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Gifted Writers Meet Clacton Library's 'Author in Residence'



A number of our talented Year 7 English students recently spent a morning at Clacton Library to help nurture and encourage their writing skills. The event, hosted by Essex Library Service, gave the students an opportunity to work with a professional writer, exploring the 'murder mystery' genre. After a brief introduction from Gina Blaxill, the library's Author in Residence, about the planning that is involved before embarking on a murder mystery story, the students then split into groups to start devising their own murder mystery plot, utilising a number of portrait photos. They selected who was their victim and then devised back stories for the other characters and how they could be involved with the murder. The students had a great time creating their own murder mystery stories and devising various alibis for their characters.



Student Leadership Team Recruitment

Our student leaders are currently on the hunt for like-minded students to join the ever-growing Student Leadership team. To help spread the word, our senior leaders spent numerous hours after school preparing a special presentation to help them promote their role within the school. Various student leaders then helped deliver their presentation, to each year group during their weekly assemblies. Their roles are numerous and varied, including being an ambassador for school, attending Open Evenings, Parents Evenings and Awards Evenings, partaking in assemblies, overseeing the annual Jack Petchey Awards nominations, assisting other Student Leaders and taking responsibility for the outcomes in their chosen area as well as being involved in student leader and staff recruitment interviews and helping the school's senior leadership team drive initiatives across the school. Prospective student leaders undergo a standard selection process when they apply to join the team and are required to prepare a presentation, that they deliver to the interview panel, on why they feel they would be an ideal student leader at CCHS. Students have been sent an email to their school account with the details about applying to become a CCHS leader.



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CCHS Judo goes from Strength to Strength



Last year Clacton County High School became the first school in the country to offer Judo as part of their mainstream curriculum. As part of our Broader Curriculum offer, a number of Year 9 students attend a weekly judo session during the school day with the aim of progressing through a number of Judo gradings during the course of the year. The group is new to Judo and were selected to join the class as part of an initiative to give students an outlet where they can grow their focus and control, along with learning skills to help promote supporting others, visible kindness and respect. Each week, CCHS Judo Instructor, Mr Blanes puts the students through their paces, assisted by PE teacher Miss Martin, as they focus on eight core values of Judo - Friendship, Honour, Respect, Modesty, Politeness, Courage, Self-control and Sincerity. They have already completed their first grading, making it to Red Belt, and are currently working towards their Yellow Belt, which they hope to be graded on before Easter. They are working on the fundamental skills in Judo, which include throwing your opponent onto their back with speed and force and holding them down with their back on the mat for 25 seconds. They have been building up to some really spectacular throw and hold techniques, which the boys did not believe they could do at the start of the course.



We are exceedingly grateful to the British Judo Association, who continue to support the CCHS Judo Club, supplying all the necessary licences, the Judo suits and are funding the gradings for the students.

Tackling Underage Drinking

As part of a recent Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) session, our Year 8 students watched a performance by 'Smashed', a life-changing alcohol education programme that doesn't shield from reality or scare with shock tactics. To help tackle underage drinking with positive thinking, the three actors delivered an interactive theatre experience as a powerful and realistic story of young people and alcohol, inviting the students to consider the question, 'What if that was me?'



When students are faced with these types of situations, we endeavour to give them the facts through our PSHE lessons ensuring they are ready to make an informed choice. This performance allowed students to observe, explore and think about vital underage drinking themes including; the social and emotional causes, the impact of alcohol on young lives, the social influences of others and that, as individuals, they have the ability to make their own decisions. The session concluded with a workshop where the themes of the play were further explored, along with information about where students can seek further support to help themselves and others in the future.



Celebrating Student Success

Attendance Weekly Golden Ticket Awards – Data from the final week of the Autumn Term

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

Harlie Abbott, Isla Brett, Harry Clarke, Ruby Draper, Sion Edwards, Luke Frost, Mason Johnson, Charlie Nicholson, Talia Smith, Stanley Wagland, Grayson Welham and Lennon Woodroffe



Year 8

Grace Cates, Louise Simenok, Zaylee White, Joshua Fowler, Nicolas Uram Hricko, Nevaeh Perry, Ashton Weightman, Maggie-Mai Tulip, Dexter Maddox and Vinnie Joyce



Year 9

Archie Anderson, Levi Brazier, Olivia Eagles, Honey George, Andy Lin, Shane Marin, Zac Russell, Paige Snipp, Hannah Steer, Niamh Tracey, Abbie Wild and Owen Woollard



Year 10

Elliott Bailey, Max Cook, Poppy-Ella Dyer, Finley Higgins, Charlie Kandiah, Hollie Nelson, Callum O'Connor, Sky Rook, Sirinapha Thiwong, Emily Turner and Roman Wallace



Year 11

Teddy Davy, David Fergin, Katie French, Harry Gleeson, Kayleigh Howe, Leyton Knight, Zachary Line, Victoria Mateychuk, Kayleigh McCullough, Callum Mowle and Maisie Palmer-Newton

Weekly Proud Awards

The top students in each year group who attained the most PROUD+ points earned during the final week of last term and also had 100% attendance (listed alphabetically) – Each year group winner collects the top prize of an amazing £5 Amazon voucher.



Year 7

Tyler Brooker, Oliver Cole, Harry Durrant, Seren Eyre, Millie Franklin, Hannah McClinton, Rosie Phillips, Benjamin Siby and Dulcie Westbrook

Winner – Millie

Year 8

Winner – Cayden Cheshire

Year 9

Darcy Barnard, Ellie Bowman, Callum Cheshire, Faith Hawke-French, Jessica Levy, Riley McGowan-Harvey, Laicee McLeod, Tosheema Mihindikulasooriya, Leah Miller, Serena Pye, Freya Wakeling-Glasgow and Riley Welsh

Winner – Ellie

Year 10

Brandon Baylis, Ronnie Bishop, Matilda Clarke, Alys Davies, Millie Field, Dolce-May Gorton, Grace Lee, Breanna Murray, Sara Paul Saravanan, Charlotte Revell, Annabel Reynolds, Bella Wright and Aydin Yavuz

Winner – Dolce-May

Year 11

George Barr, Scarlett Brooks, Matylda Buda, Ella Byford, Freya Donaghy, Kayleigh Howe, Logan King, Angel McMahon, Bartosz Olejnik and Sam Whitfield

Winner – George