



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## **Spring Term 2025 – Welcome Back!**

To all of our parents and students a very warm welcome back to school and a very happy New Year. We sincerely hope that everyone had a very happy and healthy festive season and managed to spend time with those family and friends that are special to you.

The spring term will be very busy for all of the year groups with much to get through in terms of the curriculum as well as many extra-curricular activities and events. Although it is only January, our upper school and sixth form college students are now on the run up to their important summer BTEC, GCSE and A-Level examinations; this is their last full term before the exams start, therefore 100% attendance is a necessity.

For all students, a positive attitude to learning is the key to success and, alongside this, excellent attendance is essential. It is proven that perfect attendance has a positive impact on student attainment and progress, as well as maintaining good routines and creating a sense of community within school. Any missed lesson is lost face-to-face learning time that cannot be repeated - remember 'every lesson counts'. The routine of school, and support from fellow students and our staff whilst at school, also have a positive impact on social and emotional well-being.



## **The Annual CCHS Awards Evening**

Just before Christmas, we celebrated some of the fantastic achievements of our summer 2024 exam students during our annual Awards Evening. We welcomed back students from last year's Year 11 and Year 13, with many having recently returned from their first term at university, attending with their parents to celebrate their successes. Trophies were awarded for achievement in each of our Faculty areas and to those who had made significant progress since joining our school.



There were numerous subject awards presented for attainment and progress across both the former Year 11 and Year 13 year groups, along with the contribution to whole school awards. The student leadership awards were presented to Ruby Doe-Stovell and Hadiyah Ashraf; Overall Progress was awarded to Zak Wakley and Ocean Mansell; Overall Attainment to Betsey Gladden and Jamie Croll; and Outstanding Contribution to STEM subjects went to Robyn Hillier. The final award of the evening was the prestigious 'Clactonian' trophy presented for outstanding progress, contribution to school and local community and exemplary study skills. This year it was presented to former Year 13 student, Mollie Kyzer. Congratulations to all our award winners, we wish them every success in the next stage of their chosen path.

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## Autumn Term Awards

At the end of last term, we were delighted to be able to recognise the effort and achievement of students across the school, throughout the first term of this academic year. Numerous certificates were awarded to those who had produced outstanding work, shown a determination to succeed, or behaved in a mature and exemplary manner. Along with many subject prizes, a number of students from each year group were presented with special PROUD and Form Tutor awards, during their final assembly on the last day of term. Well done to every student who was rewarded for their efforts last term.

### Year 7

**Form Tutors' Awards** - Erin Barnes, Finley Baynham, Eli Bones, Olivia Brading, Connie Day, Ethan Douglas-Grant, Summer Dubiard, Harry Durrant, Ava-Beau Harper, Neha Noby, Violet Palmer, Athmika Vazheliparambil Mageshkumar and Dulcie Westbrook

**Top PROUD Points** – Bobby Lufkin, Oliver Cole and Tyler Craig

**PROUD Awards – Perseverance:** Diego Matova

**PROUD Awards – Responsibility:** Steve Santi

**PROUD Awards – Opportunity:** Sienna Wright

**PROUD Awards – Unity:** Connie Day

**PROUD Awards – Diversity:** Ethan Barrett

### Year 8

**Form Tutors' Awards** - Harry Baucutt, Samira Chowdry, Abigail Feighery, Josh Fowler, Karina Gancarz, Tilly Luton, Jake Mayers, Rueben Perry, Dulcie Tayler, Nicolas Uram, Finlay Ward and Harry Wood

**Top PROUD Points** – Stanley Newman, Karina Gancarz and Harley Partner

**Top Attitude to Learning** - Abigail Bird, Leo Garner, Tilly-Rose Cook, Abigail Feighery and Karina Gancarz

**Year Group PROUD Award** – Marija Zirdzina

### Year 9

**Form Tutors' Awards** - Marissa Arber, Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Ellie-May Connelly, Xu Yu Dong, Reece Goodwin, Lucas Jiang, Andy Lin, Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya, Emily Munden, Maisie Pryke, Serena Pye, Zac Russell and Paige Snipp

**Top PROUD Points** - Reece Goodwin, Charlize Cooper, Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana and Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya

**PROUD Awards** - Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya and Benedict Tobi Delly

## An Insight into Engineering



### Year 10

**Form Tutors' Awards** - Neave Cassidy, Coby Cole, Scarlett Cooper, Andriela Denny, Ellis Hough, Ben Leeks, Frankie Millar, Gabrielle Pocock, Charlotte Revell, Justyna Rycombel and Vegas White

**Top PROUD Points** - Adam Kedge, Charlotte Revell and Daisy Buda

**Top Attitude to Learning** – Justyna Rycombel, Marika Wrembel and Kimberely Mabhena

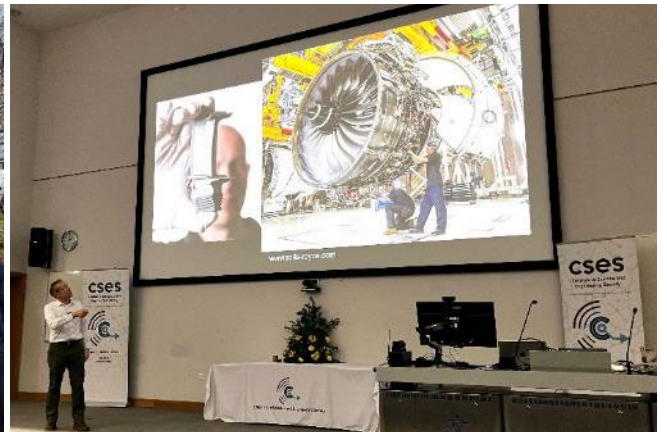
**PROUD Awards** – Owen Clark, Brandon Dunne, Naledi Kimberely Mabhena and Anna

### Year 11

**Form Tutors' Awards** - Lexi Albert, Faith Bunce, Anthony Gallegher, Ben Headford, Albanie Howden, Skye Inwood, Samuel Kettle, Lacey Mae Butler, Lucy- May Carvell, Angel McMahon, Harry Prentice and Ethan Salter

**Top PROUD Points** - Sam Whitfield, Heather Roberts and Ellie Hall

**PROUD Awards** – Seth Garner, Aston Godfrey, Evie Louca, Kieran Plucknet and Parinita Sasikaren



A number of our Year 9 students gained an insight into the world of engineering when they attended a special Christmas Lecture at Anglia Ruskin University at the end of last term. The talk was as part of the Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society's annual series of lectures for schools to help stimulate interest in the study of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The students enjoyed a talk delivered by Professor Tim Minshall from Cambridge Universities Institute of Manufacturing, entitled 'Your Life is Manufactured' - an engaging presentation on how objects that we encounter during our lives, from common-place objects through to large complex items, such as the Airbus Aircraft and SpaceX rockets, are manufactured, along with how the amazing advances in modern technologies that have allowed for these complex items and machines to be created. At the conclusion of the lecture the students had an opportunity to quiz the professor about engineering, university and his career.

## Talented Students shine in Winter Showcase



Our talented singers, musicians and lower school drama club students concluded the autumn term with a Winter Showcase extravaganza. Over seventy students from across all year groups took part in the music and drama showcase with performances including rock favourites, classical pieces, a festive drama sketch and the occasional Christmas song!



CCHS music students are encouraged to develop pieces for auditions independently; this has provided them with an opportunity to push themselves and see what they are capable of; those who witnessed the concert will agree that we have some outstanding talent at CCHS. Well done to everyone who performed.



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