



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Notices and Letters



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The weekly Notices & Letters is a 'one-stop shop' for home/school written communications and information. Please take the time to check through this mailing, particularly for your child's individual year group, there could be some very important information for you to be aware of.

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Whole School Notices

There are only 3 school rules that students and parents should be aware of:

- READY
- SAFE
- RESPECTFUL

The rules are all linked to our expectations within school and always within mind is for our students to do their best and be their best, tied in with our school motto of higher expectations, raising aspirations and transforming lives.

This week we are focusing on the READY. The mock exams for year 11 students took place this week and we noticed that some of our students were arriving at school not quite ready in terms of equipment required. We asked form tutors to check on all form groups and as a result, we are issuing a reminder to everyone to be READY for school and learning by having:

- Pens: black, green and red
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Reading book
- Independent learning folder
- Calculator (preferable)
- Refillable drink bottle (filled at home, topped at break or lunchtime only)
- PE kit when required

and... finally a bag, big enough to hold A4 papers and a PE kit.

Parents, please ensure that your child leaves home each more fully prepared and READY for school.



Advance Teacher Training – Join the September 2024 cohort

Drop in on Monday 11th December between 12-2pm

A great teacher changes the future every day. Advance Teacher Training sets you on the path to becoming an excellent teacher, one who will inspire the next generation to succeed.

Advance Teaching provides teacher training in Primary and Secondary ages, full-time and part-time courses. We have training bases at our Tendring base in Clacton, in Colchester and in Braintree.

If you would like to find out more, drop in to their event to meet with their Programme Director and explore your steps to a career in teaching.

To attend this event, drop in on Monday 11th December between 12-2pm, please email us at enquiries@advanceteach.org.uk to receive the zoom link

Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 24th November - Non-Pupil Day
- Monday 27th November - Non-Pupil Day
- Friday 22nd December - Last day of term; students will be dismissed after Period 2

Year 7

Advance notice: Year 7 exam week - w/b 20th May

Year 8

Advance notice: Year 8 exam week - w/b 18th March

Year 9

Advance notice: Year 9 exam week - w/b 22nd January 2024

Revision at home should start this half-term in preparation for these exams.

Year 10

Advance notice: Year 10 exam week - w/b 17th June 2024

Year 11

Year 11 Mock examinations continue next week and end on Friday, 17th November

A reminder to refer to your child's [exam timetable](#) to identify which mocks they will be taking. Please note that following an afternoon exam your Year 11 child will be sent home, this will mean that those taking the exam will be leaving prior to the normal finish time of 3.10pm. If students are not taking an exam they will attend normal lessons and finish at the normal time.

[Further student resources can be found here](#)

A small number of students are attending the mock exams without equipment; emails have been sent home to help inform parents of this. Please can you support at home and ensure that your child has all of the basic equipment for exams and lessons every day.

The mock exam grades are also part of the evidence used by teachers to make predicted grades for applications to further education. Should your child miss a mock exam they will score a '0' for that paper and therefore they are more likely to get a lower grade overall. If it is in a subject where there is only one mock paper this will result in a U grade.

Year 11 Next Steps - Sigma Sixth Applications - 2024 Entry

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend our Open Evening. It was a pleasure to speak to you and meet so many wonderful prospective students.

If, however, you were unable to attend the event, but would like to see the college before making an application, we are pleased to offer college tours on an appointment basis. This will give you the opportunity to see the facilities and ask any questions that you may have.

We can offer these tours at 3.30pm or 4pm, Monday to Thursday of any week, with the exception of the week commencing 27th of November.

If you would like to take advantage of one of these tours, please contact a member of the sixth form team on **01255 424266** to make an appointment, or alternatively email - sixthform@cchs.school

We look forward to welcoming you to our college.

Sixth Form Notices

2023 Mock Examinations - Tuesday 28th November-Monday 4th December

Mock exams for Yr 13 are set to start on Tuesday, 28th November. Please see [here](#) an important letter from Head of College Mrs S McKarry. The letter contains a link to independent learning guides. If you did not receive this letter directly by email, please contact us on 01255 424266.

Year 13 - UCAS update:

A quick well done to those Sigma Sixth students who have completed their UCAS applications. Some students have already begun receiving offers which is always a fantastic part of the academic year. Help is available from Mrs Read or Mr Dale at any time, or through the UCAS application classroom.

Careers – All years

Springpod

Last week there was a link to IT/AI virtual work experience via the website Springpod. It is definitely worthwhile taking a look at the website as although there is much for older students, the information provided highlights many different careers and the range of different pathways that can get individual students to where they want to be. It may also encourage a look at a career not previously considered.

Work experience opportunities are on the website and some open to students aged 13+. If your child participates in any online work experience let us know.

Essex Careers have published a very informative and interesting brochure on a guide to local employment and skills and we encourage all students and their parents to take a look. The summer 2023 edition has a sector spotlight on Health & Social Care, Engineering and Finance, but there is much, much more within to help and inform.

To access your copy, follow this link www.essexopportunities.co.uk/essex-careers-magazine

Community Notices

Walk - in clinics – Flu and Covid -19 clinics

[Click here](#) for more information

Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

Let's Talk

Are your children or teenagers receiving counselling?

Are you finding life a challenge while waiting for counselling support to begin for your young people?

Come along to EXTRA's new programme of support for parents.

Working with the Youth Enquiry Service (YES) we are pleased to be able to offer parents a safe space to talk about:

Communicating with your children / teenagers who are waiting for or receiving counselling.

How to support your child at home And, importantly how are you feeling as a parent?

[Click here for more information](#)

