



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

Student Opportunity – 14 years and over

Do you want to be a volunteer to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge?

If you are aged 14 and over, you can apply to become a volunteer and help younger people become excited about reading!

Recruitment for Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers for 2024 has now opened. Essex Libraries are looking to recruit young people aged 14+ to support Marvellous Makers, the national reading challenge that will be running in all libraries during the summer holidays. Children of all ages are encouraged to read six library books. Volunteers work with children and their parents/carers to encourage them to join the challenge and talk to them about the books they have been reading.

As well as being something fun to do during the summer holidays, volunteers will gain valuable work experience and new skills; great to add to a CV. They'll also gain confidence in talking to children and adults.

Volunteers need to be:

- A good team worker, able to work with library staff and other volunteers
- Reliable, well organised and calm under pressure
- Enthusiastic about encouraging children to read
- Able to communicate with customers of all ages including parents
- Able to talk to children about the books they have been reading
- Friendly and approachable
- Committed to helping the library and their customers

Essex Libraries are asking volunteers to contribute a minimum of 18 hours across the summer.

More information and a link to the online application form can be found on their website: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-volunteering>

Whole School Letters

Statement on changes to punctuality arrangements – Summer 2024 – Please click [here](#)

Dates for Your Diary

This month (April)

- Monday 22nd April – Start of Summer Exams - Sigma Sixth and Year 11

Later

- Thursday 2nd May - Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May - Start of Year 11 Exams
- Monday 20th May - Year 7 Start of Assessment week
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half Term Holiday
- Wednesday 11th June – Year 12 Pathways Week
- Thursday 20th June – PROM

Year 7

Advance notice:

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

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4th July 2024

In the week starting Monday, 20th 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 within a specific time limit
- Provide our students with revision strategies to prepare for assessments
- For students who would not normally engage with revision, provide time for preparation 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 2nd May 2024

Year 9

Year 9 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 7th May

Please click [here](#) for a letter from Deputy Headteacher - Mrs K Loosley about Year 9 Assessments

Year 10

Careers Futures Week from 1st- 5th 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, and your enquiry will be forwarded to Mr. A Cooke.

Year 11

Year 11 Exams – Starting Tuesday, 7th May 2024

Candidate timetables

Individual candidate timetables have been posted home along with an exam booklet which provides all the relevant information needed for year 11 students to successfully sit GCSE exams in May and June including Exam Board Guidelines, School Information, internal appeal procedures, and a Revision and Exam timetable. Individual candidate timetables have also been provided directly to year 11 students at school.

Year 11 - Exam Booklet can be viewed [here](#)

The exam timetable is referred to as the Declining Exam Timetable and can be viewed [here](#). Further [exam information](#) can be found on our website

Statement of Entry – Before Easter year 11 students were provided with their Statement of Entry for the exams this summer. All details need to be checked for accuracy, and any issues reported to the Exams Officer by emailing admin@cchs.school

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 20th 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, 11th June – Friday, 14th 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

InterAct - funded Developing Resilience Courses for parents whose children are on the SEND register

Please click [here](#) for more information on local courses

Please click [here](#) for online courses

Adult Community Learning Essex (ACL)– Free Online courses for Parents

Community and Family Learning – Spring 2024 – [Link to all Courses](#)

- [Mindfulness & Relaxation](#)
- [Setting Boundaries](#)
- [Understanding Neurodiverse Children](#)
- [Anxiety Coping Techniques For Teens](#)
- [Managing Big Emotions](#)
- [Managing Anxiety in Young People](#)
- [Raising Girls](#)
- [SEND support for Parents & Carers \(Special Educational Needs & Disabilities\)](#)

Extra support for Families – STOP Parenting Programme – Raising a Teenager

Begins Wednesday 1st May. Jaywick Community Resource Centre 9:30am - 11:30am

A supportive programme for parents of teenagers Stop is a 11-week programme which aims to support parents of children aged 11 – 16 in their relationship with their child and to help reduce family stress. STOP will help parents: to understand why their teenager behaves as they do; have a greater awareness of peer influences on their teenager; to develop effective listening skills; to find ways to praise and encourage their teenager; to set limits for their teenager and reduce confrontation; be aware of the drugs available to teenagers and their effects ; to find ways to talk about relationships and sex with their teenager; and last but not least, look after themselves as parents. **Click [here](#) for more information**

Has your child missed their school vaccinations – Years 9 -11

Click [here](#) to see more about catch up clinics

Community Notices

Ambition Institute - Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you have a degree?

If so, why not go along to the drop-in coffee morning to find out more. This is being held between **10am-12noon** on: **Saturday 27th April** @ Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE.

Career Opportunities at CCHS

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