



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Pearson Teaching Awards 2025

We are exceedingly proud to announce that staff at Clacton County High School staff have been awarded a number of accolades in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2025. These annual awards are nationally recognised and celebrate all those within the educational profession who are role-models and an inspiration to the young people they teach and help. The CCHS winners were nominated by their colleagues and found out in a special celebratory staff meeting as part of last week's national 'Thank a Teacher Day'. Congratulations to: Liz Clay - **Unsung Hero Awards**; Savannah Harrison - **Outstanding New Teacher of the Year**; Bart Binczyk - **Outstanding Teacher of the Year** and Karen England - **Outstanding Teacher of the Year** (not pictured).



Year 13 Say Goodbye to Sigma Sixth



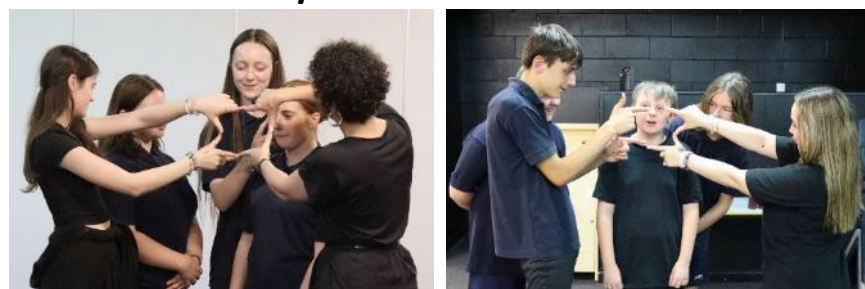
Last week, our Year 13 students enjoyed a get-together for a special Leavers' Pizza Party. They are the forth cohort to graduate from our Sigma Sixth College, which opened its doors in September 2020. The celebration was rounded off with their final assembly, including some fun awards recognising just a few of their highlights during their time in our sixth form. We wish them good luck and every success in the future!

A Cricket Tournament with a Difference

A number of our Year 8 girls recently took part in a special Beach Cricket tournament organised by Essex County Cricket Club's Outreach team. Our girls' cricket team took on opponents from Colne Community School, Tending Technology College and Clacton Coastal Academy in a friendly tournament on the sands at Martello Bay. They had a great day, learning new skills and expanding their knowledge of the game, with the added challenges of playing cricket in the sand!



Drama Workshop Stretches Students



Last week, a number of our Year 7, 8, and 9 students attended one of three drama workshops led by Splendid Productions to help them explore various forms of drama. The Year 7 and 8 students explored physical theatre and 'How to Clown', and the Year 9 students took part in a session on the devising process, ready to start their drama qualification next year. It

was a real joy to see the students fully immerse themselves in the fun and embrace the creativity. The workshop leader and Artistic Director of Splendid, Kerry Frampton, commented on what a pleasure it was to work with our students and praised them on their willingness to collaborate, discuss, and explore. Well done to all our students who participated.

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Opening the Eyes on Careers – CCHS Alumni in Action

We recently welcomed former student Joe Buckman back to CCHS for a special Careers Alumni day. Joe now works for Porsche, and they brought a number of cars along for the students to see. Several lucky students also had the opportunity to sit in the cars and explore the various gadgets inside. Our alumni spoke to many students about their time at CCHS and explained the career pathway they followed to work for Porsche. They highlighted the importance of their time at school, not only to achieve the best exam grades possible, but also the importance of participation in any additional enrichment activities available, both at school and in their free time. This kind of involvement significantly boost CVs and helps students to realise their future career ideas and aims. Many thanks to Joe and Taryn for taking a day out of their busy schedule. We look forward to working with Porsche in the future for various career days and work experience opportunities.



Year 12 focus on their Post 18 Pathways

The Sigma Sixth Post 18 Focus Week 2025 proved to be greatly beneficial for our Year 12 students, with a range of events and activities to help with their future career planning. Students followed a range of workshops and sessions designed to open their eyes to the possible career options available to them once they leave Sixth Form. With only a year left of their formal education, they will need to give serious thought to what they would like to do going forward. Subjects covered included University options, Apprenticeships, employment skills, such as behaviour in the workplace and communication etiquette, alongside writing personal statements, and cover letters for applications.



Students spent an afternoon at the University of Essex, visiting the UCAS Discovery Exhibition. Over 200 university and apprenticeship providers were available to chat and answer questions. They also met some of our previous students who were kind enough to come into college to share their own stories since leaving. Amongst the serious aspects of the week, students practiced their team-building and problem-solving skills with an 'Escape Room Challenge'.

Throughout the week, there was a particular focus on preparing for interviews by identifying skills and personal qualities, as well as improving their communication skills. This culminated in an opportunity for students to shine and put their skills to the test in a mock interview situation. A



A number of industry professionals from outside agencies and business sectors came into college and met with each Year 12 student to put them through their paces. The students did not disappoint, dressing and behaving in the most professional manner and justifying the pride that we have in them! An element of competition was introduced with the annual 'You're Hired' accolade, this year won overall by Alfie Matthews. Each interviewer was asked to 'Hire' one of their interviewees. Congratulations also go to Anashe Chitauru, Bella Fowell, Josh Hawkins, Josh Chyc, Immanuel Moses, Georgie Wilson, Maddie Shirley, Elinga Pilipaviciute, Ella-Rose McDougall, Harley Farrin, Evelyn Wagland, Finley Key, and Isobel Lovelock. Special mentions were also made for the performance of Naveen George, Betsy Gladden, Chelsea Kelly, Hyden Lance, Stevie-Leigh Modeste, Gracie-Mae Mycroft, Charlie Newport, George Russell, Kieran Rust, Chloe Smith, Zak Wakkley, Jamal Yahya, and Yulian Yaremenko. All of the Year 12 students took on the 'You're Hired' interview challenge with bucket loads of enthusiasm; well done to them all – you are all winners!

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 server queue on a day of their choice.

Congratulations to.....



Year 7

Stanley Bell, Holly Bullard, Harley Day, Summer Dubiard, Oliver Fenton, Isabelle Finch, Scarlett Hawke, Emin Koksai, Charlie Peters, Pixie Randell, Hope Scott and TJ Wiegand



Year 8

Ronnie Brodley, Harrison Diwell, Milo Evans, Lottie Galvani, Leo Garner, Emily Grimsdale, Grace Itungo, Philip Kassim, Frankie McDougall, Mya Moore, Erin Openshaw and Isabell Smith



Year 9

Marissa Arber, Lila Baines, Bluebell Cunningham-Mason, Tyler Dhaine, Eva, Aaron Grant, Teagan Longhurst-Cowell, Millie Martin, Maggie Parish, Paige Snipp, Holly Walsh and Riley Welsh



Year 10

Dara Adebara, Zack Chalmers, Austin Cox, Leon Cranston, Kayla Darnell, Leo Goldstein, Laura Kukulka, Phoebe, Ethan, Libby Williams and Marika Wrembel

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

Tianna Beevor, Oliver Cole, Tyler, Alfie Crowhurst, Faith Docherty, Ethan Douglas-Grant, Millie Franklin, Poppy Pryor, Benjamin and Dulcie Westbrook

Winner – Faith

Year 8

Winner – Ethan Stocks

Year 9

Sam Brown, Emily, George Hall, Amelia Hawkins, Samuel King, Tosheema Mihindukulasooriya, Lara Predescu, Oliver Reader, Angela San Jose, Jack Shipman, Erin Stevenson and Benedict Tobi Delly

Winner – Angela

Year 10

Latoya Bengisu, Grace Brogan, Kane Gower, Tay Harvey-Lane, Ronnie Haynes and Kaylin Kenvyn-Rains

Winner – Grace