



# 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. Please read the short top tips for keeping your child safe online.

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## **Whole School Notices**

### **CCHS Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Revision – Spring Term**

As we move into a new term there is an updated weekly schedule for extra-curricular clubs and activities which are available for students to participate in after school. Please visit the [Clubs and Activities page on our website](#) for full details of all of our current extra-curricular sessions. Year 11 Revision sessions are now fully focused on the next set of mock exams in March and the summer examinations. These are rotating on a bi-weekly basis and feature as a separate list of available revision sessions, all of these count towards the Year 11 Passport to the Prom, please see more information in Year 11 section below.

## **Whole School Letters**

No whole school letters this week

## **Dates for Your Diary**

### **This month**

- Tuesday 23rd January – Deadline for consent Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge Year 10 only
- Tuesday 30th January – Deadline to return year 9 immunisation form

### **Next month**

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Vaccinations for Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis Vaccinations
- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge Year 10 only
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Spring half term break
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Non-pupil day; staff training day
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February - Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening

### **Later**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Start of Sigma Sixth Summer Exams
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Start of Year 11 Summer Exams
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 7 Parents' Evening



## Year 7

### Advance notice:

Year 7 assessment week - w/b Monday 20th May 2024

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4th July 2024

## Year 8

### Advance notice:

Year 8 assessment week - w/b Monday 18th March 2024

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 2nd May 2024

## Year 9

### Year 9 assessment week starts Monday, 22nd January 2024

Year 9 is a very important year in education. This is because in the second half of the year students will choose the subjects they will study in Year 10 and Year 11 (Options). Furthermore, these choices can influence the direction your child takes in the future. The experience gained in the exam environment will be invaluable as it will help them to become familiarised with taking exams and the grades achieved will help teachers provide personalised feedback to enable your child to make progress in their subjects.

Please view here a [letter](#) in reference to Year 9 assessments form Assistant Headteacher – Mr A Martin

### Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis Vaccinations - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February

This week Year 9 students would have been given a letter and consent form from the NHS for Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis vaccinations at school. Usually the NHS would ask for online consent but they currently have a system issue, therefore they are asking that parents and carers complete the form and return this to school no later than Tuesday, 30th January 2024.

Please check with your child that they have the form and if you wish for your child to be vaccinated, please ensure the consent form is completed, signed and returned promptly.

**The forms can be dropped off at the main office or given to form tutors.**

### Advance notice:

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening - Thursday 7th March 2024.

## Year 10

No notices specifically for year 10 this week.

## Year 11

### Exam contingency day – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Some of our families will be hoping to plan and book holidays for summer 2024, however, it is important to note that Wednesday, 26th June 2024 is a contingency day set by Ofqual. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until, and including Wednesday, 26th June 2024. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates, in all schools, we thank you for your understanding. Contingency days are designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. Please find [here](#) the Year 11 Summer Examinations Timetable 2024. The timetable has also been posted onto the Year 11 Google Classroom.

### Year 11 Passport to the Prom

This year's '[Passport to the Prom](#)' was launched last week. The annual initiative provides an incentive for our Year 11 students to attend as many revision sessions as they possibly can and encourage excellent school attendance in the final push towards their exams.

We realise that the Year 11 Prom is an exciting milestone in a student's transition from main school to sixth form and further education. It marks their journey towards adulthood, however, the Prom is not only a celebration of a student's time at Clacton County High School, but also a reward for the effort and hard work put into achieving their absolute best in their exams. Over the course of the next fifteen school weeks, up until the 25<sup>th</sup> May, in order to be eligible to purchase a ticket to their Prom, our Year 11 students will need to attend a minimum of five maths, five English and five science revision sessions, along with at least five other subject sessions of their choice. In addition, students need to achieve a 95% attendance record or higher through to their exams. As an additional incentive, students who complete thirty revision sessions or more, will be entered into a prize draw for some great prizes including; Prom Tickets, professional photos on Prom night and numerous other prizes.

CCHS staff are extremely dedicated; always willing to go the extra mile for their students, they provide after school revision sessions, additional support during holidays and even at weekends, closer to the exams. Students should contact their subject teachers to find out more details on the times and dates of any additional sessions, as well as consulting the [Year 11 weekly revision timetable](#), which is also available online within our [Revision Microsite](#).



Parental support is so important in ensuring success and we know our parents are equally supportive of the school. Please encourage your child to make the most of the help available to achieve the best possible grades they can. Opt-in and keep up the hard work Year 11!

*NB. By invitation only, a number of Exam Revision and Catch-Up Sessions will be taking place during the February Half-Term and Easter Holidays – where possible, please avoid booking holidays for exam students during these periods, up until the final day of the exams, including the Contingency day of 26<sup>th</sup> June.*

[Year 11 Summer Exam Timetable Download](#)

## Sixth Form Notices

**Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – more information to follow

Summer exam timetable can be viewed [here](#)

## Careers – All years

### **SAVE THE DATE - National Apprenticeship Week 2024 - Monday, 5th February 2024**

This year's theme is "Skills for Life".

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is fast approaching. The event takes place from 5th - 11th February.

We have some exciting events at Sigma Sixth, including visits from local and national employers to discuss the opportunities available to our students for apprenticeships from intermediate to degree level. Live webinars, Q&A sessions, Quizzes, and workshops which are designed to equip our students with the tools they need to find and secure an apprenticeship in their chosen field.

We will be publishing a full timetable of events soon

### **CCHS Alumni**

We have had an amazing response to our reach-out to ex-CCHS students to establish an Alumni group. So far, well over 20 ex-students, from far and wide, have contacted us willing to be part of the group and to create a 'where are they now' board to inspire our students, raise aspirations and to make them think about their futures and where their careers and life could take them. The Alumni have also been enthusiastic about establishing specific connections with students who have an interest in their particular field of expertise and we look forward to tapping into their knowledge and career experiences.

Many thanks to those ex-students who have made contact to date. If you are aware of anyone whom you think might also be interested in this initiative or if you are an ex-student who would like to join, please send contact details to [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)



## Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

### Top Tip

Spend 5 minutes with your child looking at their TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat accounts as this will enable you to see very quickly the type of content they have been viewing. This is a very straightforward way to help safeguard your child.

### Snapchat

Make a family group. Ask your child to show you their chat history, and ensure that your child physically knows all those that they are snapping with.

### Developing Resilience and Wellbeing - Free four-week course for Parents/Carers of children (0-19)

**SEN&D/Emotional difficulties.** Please click [here](#) for more information from InterAct; Other training offered can be viewed [here](#).

### InterAct – Support for Families

InterAct is entirely centred around the needs of young people and listening to what they want to do and making that happen. They have trained support workers who take young people on trips and activities in holiday programmes and clubs. Wherever there is a need for their provision they do their best to meet those needs and rise to the challenge. See their latest activity programmes [here](#). You will be required to complete an [activity registration form](#)

InterAct staff are happy to meet parents and carers in any convenient format such as online or a coffee morning. [Contact InterAct](#)

## Community Notices

### Cases of Measles increasing in England

Please click [here](#) for a public health letter from Essex County Council to help you recognise the signs and symptoms. Further details about measles can be found [here](#).

### Advance Teacher Training – Join the September 2024 cohort

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you have a degree?

If so, why not go along to one of the drop-in coffee mornings to find out more. They are being held between **10am-12noon** on:

<b>Saturday 20th January</b> @ Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE	<b>Saturday 27th January</b> @ The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA
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### Career Opportunities at CCHS

This week there are positions available:

#### **Teaching Vacancies**

*Teacher of Criminology & Psychology at KS5,*

*Science subject teacher with TLR for KS5*

*Teacher of Art & Photography*

#### **Support Staff Vacancies**

*Assistant STOP Supervisor*

*Finance Administrator*

Click [here](#) for further information