



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## **Clacton County High School praised in Ofsted inspection**



*Representatives of the school's Student Leadership celebrating the good news.*

We are delighted to announce that, following the recent inspection of the school, under the current reporting format, the Ofsted Inspectors deemed the leadership team and staff at Clacton County High School to have taken effective action to maintain the standards identified during our previous Ofsted inspection in January 2018. The new report recognised the safe and enjoyable school environment at CCHS; stating that pupils enjoyed being part of the school community and felt safe and welcome, helped by staff building positive relationships and understanding them as individuals.

Executive Headteacher Neil Gallagher said: *"We are delighted that Ofsted noticed the excellent practice we see here every day. We pride ourselves on the environment we provide to our students and this report is a testimony to the hard work of everyone connected with Clacton County High School. We would like to thank students, staff, families and the whole school community for their continued support."*

The report recognised the "high expectations" that we have for what our students achieve and added: "Lessons are calm and purposeful. Pupils benefit from high-quality teaching. The curriculum is well designed, ambitious and meets pupils' learning needs effectively. The wide range of academic and vocational courses, including in the sixth form, are well structured, this ensures that pupils make connections to their previous learning. As a result, most pupils achieve well." Our Sixth form provision also came in for particular praise, with the report stating that our students were proud of their post-16 environment. It added: "Sixth-form students respond to the high expectations and achieve well. Students go on to a range of appropriate academic and professional destinations. They are prepared well for their next steps."

There was also praise for our Inclusion provision, highlighting the "effective support" offered to pupils with SEND, which meant they achieved well and described the school's approach to promoting students' personal development as a strength. The inspectors added: "Pupils have access to an extensive enrichment curriculum, in lessons and after school. The diverse range of activities include sports, arts, robotics, charity work and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. These help to develop pupils' talents and interests. The student leadership team is proud of its contribution to improving the school environment." A copy of the full report is available on the [Ofsted website](#) and on our [school website](#).

## **Last Call for the CCHS Christmas Appeal**

We are busy collecting donations and contributions for our annual Holly Court Christmas Appeal, which provides tote bags filled with gifts for the elderly residents. Holly Court is a sheltered housing community in the heart of Clacton and each year we ask our students, with the support of their families, to **donate non-perishable items via their form tutor. The deadline for contributions is next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.** Appeal coordinator, Miss Macleod and her team, are aiming for each form group to fill as many Christmas tote bags as possible with items such as soaps, shower gels, gloves, scarves, puzzle and word-search books, tinned food, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate and any other suitable items. As ever the generosity of our extended school family is always completely overwhelming and we thank you in anticipation of your support for this valued local charitable cause. 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.



*A flashback to last year's Holly Court appeal*

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## CCHS Book Fair

Our annual CCHS Book Fair was, once again an outstanding success. Students from across Years 7 to 9 were able to peruse the selection of books on offer, during one of their English lesson this week. Numerous purchases were made, including during the special evening viewing, when parents were invited to attend and make a purchase. There is still another chance for parents and students to view the books at a second evening viewing next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December between 4pm and 6pm.



Sparx Reader

Many thanks to our English team and reading coordinator, Miss Ballard, for organising the fair.

A reminder that students in Years 7 to 9 should be accessing Sparx Reader as part of their English Homework.

## Introducing Year 7 to Rugby



Year 7 rugby players from across the Coastal Schools converged on CCHS recently for the annual Year 7 Rugby Festival. The enthusiastic players, who were keen to learn how to play rugby, were put through their paces by the various PE staff from the participating schools in a special round-robin of activities. After being put into mixed school teams, the students were taught the basic rules of rugby, how to pass the ball and protect it after being tackled, as well as how to tackle safely. The mixed teams then played a number of short games to help embed the new skills they had learnt. Well done to all our players and we hope that they found the special training session and rugby festival beneficial.

## Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to two of our top swimmers – Year 7 twins Ruby and Savannah recently competed in the Deben Swimming Club Open meet at their pool in Woodbridge. Ruby won a silver medal in the 200m breaststroke, along with 4th place finishes in both the 50m and 100m breaststroke races. Savannah picked up bronze medals in both the 50m and 200m breaststroke, with a 4th place finish in the 50m butterfly and was 5th in the 50m freestyle. The girls dedicate many evenings and weekends to their training and have gained County Swimming qualifying times for the 2025 Essex County Championships next year. They are also both keen gymnasts training and competing at the Colchester School of Gymnastics.



The twins were back in action last weekend in the Christmas Cracker Open Meet, organised jointly by Braintree & Bocking Swimming Club and Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club. They were joined by other top CCHS swimmers, who are all members of Clacton Swimming Club. Well done to Harry Durrant & Rosie Phillips (Year 7), Harry Baucutt (Year 8) and Emily Turner (Year 10) - they all walked away with handfuls of Christmas themed medals; Emily even swapped one of her gold medals for a bronze one, just so she could take home a full set of the bespoke medals!

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## Celebrating Student Success

### Attendance Weekly Golden Ticket Awards

100% Attendance prize draw - one student from each form group wins a '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

Tyler Brooker, Jimmy Brown, Peyton Denton-Redgewell, Layla Hall, Alby Holden, Matthew Hollinsley, Abbie Jackson, Reggie Lee, Zach Russell, Hollie Ward-Wilkinson, Lacie Watson-Abbs and Carol Wood



#### Year 8

Maisie Curtis, Ervin Dulkerim, Abbie Earl, Zachary Elkin, Dylan Finch, Dolcie Johnson, Kim Keast, Tommy Lynch, Frankie McDougall, Isabela Mills, Grace Sainte-Marie and Xanthe-Rose Tucker



#### Year 9

Tahnee Brogan, Maisey Dearsley, Tyler Dhaine, Kelsey Gray, Rebecca Jinks, Samuel King, Lexi Mae Horrocks, Leah Miller, Colbie Smith, Paige Snipp, Kaedyn Stanton and Anna Turner



#### Year 10

Chloe Abraham, Adam Berner, Kayla Darnell, Freddie Gentry, Deborah Johnson, Hollie Nelson, Finley Smith, Emily Turner, Hai Yen Thi Vu, Harley Wells and Princess White



#### Year 11

Lottie Chisnell, Charlotte Finch, Oliver Hastings, Ben Headford, Ayden Marra, Bartosz Olejnik, Summer Power, Kevin Senel, Norbert Szulc, Archie Wall and Oscar Wright

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#### Year 7

Henry Barnes, Tyler Craig, Faith Docherty, Ella Horsnell, Oscar Hutchinson, Tyler Jestin-Cull, Bobby Lufkin, Erin Perry, Edvinas Pilipavicius, Benjamin Siby and Dulcie Westbrook

**Winner** – Dulcie

#### Year 8

Freya Anderson, Abigail Bird, Olivia Blyth-Rotchell, Jacob Debenham, Olivia Feagan, Ryan Inwood, Harley Partner, Ethan Stocks, Marcus Tricker-Allen and Emily White

**Winner** – Olivia

#### Year 9

Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Maisey Dearsley, Reece Goodwin, George Hall, Danny Hilton, Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya, Lexie-Rae Panrucker and Oliver Pound

**Winner** – Lexie-Rae

#### Year 10

Andrila Denny, Jacob Fowler, Alan Kruszewski, Anna, Cai Percival, Makanaka Albert Rabvukwa, Lilly Shahdin and Isaac Wright

**Winner** – Isaac

#### Year 11

Bobbi-Leigh Bates, Ella Byford, Jack Carson, Archie Davidge, Freya Donaghy, Grace Griffiths, Mitchell Herring, Kornelia Kushnir, Angel McMahon and Imogen Ridout

**Winner** – Jack

