



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## Season's Greetings from CCHS

As the autumn term draws to a close, the members of our Local Governance Committee, along with the teachers, support and administrative staff at Clacton County High School, would like to wish all of our students and their parents and carers, a very Merry Christmas.

**NB. We return to lessons in the New Year on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am prompt.**



## The Joy of Giving at Christmas - CCHS in the Community

This week we were delighted to be able to spread some seasonal cheer through our annual Christmas present appeal. Each year, CCHS students and their families kindly donate gifts and essential items for the residents of Holly Court operated by Anchor Housing. Now in its fifteenth year, the initiative helps us to focus on the idea of caring and thinking of others at Christmas. The response to the CCHS Charity Committee appeal has once again been very humbling. We have been overwhelmed by the number of items that have been received, accompanied by generous online donations. Our Year 7 and 8 Art Club students also created over ninety special clay Christmas decorations as an extra-special personalised gift for every resident, whilst year 10 Business students wrote Christmas cards to deliver to everyone.



On Monday the special CCHS Christmas tote bags were filled with presents and arranged around the school tree ready for delivery. We were delighted to be able to give each of the residents of Holly Court an early present and they were once again astounded by the kindness and generosity of our students and their families.



Anchor Housing Manager, Ela Crabtree-Soanes, was full of praise for everyone involved; *"The generosity and thoughtfulness of the students at*

*Clacton County High School amazes us every year. You make so many people happy at Christmas time. For some of our residents this is the only Christmas present they'll receive. Thank you all so much."*

Head of Media and Film Studies and our Charities and Community coordinator, Alex Macleod, said; *"We have had an overwhelming response from our wonderful students and their families. This has been another bumper year, thank you to all our parents, students and staff who contributed to make this wonderful and kind gesture possible. The gratitude from the residents themselves makes the appeal even more relevant."*

Yesterday, we were delighted that we were able to donate the excess presents from the Holly Court appeal, along with other donations, to the Salvation Army food bank in order to also help assist local families in need at Christmas time.



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## Year 11 Mock Results Day

Last week, we gave our Year 11 students a taste of an exam results day when they collected the results from their recent GCSE mock examinations. Students also received their termly school report, which contained the predicted GCSE grades that their teachers believe they can achieve if they continue on the same trajectory. However, grades can be improved further by working hard right up until their exams next summer. On mock results day, for most there were smiles all around, but for some students it was the wake-up call that they really needed. Reassurance was a plenty as there is still ample time to improve. Staff at CCHS are dedicated to their students and will always go the extra mile to offer any support and help; students should always talk to their teachers for advice and guidance, and realise that they also need to be ready to commit to their studies. Exam preparation and a focus on their future goals and aspirations, will make the difference, our student revision microsite is full of helpful video tutorials on how to revise effectively.



Next term, we will be launching our annual 'Passport to the Prom' to encourage our Year 11 students to attend as many of their subject revision sessions as possible. We also ask that parents encourage their child to create a revision timetable to enable them to structure their revision, attend all revision sessions after-school, work hard in all their lessons and practise exam questions at home. The number one phrase for students to remember is "Hard work always pays off".

## CCHS Charity Taskmaster

Congratulations to our Year 9 Broader Curriculum Charities Group, led by Mr Reader, who organised a fantastic Taskmaster style event last week. The students devised various tasks for a number of brave teachers to attempt on stage in front of an enthusiastic paying audience – including tasks like blowing-up the biggest balloon whilst blindfolded, building the tallest tower out of Christmas cards, producing the best hat out of tinfoil and throwing the 'parachute man' the furthest. There was also a team task as they each drew an object on paper, leaning on the back of the person in front with the audience having to guess what it was.



Many thanks to Miss Martin, Mr Houlding, Mr Hodgson, Mrs Bartlett, Mr Debenham and Mr Romer-Lee for agreeing to take part and helping raise almost £100 for World Wildlife Fund and congratulations to Miss Martin for being crowned CCHS Taskmaster champion!

## Thank You and Good Luck to the Staff Leaving CCHS

The governors, staff and students at CCHS would like to say a big thank you for the hard work of all the staff leaving CCHS this year, to wish them every success and good luck in the future.



At the end of this term we say farewell to Science Teacher – Abi Baty, Attendance Assistant – Ellie Granger, STOP Supervisor, Tom Harris-Beck and Jill Tucker, Midday Assistant.

## Year 7 Book Buzz goes Festive

The Year 7 assembly last week took on a special festive feel as the Book Buzz books, chosen by each Year 7 student, were handed out by a very special visitor! The reading scheme, in partnership with the BookTrust, is specially developed to encourage young people to keep picking up books and develop a love for reading. Back in October, our Year 7 students each to choose one of the sixteen Bookbuzz titles that they would like to receive as a free gift to help them discover what gets them turning the page at school and at home.



Many thanks to our scheme organiser, Miss Ballard, and the Year 7 form tutors who took the time to wrap each book ready for Santa (Hear of Year 7, Mr Blanes) to distribute! Bookbuzz is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading. Each year BookTrust reaches millions of children

## Year 7 Christmas Disco



This week our Year 7 students rounded off their first term at CCHS with a festive disco organised by our Charities Committee, supported by a number of Year 9 and Sigma Sixth students. Everyone had a fantastic time dancing and playing games with their friends, helping raise over £250 which was used to purchase various essentials for the Clacton Food Bank. The disco also included a few fun games, including the opportunity to transform one of their team members into a snowman won by Tyler and Ethan (7y3); along with other games won by Scarlett (7y4) and Lacey (7y6). The best outfit competition was won by Connie (7y2) in her Mrs Claus outfit. We hope all the Year 7 students who attended the disco had a great time! Well done to all involved, especially student helpers Yasmin, Ruby, Harriet and Tayla (Year 12) and Laura and Serena (Year 9).



## Stay Safe Online – Top Tips about how to stay safe on Social Media

Social media apps such as TikTok and Instagram are immensely popular among children and young people: Ofcom found that 96% of children have their own profile on at least one of these platforms by the age of 17. These apps feature short-form, algorithmically tailored content ensuring that their users spend as long as possible viewing posts and videos. As parents and educators, it is vital for us to safeguard the children in our care if, or more likely, when they use social media. However, the question then becomes “what exactly can we do?” This week's expert-led [guide from the Nation College #WakeUpWednesday](#) campaign help answer precisely that, offering top-level advice on keeping children and young people safe as they navigate the digital landscape.



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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

Oscar Cane, Oliver Cole, Jenson Dale, Gracie Davis, Riley Duff, Thomas Edwards, Ronnie Ferris, Tia Franiamore, Abbie Jackson, Thomas Ley, Mia Snipp and Alex Taylor



#### Year 8

Samuel Broad, Lola Buxey, Connor Evans, Archie Hill, Lilly Howden, Freddie Hurrell, Mya Moore, Rylee Morris, Kyle Partridge, Niam Patel, Mason Rose and Darcie Saunders



#### Year 9

Archie Chaney, Ashton Coldron, Bailey Gilchrist, Victor Madro, Bobby Majid, Asten Migliorini, Leyla Mott, Mark Myrie, Harry Offord, Maggie Parish, Daniel Russel and Kane Steele



#### Year 10

Daisy Buda, Cryrodge Chitiza, Melissa Cotton, Christopher Gamble, Jake Iddenden, Breanna Murray, Mya Prior, Phoebe Randell, Megan Read-Barwick, Libby Stow and Emily Turner



#### Year 11

Taylor Browne, Tamer Celebi, Maya Drelich, George Feighery, Connor Griggs, Eliza Moseley, Callum Mowle, Jack Robertson, Tjay Searl, Kevin Senel and Charlie Willis

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#### Year 7

Tommy Baker, Oscar Ball, George Barnes, Henry Barnes, Zac Batchelor, Boe Brunskill-Kemp, Tyler Craig, Emin Koksal, Summer Stacey and Archie Wright

**Winner** – Summer

#### Year 8

**Winner** – Harry Baucutt

#### Year 9

Ewan Bell, Ellis Browne, Henry Byers, Kacey Calder, Ben Cox, Zane Douglas, Codie Forman, Kaysi-Leigh Grantham, Faith Hawke-French, Lucas Jiang, Ashley Joseph, Harley Methven, Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya, Gracie Rendell, Dale Storkey, Jamie Thurgood and Imani Young

**Winner** – Ellis

#### Year 10

Mitchell Brooker, Daisy Buda, Andriela Denny, Deborah Johnson, Adam Kedge, Grace Lee, Anna, Breanna Murray, Makanaka Albert Rabvukwa, Charlotte Revell and Hai Yen Thi Vu

**Winner** – Deborah

#### Year 11

Lennie Ball, Callum Brown, Mia Cohen, Maya Drelich, Jaimee Higgins, Athena Mandelenis, Cruz Moyce, Aisha Njane, Damilola Shola and Joseph Woolf

**Winner** – Damilola

