



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 information for cashless catering

From Monday, 22nd April (after the Easter holidays) CCHS will move away from the biometric fingerprint recognition in Clouds restaurant. Fingerprint purchasing will be replaced with a cashless card. Each student will be issued a card linked to their Arbor account, they will be responsible for keeping the card safe and having it at hand should they wish to purchase refreshments at school. Cashless cards work like bank cards and students can tap and pay on the card readers in Clouds.

There will be no changes to Arbor dinner money accounts or current Free school meal allowances (FSM). Dinner money accounts can be topped up in advance, as usual, in the same way, and FSM allowances will also be accessible to spend using the cashless card.

Your child's card will be distributed during form time next week, each card has a unique number, specific to each student. Your child will be instructed to write their name on the card using a permanent marker pen so that it can be easily returned if lost.

Should your child forget/lose their card they will need to go to the student services desk (in Clouds) at break or lunch to be given their unique PIN to enter into the PIN pad at the till to make a purchase. Student services will also be able to inform students of dinner money account balances before approaching the tills with a purchase.

As with any new system or process, there may be some resistance and teething issues so we ask for support and understanding during the early stages of this change. Both cards or fingerprints can be used until Easter. Thank you.

Arriving at school without an appointment

We appreciate that there are times when our parents and carers wish to see a member of staff without an appointment, unfortunately, this is rarely possible as our staff are committed to other responsibilities including timetabled teaching, scheduled meetings and pastoral-related matters. If you arrive at reception without a pre-arranged meeting you will be asked to complete a contact request form and the relevant/most appropriate member of staff will contact you as soon as possible. Reception staff can make contact requests on your behalf if you email via admin@cchs.school or telephone 01255 424266.

When on the school/college site we respectfully ask that all visitors act as good role models for our students. We ask that they refrain from inappropriate language, threats, or acts of aggression towards each other, our staff, or our pupils. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave, they may receive a ban from the premises, and their behaviour may be reported to the police. Thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support.

Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 17th –Tuesday 18th March – Year 9 Assessments
- Thursday 3rd April – Year 10 Parents Evening
- Friday 4th April – End of Term / Half Day

Year 7

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 12th May 2025

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 19th June 2025

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

Year 8

Year 8 reports are ready to be downloaded from Arbor. Please see the [how to guide](#) for more information

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

Year 9

School Ski Trip – Pyrenees – February 2026

Future Year 10 students have an opportunity to sign up for the CCHS Ski Trip 2026. Please express your interest in your child attending by completing this [Google form](#). Please see more details from the trip organisers [here](#)

Year 9 Assessments – Monday, 17th March and Tuesday, 18th March

Year 9 is a pivotal year where students begin to prepare for GCSE options and start building a foundation for their future academic path. Assessments are an extremely important part of this preparation. The results of these assessments form part of the decision-making for class setting going into Year 10 and help students know whether they have mastered concepts, remembered key information correctly or gained competence in a skill. For more information please find [here](#) a letter from Assistant Headteacher – Mr A Martin

Scientific calculators are available for purchase to Year 9 students in Arbor pay (school shop section) £6.49 each. Once paid for they can be collected from reception.

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

Year 10

School Ski Trip – Pyrenees – February 2026

Future Year 11 students have an opportunity to sign up for the CCHS Ski Trip 2026. Please express your interest in your child attending by completing this [Google form](#). Please see more details from the trip organisers [here](#)

Advance Notice – Year 10 Futures Week – Monday, 31st June – Friday, 4th July

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

Free Prom Attire Event at CCHS - Thursday, 20th March (Girls and Boys Prom Attire)

No booking required, no questions asked, just pop into E block gym 3.30 pm- 6.30pm

Parents and Carers are welcome to come along. Free alterations too! Donations are most welcome!



Year 11 PROM - Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Year 11 Hoodies – Are ready for ordering

We are pleased to announce a 2nd year of business with a local firm for Year 11 Hoodies, Printing on Sea:

Colours six to choose from.

Price - £21.60 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 your child wants to add their name to the back of the hoodie, this can be done just during checkout, using the section **Order Notes**. Enter only the name. All names will be printed in capital letters. Only real names will be allowed. Please order [here](#)

Free Prom clothing – Les Nicoll on Facebook

North Essex Support Team (NEST) is collecting, displaying, and giving away free of charge prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories. Local events include:

Harwich

Sunday, 23rd March - Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 4AJ

09.30 am – 1.30 pm

Clacton

Saturday, 30th March - Great Clacton Community Centre, 16 -26 Valley Road, Gt. Clacton, CO15 4AR

10.00 - 12.00pm

Colchester

Saturday, 5th April - Elm Church, Clematis Way, Greenstead, Colchester, CO4 3PY

09.30 am – 2.00 pm

Reminder

Scientific calculators are available for purchase in Arbor pay (school shop section) £6.49 each. Once paid for they can be collected from reception.

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

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

Sixth Form Notices

Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2025 – Tuesday, 13th June – Friday, 16th 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.

Year 12 - Careers information, advice and guidance (CIAG) – [Letter](#) from Mrs M Read



Unifrog “Helping students find their future”

Use this platform to look at colleges, universities, and career options from home with your child. [Unifrog](#)

Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

Free workshops with NELFT Mental Health Support Team

Understanding Autism for Parents of Children in Secondary School - Thursday, March 20th 6.30-8.00pm

This workshop is designed to provide advice & support to parents of children in secondary school who would like to know more about Autism.

[Understanding Autism for Parents of children in Secondary School Tickets, Thu, Mar 20th, 2025 at 6:30pm](#)

About this event

This workshop is designed to provide advice & support to parents of children in secondary school who would like to know more about Autism.

Please note we are not part of the Diagnostic Service and will not be able to answer questions about waiting lists or outcomes for those in the process of assessment.

The workshop will last 90 minutes and will cover:

- Neurodiversity – current thinking
- Introducing the Autism Spectrum
- Tuning into your child’s behaviour
- SPELL framework
- Looking after yourselves

The workshop will be delivered over Microsoft TEAMS and therefore you will need to download this app prior to the workshop.

How to Support Your Child Around Exam Anxiety – Wednesday, 23rd April at 7pm.

NELFT MHST will be running an exam stress workshop for parents to equip them with strategies to support their child during exam periods.

About this event

We all experience stress from time to time, and this is normal. For young people, this feeling may be triggered when facing exams and could lead to uncomfortable physical sensations and unhelpful ways of thinking and behaving. We understand the impact this can have on young people and their families and how this may leave parents struggling to know what the best thing to say or do. Because of this, the NELFT Mental Health Support Team will be running an exam stress workshop for parents to equip them with cognitive behavioural strategies to support their young people during exam periods. Run by experienced practitioners, this online free workshop will explore:

- The teenage brain
- What stress is
- When stress becomes a problem
- Techniques to manage physical symptoms
- Techniques to manage unhelpful ways of thinking
- Techniques to promote healthy patterns of behaviour
- Things that are within and out of our control
- How to make stress our friend

Please register on Eventbrite for a ticket. Click [here](#) to register. This workshop is an online event

Community Notices

Junior Rugby

Harwich rugby club have a fantastic opportunity to host a second Saracens camp. Click [here](#) for more information on this.

St Helena – Pier to Pier 2025 – Sunday, 18th May 10.00am

St Helena Hospice's 40th anniversary. Walk 7 or 14 miles between Clacton and Walton piers for St Helena. Participation on this special occasion will allow more people to access the St Helena Hospice services that they need. You may also take this chance to honour and remember your loved ones. The walk is the perfect time to reflect on the special moments and memories you and your loved ones shared. Pier to Pier is open to all ages, plus the route is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. **Sign up required** - click [here](#) for more information. A lot of CCHS students and staff will be taking part

Citizens Advice Tendring £1.00 Challenge

Citizens Advice Tendring, a registered charity that has provided essential services and support to the local community for many years. They are unfortunately facing the very real threat of closure due to the complete withdrawal of funding, which has left them needing to raise £150,000 to keep doors open and continue serving the Tendring area.

In response to this, they have launched an urgent fundraising campaign called the "£1.00 Challenge." The concept is simple: if every resident in Tendring could donate just £1.00, or more if possible, they could raise enough funds to ensure that services remain in the community. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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.