



# Clacton County High School

## Sigma Sixth Tending

## Notices and Letters



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Please take the time to check through this mailing, particularly for your child's individual year group as there could be some important information for you to be aware of.

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### **Whole School Notices**

#### **Are you eligible for Free School Meals?**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, a daily allowance of £3 will be automatically added to their dinner account to use on a main meal each day. Your child will have access to these funds in the same way as they would if you had topped up their dinner account from your bank account. This process ensures that students receiving FSMs do not stand out in any way removing any concerns you may have about being treated differently in this regard.

FSM allowances will show only to the staff member on the till in our canteen (Clouds) You will not see the £3 credit on your child's Arbor account but once eligibility is approved the daily allowance will be automatic (it will not accumulate if unused)

As earnings may fluctuate from month to month, applicants in receipt of Universal Credit will have their earnings assessed over a period lasting up to three months – only complete assessment periods will be checked.

If you feel that you may qualify, or are unsure, please visit the East of England Consortium Website via this link <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/ofsm-east> and complete the short form (This is different from the Essex County Council FSM application, as we use an alternative provider).

### **REMINDER**

#### **Homework**

Students in **years 7, 8 & 9 are set homework in English, Maths and Science only**. The aim here is to strive for 100% completion of homework. All homework for years 7- 9 is set on Sparx.

*The only exception to this is students may receive revision material prior to assessment weeks.*

#### **How to access Sparx?**

Sparx applications [Sparx Maths](#), [Sparx Reader](#) and [Sparx Science](#) utilise the Google platform for access. Click on the links above and then click "Log in to Sparx using Goggle G" **Do not try to enter a username and password.**

## How to

Check this [guide](#) on how to access and navigate Sparx.

## Forgotten password

If your child has forgotten their password to their school email account (also known as their Google account/ School account) contact [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

## At Home

Parents/carers will get one weekly update email if their child has been set Compulsory homework that week. They will not receive emails if the homework is either turned off (for example during holidays) or set to Optional Only. Visit the [Sparx Learning Support Website](#) for further help

## What support is available at CCHS?

Homework club (free) Monday to Thursday 3.25pm - 4pm in B12

Sparx Reader homework club Monday lunchtime (free) in F13 (until the library is available)

## Sparx Homework Schedules

### Year 7

Subject	Set on	Due back
English	Monday	Following Monday
Maths	Wednesday	Following Wednesday
Science	Wednesday	Following Wednesday

### Year 8

Subject	Set on	Due back
English	Thursday	Following Thursday
Maths	Wednesday	Following Wednesday
Science	Wednesday	Following Wednesday

### Year 9

Subject	Set on	Due back
English	Thursday	Following Thursday
Maths	Wednesday	Following Wednesday
Science	Wednesday	Following Wednesday

## Whole School Letters

No whole school emails this week

## Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Parent and Subject Options Evening
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Spring half term break
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Non-pupil day

## Year 7

An overview of the year 7 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

## Year 8

An overview of the year 8 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

## Year 9

**Advance notice – Year 9 Parent and Subject Options evening - Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

An overview of the year 9 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

## Year 10

**Advance notice – Year 10 Parent evening and “How to help your child revise” Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

An overview of the year 10 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

## Year 11

An overview of the year 11 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Year 11 will have additional mock exams in a number of subjects in February. The dates will be from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (day before Feb half term) and then the full week after half term (ending on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)

## Sixth Form Notices

**Advance notice – Year 12/13 Parent evening Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**

## Careers Guidance Updates

[Unifrog](#) “Helping students find their future”

What your child needs to do and when – a timeline for UK university applications click [here](#) for more information.



## Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

**Is your child a Young Carer?**

**Community Foundation offers a free after-school club for Young Carers** -Mondays from 3.30 – 5.30pm at Clacton Leisure centre. Click [here](#) for more information

**Autism Anglia Coffee Morning at CCHS - Wednesday, 29th January 2025 9.00am - 11.00am**

Please contact Mrs Walbridge via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) if you would like to attend. Autism Anglia [website](#)



**Well Being @CCHS Support for Families**

Please click [here](#) for information and useful links to support websites

## Community Notices

**UTurn (Clacton) Support and Practical Help for Individuals Aged 10-18 years old.**

UTurn provides free and confidential information, support, and practical assistance for individuals aged 10 to 18 who are facing personal and social challenges due to the consequences of violent crime, adverse childhood experiences, and other difficulties. Click [here](#) for more information

**Contact:** 01255 879909 email [info@uturn4support.co.uk](mailto:info@uturn4support.co.uk)

## Career Opportunities

### Considering a Career in Teaching?

Advance Teacher Training work with many schools across Essex and Suffolk to deliver teacher training. They have training bases in Clacton and Colchester with schools in Tendring, Colchester, Braintree and surrounding areas. With over 20 years of experience of delivering teacher training, they offer knowledgeable trainers, excellent facilities and personalised support. By joining Advance Teacher Training you will gain experience in primary or secondary phases including Post-16.

Discover more at one of the Advance Teacher Training drop-in open events on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January or Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6pm to 7.30pm at the Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane. Clacton on Sea CO16 8BE. Follow the [link](#) for additional information

### Career Opportunities at CCHS

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