



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

Important changes to Free School Meals

Since 1 April 2018 and until 31 March 2025, all existing and new free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals for 6 years or until the end of their current school phase (primary or secondary), regardless of any changes to their eligibility criteria. This is known as Ever6 FSM.

All pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM) are also eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (PPG) which is extra funding received by the school. This funding provides more funding for the school as a whole but can also help individual students who are eligible as they may receive assistance with paying for items such as resources and trips.

From April 2025, Ever6 FSM is coming to an end. This means that:

- Existing claimants who no longer meet the eligibility criteria will continue to receive FSM until the end of their current school phase (primary or secondary)
- New claimants will only receive FSM while meeting the eligibility criteria

To check whether your child may be eligible for free school meals, please check our website [here](#) or the Department for Education's document on free school meals, both of which outline the criteria. If you believe your child may be eligible and this is something that you have not already applied for, you can make an application via this [link](#) which is also included on our Free School Meals webpage as above.

We would strongly advise that you do this prior to 31 March 2025 so that your child can benefit from the Ever6 FSM scheme before it ends.

If your child is already registered for free school meals, there is no further action for you to take.

Whole School Letters

[Letter](#) - Lockdown Drill – Mr C Taylor, Head of School

Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 12th February - Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair
- Friday 14th February start of Year 11 Mock Examinations
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February – Spring half term break
- Monday 24th February – Non-pupil day
- Thursday 27th February - Sigma Sixth Consultation Evening

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

Deadline for student options - Monday, 24th February

All year 9 students will have received an email containing a link to a Google form to make their option choices, this must be completed by Monday, 24th February. Students can make changes right up until the deadline date themselves simply by using the emailed receipt, received after completing their form. The email is sent to the student's own school email account and the link can only be accessed from there.

All parents and carers of year 9 students should have received a Pathways letter from Mr A. Martin – Assistant Headteacher. If you are not in receipt of this letter please contact the school via admin@cchs.school

Year 9 is a very important year in education as students will choose the subjects they will study in Year 10 and Year 11 (Options). Furthermore, these choices can influence the direction your child takes in the future.

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, 3rd April

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

Year 11

Year 11 Mock Examinations – Start Friday, 14th February – Monday, 3rd March

[Letter](#) from Deputy Headteacher Mrs K Loosley

Exam contingency days – Wednesday, 25th June 2025

Some of our families will be hoping to plan and book holidays for summer 2025, however, it is important to note that Wednesday, 25th June 2025 is a contingency day set by Ofqual. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until, and including Wednesday, 25th June 2025. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates, in all schools, we thank you for your understanding. Contingency days are designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. Please find [here](#) the Year 11 Summer Examinations Timetable 2025.

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, Computer, Spanish, Physical Education

SAVE THE DATE - Prom - Thursday, 3rd July 2025

What is a Passport to Prom?

The Passport to Prom is an incentive for our Year 11 students to attend as many revision sessions as possible and maintain excellent school attendance in the final push towards their exams. It is an annual event for Year 11 students and this year our students have already made an excellent effort to attend the revision sessions offered.

What criteria do students need to meet?

In addition to behaving appropriately and attending all lessons, students need to opt in by: attending a minimum of five maths, five English and five science revision sessions; attending at least ten other subject sessions of their choice; achieving a 95% attendance record or higher from the start of January through to their exams and completing three quality pieces of homework per week. As an additional incentive, students who complete thirty-five revision sessions or more will be entered into a prize draw for some great Prom themed prizes.

What does the Passport look like?

[Click here / Passport to Prom](#)

What can I do to help?

Parental support is so important in ensuring success and we know our parents are equally supportive of the school. Please encourage your child to make the most of the help available to achieve the best possible grades they can.

What help is available?

CCHS staff are extremely dedicated and are always willing to go the extra mile for their students. As we move closer to the exams, most subject areas will provide after-school revision sessions, and additional support during holidays and even at weekends. Students should contact their subject teachers to find out more details on the times and dates of any additional sessions, as well as consulting the [Year 11 weekly revision timetable](#)

NB. By invitation only, a number of Exam Revision and Catch-Up Sessions will be taking place during the February Half-Term and Easter Holidays – where possible, please avoid booking holidays for exam students during these periods, up until the final day of the exams, including the **Wednesday, 25th June 2025.*

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

Sixth Form Notices

Advance notice – Year 12/13 Parent evening Thursday, 27th February

Please find here a [letter](#) from Head of college - Mrs S McKarry

Careers Guidance Updates

Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair For students - Wednesday 12 February @ 16:00 UK time



Get involved with National Apprenticeship Week by attending our virtual apprenticeship fair and speaking to 30 employers in just over two hours! Learn all about the world of work by exploring the latest opportunities, attending live sessions with employers, and chat to experts and apprentices from organisations including BBC, NHS, British Army, KPMG, Lloyds Banking Group, EY, and Unilever! Follow the [sign up link](#) to register on our exciting external events platform, iVent.

[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

Shorefields – Cake and Chatter

Shorefields special needs school coffee mornings. All SEN parents and carers are welcome! Please click [here](#) for more information and dates. Any questions or queries please feel free to get in touch either via email admin@shorefields.essex.sch.uk or through the school office on 01255 424412

Support Your Teen's Journey – ACL Free online courses

Are you looking for ways to help your teen navigate the challenges of adolescence? Click [here](#) for more information. Courses include: The Teenage Brain, Understanding Teens and Understanding Teenage Anxiety

Community Notices

CCHS Alumni

Would you like to join CCHS Alumni? We are keen to hear from inspiring ex pupils from varied fields of employment. Be part of our 'where are they now' portfolio and share your knowledge and expertise to inspire current CCHS students and encourage them to think about their futures and where their careers and life could take them. If you would like to be part of this initiative please send contact details to admin@cchs.school

Career Opportunities

Considering a Career in Teaching?

Advance Teacher Training (ATT) 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 the next Advance Teacher Training drop-in open event on Thursday 3rd 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.