routes of differing severity and complexity, red, blue and black runs, under the guidance of a professional instructor. The students also had an opportunity to visit the Olympic Velodrome, where Team GB won 8 Gold medals at London 2012 - more than any other country. The PE department will be running the trip again in the summer term with a different group of students, as well as a trip to allow the Year 10 students to try their hand at kayaking. All of these trips will include a practical assessment which will go towards the students' final grade at the end of Year 11 for their PE Sports Studies qualification.



Sigma Sixth Drama Students @ The National

Year 12 and Year 13 drama students from our sixth form college, Sigma Sixth Tendring, spent a day in London recently to attend the annual National Theatre Student Conference. The students attended an interactive lecture on 'How to review Theatre effectively' before watching a special performance of 'The Other Place' – a rivetingly naturalistic modern-day reworking of 'Antigone', written by Alexander Zeldin. The annual event provided an excellent opportunity for the students to listen to professional actors, discuss the various aspects of theatre productions and watch an interesting reworking of a traditional text.



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

Billie Abbott, Ruby Barratt, Amelia Cope, Ruby Draper, Josie Firkins, Oakleigh Lucraft, Jennifer Ovod, Miya Park, Emily Revell, Mila Ryan, Riley Wilson and Kai Yoktac



Year 8

Abbie Earl, Ini Falade, Lewis Hogg, Ava Jarmain, Kim Keast, Kyra Kenvyn-Rains, Musawenkosi Mabhena, Noah Moseley, Stanley Newman, Rumer Powell, Teyanna Schofield and Maggie-Mai Tulip



Year 9

Connor Clawson, Noah Collins, Honey George, Reece Goodwin, Christopher Harris, Amelia Hawkins, Lucas Jiang, Edna Lee, Cayden Lloyd, Luke Roberts, Nate Rowe and Jack White



Year 10

Matilda Clarke, Scarlet Cooper, Harrison Ellwood, Ellis Hough, Alan Kruszewski, Darin Kruze, Ronnie Marshall, Max Noble, Cleo Pittman, Princess White and Logan Williams



Year 11

Lexie Grint, Theo Hodgson, Aaliyah Keely, James McCarron, Ben McInally, Charlz Paine, Amelie Sambridge, Alfie Soames, Rory Taylor, Emily Ushele and Zack Winslett

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Year 7

Oscar Ball, Tyler Craig, Ben Gillett, Bobby Lufkin, Athmika Vazheliparambil Mageshkumar, Jake Matthews, Ella Ryan-Smith, Beyonce-Honey Serrant, Scarlett Stripling and Hollie Ward-Wilkinson

Winner – Athmika

Year 8

Harry Appleby, Panicha Artnawang, Harrison Bark, Ronnie Brodley, Flynn Carter, Karina Gancarz, Ryan Inwood, Stanley Newman, Harley Partner and Finley Ward

Winner – Panicha

Year 9

Ewan Bell, Dylan Bridge, Tommy Brown, Holly Campbell, Taylor Clarke, Charlize Cooper, Taylor Douglas-Grant, Reece Goodwin, Rhys Hayles, Andy Lin, Riley McGowan-Harvey, Zac Russell and Paige Snipp

Winner – Dylan

Year 10

Brandon Dunn, Harlie Howden, Charlie Kandiah, Adam Kedge, Lily Langridge, Naledi Kimberely Mabhena, Demi Merrick and Lily Powell

Winner – Charlie

Year 11

Michael Armstrong, Olivia-Dell Collins, Shaun David Crowe, Suzanna Deans, Jonnie Down, Hermione Marlborough, Eva McCarthy-Lawrence, Cruz Moyce, Archie Shaw and Charlie Willis

Winner – Olivia-Dell

