



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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A Warm Welcome to the New Academic Year!

With the first week of the academic year completed, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families, and a huge welcome back to all returning students. It's been wonderful to see everyone back in school, filled with excitement and ready for the year ahead.

I've been so impressed by how smart all our students look in their uniforms. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high standards. A reminder that full details about our uniform policy can be found [here](#) on our school website. If you require any support or have any questions with uniform, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's pastoral team via admin@cchs.school; staff are available to help.

The year ahead looks very promising from an educational perspective. We're optimistic that by continuing our strong partnership between home and school, we can help all students reach their full potential whilst staying happy and healthy in school. I wish you and your children all the very best for the year 2025-2026 academic year.

Chris Taylor – Head of School

The Start of a New Chapter – Welcome Year 7

This week saw the official start of the new academic year and the first day at secondary school for our new Year 7 students and first day at Sigma Sixth College for Year 12 students. All have adapted well to their new surroundings and are starting to find their way around the school and college. This year we have 336 students joining CCHS in Year 7 and we wish them a happy and successful time through their journey at secondary school and sixth form college with us.



Deputy Headteacher, Craig Lawrie, greeted our new Year 7 students on their first morning at CCHS

Stay Connected: Our Weekly Communications & Website

Just a quick reminder that our '**CCHS Weekly News**' is sent out* to parents and students via email every Friday. It's your go-to source for the latest school news, student achievements and important information. You can also find all past and current editions on our [school's website](#).

We love celebrating our students' successes, both in and out of school. If your child has an achievement that they are proud of, please share it with us by emailing weeklynews@cchs.school. This address can be found at the top of each weekly newsletter.

Alongside the Weekly News, we send out **CCHS Weekly Notices**. This includes general information, links to key letters organised by year groups, and support resources for families.

Don't forget to check our school website, www.countyhigh.org.uk for a wealth of information. The '[Parent Quick Links](#)' webpage has quick-access buttons to the most popular resources, and you can find even more under the '**Parents**' tab on the main menu. The magnifying-glass icon at the top of the homepage is a handy tool for searching for anything you need.

We also have a [Facebook page](#) that we recommend you 'follow' for additional updates and information.

***As the majority of communication is sent via email it is imperative that we have up-to-date contact information. If you have changed your email address or have not been receiving our Weekly Mailings each week then, please ensure that we have your current email address by emailing the school at admin@cchs.school – please include the name(s) and form(s) of your child/children in the main part of the email.**

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Outstanding Summer Exam Results

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students following the release of their GCSE and A-Level results in August. Their hard work, determination, and resilience truly paid off, and we extend our warmest congratulations to them all.

Our GCSE students achieved some wonderful results. We want to give a special mention to our top performers, **Kayleigh, Tamar, George, Ruby** and **Sam**, who all received a fantastic set of grades. We also want to acknowledge those who made the most progress since starting with us five

years ago: **Noemi, Bradley, Faith** and **Alexis**. Congratulations to a number of our Year 10 students as well, who produced outstanding results in their GCSE Religious Education Short-Course. Head of School, Chris Taylor was delighted with all the students' outcomes saying, *"The results for this year have been a just reward for all the hard work and effort put in by the students and staff. There were some stunning individual outcomes and amazing stories of success that have enabled all our students to progress onto Sigma Sixth, apprenticeships or pursue other further education options."*



At A-Level, we saw many outstanding individual results, with the vast majority of students successfully securing their first-choice place at university. Among our highest achievers were: **Haiden**, who achieved A* grades in Government and Politics and Law and A grades in History and Extended Project, securing a place at University of Sheffield to read Law; **Rocco** who earned an A* in Law and A grades in History and Drama, and will be reading History at the University of London; **Etholle**, with A grades in History, Biology and Psychology, who has gained a place at University of Warwick to read History; **Thomas**, who achieved A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths and will be reading Biomedical Science at the University of Sheffield; **Olivia**, with A grades in Government and Politics, English Language and Extended Project and a grade B in English Literature, who is heading to the University of East Anglia to read English; **Kayleigh**, who achieved an A* grade in Extended Project, A grades in English Language and Sociology and a B grade in English Language, and will be reading English at University of Warwick; **Emily**, with A grades in Geography, Criminology and Extended Project and a Merit in Food Science, who will be reading Global Studies at the University of Essex; **Oliver**, who achieved a Distinction* in Triple Sport and a C grade in Maths, and will be studying Sports Coaching at UCFB (Wembley).

Head of College, Sarah McKarry commented, *"I could not be prouder of our year 13 cohort today, they have been an enthusiastic, dynamic and dedicated year group and it is wonderful that their hard work has been recognised. The utmost credit goes to them, their families, and teachers whose support and determination have been vital throughout this journey. I wish every one of our Year 13 leavers the very best for their next steps and longer-term futures whether they are leaving us for university, apprenticeships, a gap year or employment"*.

Deputy Head of College, Simon Dale added: *"Congratulations to our year 13 students on their remarkable exam success. These results reflect the dedication, talent, and commitment our students have demonstrated throughout their time with us. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and looking forward to hearing about their future successes."*



Executive Headteacher, Neil Gallagher concluded, *"I am delighted for our students and their families, my congratulations go out to them all. I cannot praise the staff here at CCHS and Sigma Sixth more highly for their commitment and dedication to our students. To those students leaving us, we wish you the very best of luck for the future and we will follow your progress with interest and pride."*