



# 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.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT**

Dear Parents/Carers - if you need to meet with a member of staff, please may we ask that you make an appointment in advance of your arrival at reception. It is important to remember that many staff are teachers and often have other commitments so cannot be available instantly. Staff will contact you as soon as possible to respond to any issues or concerns.

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#### **Whole School Notices**

##### **Working with our Parents and Carers**

One of the best resources we have as a school is the knowledge, wisdom, and support of our parents and carers. We must work collaboratively to maximise the academic and pastoral outcomes of our students focusing on the positives and handling any difficulties together. Focusing on positives includes our students opting in to gain PROUD points. Many of our students are doing exceptionally well at this. Students receive PROUD+ points for going 'over and above' in lessons. These points accrue throughout the term and at the end of the term students can spend them in our virtual shop. In addition to the Proud+ points, your child will collect PROUD points for attending and opting into lessons and registration (form time). These points, together with attendance scores, can result in an invitation to attend end-of-term reward trips (2 negative points or more, in a term, will mean that your child misses out on this opportunity) Your child's PROUD points and PROUD+ points can be viewed on [Arbor](#) (our Parent Portal). If you haven't already done so, please take a look at your child's progress and continue to support them in making good decisions in terms of behaviour and opting into lessons. [Trouble accessing Arbor? - Arbor How To Guide](#)

A successful collaboration means that our [expectations](#) are communicated and understood so that students are ready and prepared with the right attitude to learning. It also means that we are open to hearing from our parents and carers. If you would like to speak to us please call or email to arrange a meeting or complete the [contact form](#) on our [website](#) and we will get back to you as soon as possible to arrange. Please use 01255 424266 or email us via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school). In advance, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for understanding that school staff are not likely to be available should you arrive in reception with the hope of seeing them directly without an appointment. Thank you for treating the reception staff with respect and kindness.

Our wish is that all students have positive learning experiences at CCHS meaning they are not just having fun, being happy, and getting good grades, but are supported both at home and in school learning how to turn negative situations into learning opportunities that build confidence and skills. Exposure and experiences are the key drivers of personal growth. Students need to interact with the world around them in a meaningful way to build confidence and understanding and learn the skills that enable them to contribute to society. At school we provide Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) Education and Relationships and Sexual Health Education (RSHE) curriculum PSHE and RSHE lessons, we give regular assemblies, invite guest speakers, and hold workshops all aimed at supporting personal growth. If you would like to hear more about this, we would be happy to hear from you.

### **Whole School Letters**

No whole school letters this week

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **This month**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Year 9 Parents' Evening and Pathways (options process); World Book Day
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Spring Term - Early Finish - Non-uniform day with contributions in aid of a student nominated charity.

#### **Later**

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 photos
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Start of Summer Exams - Sigma Sixth and Year 11
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 7 Parents' Evening

## **Year 7**

### **Advance notice:**

Year 7 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## **Year 8**

### **Advance notice:**

Year 8 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Students should now be revising independently at home. Outcomes from assessments may be used for class/set changes in some subjects.

## **Year 9**

**Year 9 Parents Evening and Options (Pathways) - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

This [letter](#) details the evening and contains the link to book appointments

During Year 9, students make their pathway choices for study from Year 10 onwards in their chosen GCSE/vocational courses - see our [Year 9 Pathways](#) page on our website. The Year 9 Pathways guide is available to [download](#) ahead of the Pathways Parents' Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. [The guide](#) details the options process and provides information about each of the subjects that may be chosen along with the suite of core subjects. Letters will be sent via email to parents and carers directly.

## Year 10

### Year 10 Careers

A range of career education, information, advice, and activities have been organised for year 10 students to help them make appropriate choices about their post-16 destinations.

**Careers interviews start** in earnest following the February half term - these are one-to-one interviews with a career advisor.

**Futures Week from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July** includes opportunities for work shadowing, work placements, and visits to the University of Essex and local national companies. One-day **workplace visits** are organised in partnership with exciting local and national businesses to give students an insight into the world of work.

**Work Shadowing** involves students attending a place of work with either a parent, another family member, or another responsible adult to help them gain a true sense of a work-life experience. Guidance on how to arrange this is included in this [letter](#) and this [recorded session](#) from Assistant Headteacher – Mr A Cooke.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office via [admin@cch.school](mailto:admin@cch.school), and your enquiry will be forwarded to Mr. A Cooke.

## Year 11

**Year 11 Prom Dress 'Hire' - Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024** - Please click [here](#) for Passport to Prom details

CCHS prom 'shop', students can 'hire' a dress free of charge. We have approximately ninety new and pre-loved prom dresses available for loan; many of which have never been worn at a prom before and have been donated by high street boutiques, some still with price tags still on. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Year 11 team by emailing [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) to arrange a viewing of the dresses. Also, if you have a dress or suit that you feel would be suitable to donate, this would be greatly appreciated; again, please contact us using the email address above.

### Free Prom clothing – Les Nicoll on Facebook

North Essex Support Team (NEST) is collecting, displaying, and giving away free of charge prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories. Local events include -

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April - Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre**, Old Mayflower School, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 4AJ at 09.30 am – 2.00 pm

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May - Elm Church**, Clematis Way, Greenstead, Colchester, CO4 3PY at 09.30 am – 2.00 pm

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May - Great Clacton Community Centre**, 16 -26 Valley Road, Gt. Clacton, CO15 4AR

### Mock and Actual Exams from Tuesday, 27th February

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February marked the start of the final round of Year 11 Mocks 2024 as well as the start of some of our actual exams. The timetable can be found [here](#).

Attendance for actual and mock exams is compulsory and it is vital that students arrive on time and prepared for each exam. Details of all equipment required and revision support offered can be found [here](#). Please can you check carefully with your child that they understand the [Late to Exam protocol](#) and have all the equipment they need?

### Revision guides

The following revision guides are available for **purchase on Arbor** under the School Shop tab. Once the guide has been paid for, students can collect them from their subject teacher:

- Maths, Science, English Language, Geography, Computer Science, Spanish, Physical Education

## Sixth Form Notices

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

## Careers – All years

**Year 13 Careers Information and Guidance - from Mrs M Read - Careers Adviser & Year Manager 6th Form**  
Information on UCAS Applications, Student Finance, Apprenticeships/Employment/Alternative options, Extra/Super Curricular Activities, and Future Support can all be found [here](#)

### **Success at School - Weekly Careers Round-up**

Work Experience, Paid Internships and Volunteering Opportunities with the RHS and many other opportunities - including Webinars & Apprenticeship Opportunities and Free Revision Masterclass webinars for students about to take GCSE's or A-Levels. Full newsletter [available here](#).

## Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

### **Well Being Hub at CCHS**

Support for Students and Families - On this page you will find information and links to assist with your family's well-being and mental health. Scroll down to access numerous support groups and organisations, covering a variety of topics - [Click here](#)

## Community Notices

**Free Online Courses** – Call 03330 321 017 or email [acfamilylearning@essex.gov.uk](mailto:acfamilylearning@essex.gov.uk)

**ACL Family Learning** (funded by Essex County Council) have a number of online courses running in March and April for Parents/Carers/Grandparents. These sessions are run individually so families can sign up to as many, or as few, as they like. Sessions include:

- [Go to Sleep!](#)
- [Setting Boundaries](#)
- [Raising Girls](#)
- [First Aid Workshop](#)
- [Managing Big Emotions](#)
- [Getting Teens to Talk](#)
- [Mindfulness & relaxation](#)
- [Anxiety Coping Techniques for Teens](#)

### **Career Opportunities at CCHS**

This week there are positions available:

Click [here](#) for further information