



# 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**

##### **EASTER GREETINGS FROM CHRIS TAYLOR, HEAD OF SCHOOL**

We have had a very busy and exciting half term since February and when we return on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am, we will be officially entering our final full term; the summer term!

To all of our families, as ever thank you for all of your support and the many kind words of thanks that we receive from you, these are always much appreciated. I would like to formally thank all of our CCHS staff for their dedication and commitment to your children, both academically and all the extra-curricular clubs, events and trips, especially those colleagues who give up their family time in the evenings and at weekends.

At the end of each term, when I write to you, I always like to add a safeguarding reminder. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that we look out for our children during school holiday times. Young people need independence and freedoms as they grow and develop, peer groups often become their main priority as they grow resilience, but please ensure you know where your child is and who they are interacting with. This could be when they are out and about in the community or online. My advice is never be afraid to check, young people can be very private, but through sharing and engaging in dialogue, it opens lines of communication and can often prevent any upset or distress. There are some great apps to enable parents to know where their child is.

A couple of reminders for our return, please ensure your child is in correct full uniform, including no false nails, eyelashes removed, natural coloured hair and no facial piercings. If you need any support with uniform items please contact the school who will direct this to the relevant pastoral team. Also, students MUST bring a water bottle to school as cups will no longer be available. We have lots of bottle filling stations around school as well as a water fountain in L block for those who forget their bottle.

We are wishing all of our families an enjoyable two-week break with, hopefully, some sunny spring weather and wish you all a very Happy Easter, stay well and enjoy some time with family and friends.

## Clocks go forward!

British Summer Time (BST) starts on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Remember the clocks go forward 1 hour at 2 am on the last Sunday in March.

## Back-to-school reminders

### Water Bottles required from Easter

Water bottles are part of the expected school equipment. This is an advance notice that from after the Easter holiday, we will not be providing plastic cups, so students will need to bring their own water bottles to refill in school.

## School Bag

All students should carry a bag to school, they are not allowed to leave books in classrooms, school bags are a requirement and are used to carry essential equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, scientific calculators, books, homework, water bottles, and PE kit.

## School uniform

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform. The school website has examples of shoes and trousers that are permitted as part of our uniform, if in doubt, please always check before you buy! Follow the link to find out. [Everything you need to know about school uniform](#)

## Calling all students

Extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun and relax away from the pressures of schoolwork.

**PE Extra Curricular Clubs Summer 2024** - After Easter, the below PE extra-curricular activities will be available. Click [here](#) to sign up

<b>Tuesdays</b> - all clubs 3:25-4:25 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> - all clubs 3:25-4:25 pm	<b>Thursday</b> all clubs 3:25-4:25 pm
<b>Year 7</b> Athletics (Boys & Girls) <b>Year 8</b> Athletics (Boys & Girls) <b>Year 9</b> Athletics (Boys & Girls) <b>All Years</b> Tennis <b>All Years</b> Basketball <b>All Years</b> Fitness	<b>Years 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Cricket (Boys) <b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b> Rounders <b>Years 9 &amp; 10</b> Rounders	<b>Years 7 &amp; 8</b> Cricket (Girls) <b>All Years</b> Fitness

## Whole School Letters

[Medical and First Aid Letter](#)

## Dates for Your Diary

### This month (April)

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of summer term, all years return
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 Photos and Year Group Photo
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Year 7 reports on Arbor

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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

In the week starting Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 in a window of time
- Provide our students with revision strategies to prepare for assessment
- Provide time for and engage students who wouldn't normally revise 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## Year 9

No individual notices for year 9 this week!

## Year 10

**Careers Futures Week from 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@cch.school), and your enquiry will be forwarded to Mr. A Cooke.

## Year 11

### Year 11 Exams – Starting Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Statement of Entry** – This week Year 11 students were given 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](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

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

After Easter all year 11 Students will receive candidate timetables and will have access to our examinations booklet which provides all the relevant information needed for them to successfully sit GCSE exams in May and June 2024. It contains Exam Board Guidelines, School Information, including internal appeal procedures, and a Revision and Exam timetable.

### Year 11 School Photographs – Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

#### IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, to take the Year 11 Individual & Group Photos.

All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please click on the code below or visit [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk) and enter the following code:

[JRTMCKY](#)

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

**End of term letter** from Head of College – Mrs S McKarry

**Advance notice:**

**Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2024 – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **Well Being Hub at CCHS**

Support for Students and Families - On this page you will find information and links to assist with your family's well-being and mental health. Scroll down to access numerous support groups and organisations, covering a variety of topics - [Click here](#)

## **Community Notices**

### **Run the Colchester 10K – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Click [here](#) to enter. If you would like to run for charity click [here](#) or contact Peter Jones (Race Director) on 07502 276890

**Water Sports Club** – Dovercourt – Free Activities during the Easter holiday - click [here](#) for more information

### **Essex Pedal Power – Free Bikes**

If you live in Clacton or Jaywick, you may be eligible for a FREE Essex Pedal Power bike click [here](#) to find out more about the community-based project and information on how to apply.

### **Career Opportunities at CCHS**

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