



# 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.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

### **THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE**

Many parents may be shocked and surprised to know that in recent times some of our members of staff have been sworn at and threatened by parents either over the telephone, by email or when they have come to reception. This is by no means the norm, but in recent times it has happened with more frequency than in the past, when it occurred on very seldom occasions. As you can imagine for all of our colleagues this can be extremely upsetting and distressing.

Staff at Clacton County High School are loyal and committed colleagues who will always do their best for parents and for students; your children. We realise that, on some occasions, parents can be upset but please remember we are all on the same side, we are a community working to support each other to secure the best possible outcomes for our students.

The school promotes an ethos of visible kindness and respect to all within our community. I hope that we can rely on everyone's support to be polite and respectful in all interactions.

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### **Whole School Notices**

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11.55am for all years.

### **Water Bottles required from Easter**

Water bottles are part of the expected school equipment. This is an advance notice that from after the Easter holiday we will not be providing plastic cups, so students will need to bring their own water bottle to refill in school.

### **Reward Trips**

This week we were pleased to invite 400 students on a Reward trip to Clacton Pier. These students were the top 400 PROUD point earners since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with no more than 2 negative points in the same period. We acknowledge the efforts of all of our students, for opting in to their lessons, for trying their best and for following the school rules - READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE.

## **Additional Rewards**

### **PROUD+ Points – Virtual shop opens 3.30 pm Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March for year 7 – 10**

PROUD+ points are awarded for going 'over and above' in lessons and around the school. Categories include: Perseverance, Responsibility, Opportunity, Unity, and Diversity. PROUD+ reward prizes include gift cards, cinema tickets, footballs, dinner passes, and more!

### **Golden ticket**

Each week the Top Ten students with 100% attendance and the highest PROUD+ points per each year group have the chance to win a 'Golden Ticket' allowing them to "jump the queue" in Clouds restaurant on one day of their choice.

### **Weekly Prize**

Each week the Top Ten students with 100% attendance and the highest PROUD+ points per each year group will also be nominated in assemblies or form and have the chance to win a weekly prize - a £10 Amazon voucher.

### **Tutor Group Winners**

The tutor group, with the highest number of students with 100% attendance for each half term is awarded a breakfast reward (one form per year group)

### **Whole School Letters**

No whole school letters this week

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **This month**

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – PROUD Reward Trip
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 Concerns Evening (by appointment only)
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for Year 9 Pathway Subject Options
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Early Finish - Non-uniform day

#### **Later**

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 Photos and Year Group Photo
- 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**

### **Year 7 reports on Arbor**

Year 7 reports are ready to be downloaded from Arbor. Please see the [how to guide](#) for more information

### **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

In the week starting Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May our Year 7 students will sit a series of assessments in a range of subjects. The purpose of these assessments is to provide students with an exam experience so that as they progress through school towards their final year 11 examinations, they are ready and prepared and do not feel so daunted by the prospect. The Year 7 exams will:

- Provide our students with insight into what it will feel like sitting exams in a window of time
- Provide our students with revision strategies to prepare for assessment
- Provide time for and engage students who wouldn't normally revise through independent study sessions
- Provide assessment data to give students feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement

## Year 8

### Advance notice:

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

Year 8 Assessment Week has been completed, well done to all our Year 8 students who conducted themselves well in examination conditions.

Outcomes from assessments may be used for class/set changes in some subjects.

## Year 9

### LAST CALL; Year 9 Options (Pathways) Deadline - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March

If your child has not done so already, please assist them to confirm final choices for KS4 study by **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Students were sent an email to their school email account containing a link to a Google form where the selections can be made.

Whilst we always try to accommodate students' preferences there will be times when this is not possible and, in this instance, we will always speak to students and parents to look for the best alternative.

Additional information is available in the [Pathways section](#) on our website. The [CCHS Pathways Booklet 2024](#) is available to download and view as an interactive PDF or to [view as an](#) online flip book.

If you have any questions please contact Mr A Martin, Assistant Headteacher, via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) or on 01255 424266

## Year 10

**Careers 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.

**Careers 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 School Photographs – Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

#### IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, to take the Year 11 Individual & Group Photos.

All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please click on the code below or visit [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk) and enter the following code:

[JRTMCKY](#)

#### **Year 11 Hoodies – Ready for ordering**

This year we are pleased to use a local firm for Year 11 Hoodies called Printing on Sea: five colours and two designs to choose from.

**Prices** - £21.60 - £23.40 Inc. VAT.

**Delivery** - All orders will be delivered to the school for collection even if you provide Printing on Sea an alternative delivery address.

**Personalising** – If you want to add your name to the back of the hoodie do this at checkout in the section Order notes. You only need to provide your name. All names will be printed in capital letters. Only real names will be allowed. Please order [here](#)

**Advance notice** for the Prom: Parents may already be considering transport arrangements for the evening and the following information will help with your planning:

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Students will start arriving at 6 pm for doors to open at 7 pm
- The Prom group photo will be taken at 7 pm
- Cars to arrive from 6 pm

## Sixth Form Notices

**Advance notice:**

**Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2024 – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Pathways Week provides a range of activities designed to support and inform students with post 18 choices. These will include information and guidance regarding higher education, apprenticeships, business skills, preparing for interviews and the world of work. The week will include a huge amount of information that will be of benefit to all year 12 students regardless of their future pathway and forms an essential component of their sixth form education.

Click here to view a [letter](#) from Mrs Amanda Read – Careers and Destinations

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

## Careers – All years

**Year 13 Careers Information and Guidance - from Mrs A 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](#)

## Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

**Autism Central is here to help!**

Talk to people who share similar experiences to yours by joining a workshop, drop-in session, coffee morning or virtual meeting. One-to-one sessions are also available. Click [here](#) to learn more about resources, help, and events.

**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

**Run the Colchester 10K – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Click [here](#) to enter. If you would like to run for charity click [here](#) or contact Peter Jones (Race Director) on 07502 276890

**Water Sports Club – Dovercourt – Free Activities during the Easter holiday - click [here](#) for more information**

**Essex Pedal Power – Free Bikes**

If you live in Clacton or Jaywick, you may be eligible for a FREE Essex Pedal Power bike click [here](#) to find out more about the community-based project and information on how to apply.

**Career Opportunities at CCHS**

This week there are new positions available: Click [here](#) for further information