



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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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 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am.**



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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter; try not to eat too many chocolate eggs!

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-five Year 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 seventh 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, the Plaza Mayor, Real Madrid’s Bernabeu Stadium and the Madrid Zoo. The group walked miles every day, as well as experiencing the Madrid 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 a traditional Churrería, to try out ‘Churros con chocolate’ and El Mercado de San Miguel- a food market where they tried some traditional Spanish foods. 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 the best Madrid trip to date – with outstanding accommodation, lots of Spanish conversation and a fantastic group of students. The icing on the cake was praise from a British Airways Cabin Crew member on their return to Heathrow who she went out of her way to congratulate the students on their conduct, commenting that the accompanying staff should be very proud to have such great students! A big thank you to Mrs Rubio-Weston for again organising such a wonderful trip, as well as Mr Dale, Mr Binczyk, Mrs Granger and Miss Margariti for their assistance and giving up their weekend.

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## Spring Term Sports Round-Up

The sports fixtures re-commenced after half-term, and since then, as the evenings are becoming lighter our sports teams have been in action again. Our Rugby and Football squads have been kept busy with fixtures against the Colne Community School, Harwich & Dovercourt High School, Tendring Technology College, and Manningtree High School.



Pictured above are our Year 7, Under 14 and Under 16 Girls' Football Teams

Our Year 7 girls had a good start to their first season as a CCHS football squad and have started to gel as a team. After a defeat against Tendring, the girls were on cloud nine with a decisive victory against Colne and hope to continue their winning streak against Manningtree after Easter. The Under 14 girls' team brings together girls in Years 8 and 9, and despite encountering some defeats, came together to secure a 1-1 draw against Harwich; the girls are hoping for their first victory after Easter when they face Manningtree. Our Year 10 and 11 girls, playing as our Under 16 football squad, have also struggled this season but have shown some outstanding perseverance this season, against some strong opposition, and are really beginning to develop their game, self-belief and resilience.



Pictured above are our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Rugby Squads and the U16 Squad (below)

Our boys Rugby teams have had a great season – the Year 7 squad have started their school rugby careers with two central venue tournaments. The Year 8 squad enjoyed convincing wins against Tendring and Harwich, along with a narrow defeat against Manningtree; they just have a final fixture against Colne to decide their final league position. Unfortunately, the Year 9 team have been devoid of fixtures this season with a lack of opponents – they enjoyed a convincing win against Tendring, but then had the tables turned on them by the Colne with a convincing defeat! That leaves our Under 16 rugby squad with just a single fixture which they won 17-12 against Tendring. Well done to all our teams for a great football and rugby seasons! - [See our photo gallery for more pictures of the teams in action](#)



## Year 10 STEM at Essex University

A number of our top Year 10 scientists travelled to the University of Essex for a special day of science-based activities as guests of the University's STEM department. The students attended a lecture on air pollution, participated in a challenge to build an air purifier and had the opportunity to work in one of the university's modern laboratories. They were also able to carry out an analysis on the DNA of a bacteria, before using Lego to help represent the decoded DNA sequence.

