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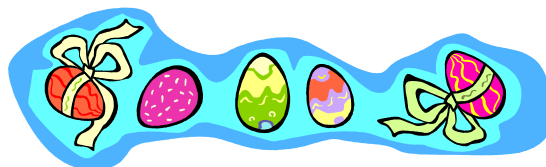
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It is the End of Term - Happy Easter!

Today signifies the end of the spring term with two weeks Easter holiday to look forward to, before we **return to school for the Summer Term on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.45am.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter!



Please Note: There are a number of revision sessions scheduled throughout the holiday for students taking exams this summer. These have been arranged individually between staff and their students and are by invitation only. If you are a parent of a student who has been invited, please impress upon them the importance of making the most of this additional support. Remember, staff are prepared to give up their holiday and family time to commit to their students and we hope that the students show their appreciation by attending.

A Spring Weekend in Madrid – Learning Spanish on Location

Last weekend, fifty Year 9 and 10 students, and accompanying staff, flew to Madrid to enjoy a four-day long weekend filled with great experiences in the Spanish capital. This was this eighth annual 'Spanish Learn on Location' trip to Madrid and, yet again, it was a fantastic cultural experience for the students and an outstanding success.



The warm and sunny weather was a great backdrop to exploring many of Madrid's key sites including the Royal Palace, El Parque Retiro, Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium and a Theme Park. The group walked miles every day, as well as experiencing the Madrid metro underground. Students put their Spanish skills to good use whenever possible; while purchasing souvenirs, ordering lunch or whilst enjoying typical cuisine in the restaurants. This year it was noted that the students spoke significantly more Spanish than any other previous trip, which will be invaluable when they take their GCSE Spanish speaking exam next year.



On the Sunday morning, the group visited a famous flea market, El Rastro, with an opportunity to barter for their purchases in Spanish. They also visited the Plaza de Toros las Ventas (bull ring) for an excellent guided tour and El Mercado de San Miguel- a food market where they tried some traditional Spanish foods. They rounded off the four-day trip with an evening out at an all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant and some last-minute shopping, before flying back home. The trip was a huge linguistic and cultural experience for the students, with some unforgettable memories created, that will last a lifetime. It has been highlighted as one of the best Madrid trips to date with outstanding accommodation, lots of Spanish conversation and a fantastic group of students. A big thank you to Ms Weston for again organising such a wonderful trip, as well as Mr Dale, Mr Binczyk, Mrs Granger and Miss Cox for their assistance and giving up their weekend.

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CCHS Staff Bake-Off Challenge

Last week, one of our Food Technology classrooms was transformed into a battleground of buttercream and flour as the Pride and Diversity Group hosted the much-anticipated Staff Bake-Off; another of their baking challenges. Teachers, senior leaders, support staff and even a few brave students, came



together armed with mixing bowls and spatulas, ready to whisk their way to victory. The teams set about baking various recipes from classic cookies to much anticipated chocolate brownies and numerous cupcakes. The energy in the room was positively electric! There was laughter, the smell of freshly baked goodies and a competitive spirit that could rival the Great British Bake Off itself. It was a delight to see everyone coming together in such a fun and enthusiastic way. Of course, every Bake Off needs its winners, and this one was no exception. Taking-home the coveted title of 'Bake-Off



Champions' was none other than the 'Matheletes' - Mr Townsend and Mr Massen, with their mouth-watering Chocolate Brownies and Salt Caramel Brownies. In addition to the main competition, there was also an Imaginative Apron contest, won by Mrs Bassett and Mrs McCarthy-

Dunnett, 'The Chocolatiers', for their stunning matching apron designs; they truly stole the show, along with their red velvet cupcakes. All in all, the Staff Bake-Off was a great success, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and, of course, plenty of delicious treats. A huge thank you to Ms Margariti and the Pride and Diversity Group for organising such a fantastic event, and to everyone who participate. All the staff creations were sold during break in Clouds restaurant the following day, raising over £200 for NEST, the North Essex Support Team charity. Many thanks to everyone who was involved, to the Senior Student Leaders who helped with the cake stall and everyone who bought a cake to help support the charities.



We Are Music

This term a number of our budding musicians have benefited from a collaboration with local charity, 'We Are Music'. Their outreach project is bringing together musicians and vocalists within our lower and upper school bands and, under the guidance of the charity's professional musicians, the students have been rehearsing each week to master a number of songs. The programme continues next term and into the next academic year in September, when even more of our talented musicians will be able to benefit from the support of 'We Are Music'. In the meantime, students are welcome to attend our 'Band Club', after school every Wednesday, run by former CCHS student and guitar supremo Mr Zuccala, who has now returned to CCHS as one of our Music Instructors.



Thank you & Good Luck to Emma Huish

Today we say goodbye to Inclusion Support Worker, Emma Huish who joined the school in April 2007, after eighteen years at CCHS she now departs to take on a new challenge at Market Fields School at Tendring Education Centre. Thank you, Emma, for your dedication over the years and we wish you good luck in your new role.



Advance Warning – Local Gas Main Renewal – 7th April to 2nd June

We have been advised regarding upcoming gas pipework replacement works which are due to run between 7th April until 2nd June. These works do not affect the school gas supply, but there will be roadworks and associated traffic control measures on various sections of road throughout this period around the entrance/exit to Clacton Leisure Centre, along Vista Road and a section of Walton Road up to Avondale Road. This may cause delays on the roads around the school during peak times and we advise that, after the Easter Break, you factor in to your journeys, the potential of delays in the morning and afternoon, or arrange to pick students up from a different location away from the works taking place.

