



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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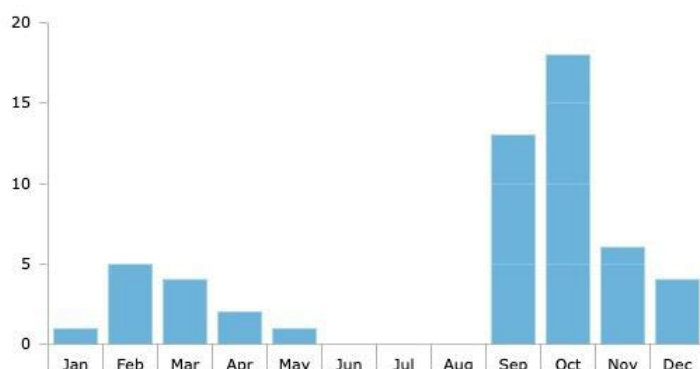
Whole School Notices

THE PUPIL VOICE SAFEGUARDING APP

tootoot supports children to report their worries confidentially without the concerns some of them have around confidence talking to a member of staff face to face. This tool has been in place since September 2023. Tootoot is a safe, secure, and diverse web-based safeguarding tool, that allows young people of all age ranges to report any concerns or issues that may worry them in an anonymous, confidential, and discreet manner.



[Click here for more information](#)



The graph shows reported cases by month since the launch in September 2023.

There have been 50 cases reported by students leading to 154 messages reaching students from this system. Students were presented with the launch of tootoot in September 2023 and individual passwords were sent to each of them via their Gmail accounts. If your child has yet to log in to tootoot please encourage them to do so. Each student's username is created from the year of their entry to CCHS followed by their surname and first initial e.g. 19smithd. [Click here for the how-to guide](#)

THE CCHS SUMMER MUSICAL 2024 – Billy Elliot

Many will be familiar with the film or stage musical which showcases the life of 11-year-old Billy Elliot, a coal miner's son in Northern England, whose life is one day forever changed when he stumbles upon a ballet class during his weekly boxing lesson.

You will not want to miss this production, so please make sure you add our show dates to your diaries:

Thursday, 11th July (evening) Friday, 12th July (evening) Saturday, 13th July (matinee and evening)

Tickets details will be shared in future issues of weekly notices.

Happy National Thank a Teacher Day! Wednesday, 19th June 2023

A nationwide celebration of all UK teaching and support staff can only mean one thing...National Thank a Teacher Day is back on Wednesday 19th June 2023! Don't miss the chance to say thank you and celebrate all the wonderful staff in your teaching community. **Say thank you to an amazing teacher – [Send your Free personalised Thank a Teacher card here](#)**



Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

This month

- Monday 20th May - Year 7 Start of Assessment week
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half Term Holiday

Later

- Wednesday 11th June – Year 12 Pathways Week
- Monday 17th June Start of Year 10 Mocks
- 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

No notices specifically for year 8 this week.

Year 9

No notices specifically for year 9 this week.

Year 10

Year 10 one-to-one career interviews - Julie Settle Outreach and Work Experience Coordinator

Career interviews have been taking place recently and will continue for the next few weeks. The purpose of these interviews is to offer career information and guidance to help students with their future ideas and aspirations. Please support your young person to be prepared for this by visiting the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) where you will find links to helpful resources.

Year 10 Mocks – Commencing Monday, 17th June

Please read this important [letter](#) from Deputy Headteacher – Mrs K Loosley

Mock exams replicate exam conditions providing a glimpse into the pressure, time constraints and atmosphere of the actual GCSEs. Mocks won't affect final GCSE scores but they are still important because they identify areas of the subject students may need to work on. They are an excellent self-awareness tool for students as well as giving teachers a clearer idea of where students are in their learning.

Year 11

Year 11 Exams 2024 – Independent study sessions home or school

This week has seen the start of GCSE/BTEC exams for our current Year 11s. From Tuesday, 7th May until Friday, 24th May (end of half term) all Year 11 students are expected to be in school. They will attend their normal lessons, scheduled revision sessions, or sit exams. Students should be aware that any unauthorised absence during these next few weeks leading towards the end of half term will impact upon the 95% or above attendance required to ensure their attendance to the school Prom on 20th June.

After half-term, i.e. from Monday, 3rd June until the last day of your child's exams, students will have the opportunity to work independently at home, but **ONLY if they do not have a scheduled revision session or an exam at school.**

If you would prefer your child to work independently in school rather than at home (after 3rd June) please complete this [google](#) form to **book the supervised study slots.**

*Please note if your child has a scheduled revision session on their timetable they must attend school; attendance is not optional.

Exam resources

- [Year 11 Exam Timetable](#)
- [Exam Booklet](#)
- [Further exam information](#)

Exam Information Reminder:

All students need to attend in full school uniform. For the morning exams, we suggest that they are present at 8.45 am.

Essential exam equipment includes:

- Black pen x2
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighter pen for subjects such as English, history, geography, RE
- Scientific calculator for maths, science, and geography papers

If your child has trouble sourcing any of this equipment including a calculator, please let the school know as soon as possible so that one can be made available.

A scientific calculator is a vital piece of equipment for the maths and all science exams.

If your child doesn't have one or forgets to bring one they should speak with their teacher.

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

The Essex Carers Network is pleased to be hosting their 'A Place To Call Home' Conference on Tuesday 21st May online via Zoom. This event is aimed primarily at families caring for a family member with a learning disability. Staff who support those families may also find the event useful. Click [here](#) for more information

Tendring Families First

Tendring Families First is a local charity providing support helping hundreds of families struggling with multiple complex issues including poverty, family breakdown, isolation, mental health and behavioural challenges. Click [here](#) for more information on how they can help.

Extra

EXTRA – Support for Families (EXTRA) will help anyone caring for children in the Tendring district to meet the challenges of parenting. They offer local opportunities for parents/carers to meet at workshops, informal parent peer support groups, and a range of programmes and courses. Click [here](#) for more information on how they can help.

Community Notices

Cannons Basketball - Junior National League Trials – Years 7 -13

Saturday 11th May - Click [here](#) for more information

Clacton Police Station Open Day on Saturday 11th May 2024 from 11am to 2pm.

Click [here](#) for more information



Clacton Pier – Jurassic Half Term Saturday, 25th May – Sunday, 2nd June Meet life-sized Dinosaurs roaming. It will be 1 year since the launch of their Jurassic Pier attraction in May so no better way to celebrate than with a whole week full of prehistoric goodness 25th May - 2nd June.

Student Opportunity – 14 years and over. Do you want to be a volunteer to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge? [Click here for more information](#)

Career Opportunities at CCHS

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