

Higher Expectations Raising Aspirations Transforming Lives

#### Welcome to Clacton County High School, an inclusive school dedicated to making a difference to the lives of all of our students.

With higher expectations, we are focussed on raising aspirations for all and creating a place of learning where students are able to fulfil their potential and plan for their futures.

Situated within the heart of the town, we are proud of our standing and the contributions we make. Our young people are compassionate and care about their community and this is lived through our PROUD values. We are extremely proud of our students, who, supported by their parents, are dedicated and generous in giving with their time and efforts.

Whilst creating an environment throughout the school that promotes an attitude and ethos to learn and do well, we also want all of our students to have a very happy and positive experience of life at Clacton County High School. "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

## Work hard, respect & value others

We believe that our students have an entitlement to a first class education, providing them with the opportunities they need to become successful individuals and responsible citizens. In return we expect them to work hard, respect and value others.

At CCHS, we are committed to ensuring that our young people feel safe and secure. Students are encouraged to talk and are always listened to, what they have to say is very important and they are supported by a dedicated team of pastoral staff. We aim to develop our students' resilience, to support them to make positive and lasting friendships, and instil confidence and a willingness to take responsibility.

## Proud @ CCHS

Our core PROUD values and ideals were developed and shaped by our students; Perseverance, Responsibility, Opportunity, Unity and Diversity.

We teach our students to be PROUD of what they do and what they achieve. Our PROUD ethos, embedded throughout the school, complements our broad and balanced curriculum. Students are encouraged to develop their aspirations, to exceed their own personal expectations and to consider their future beyond school.

Our PROUD initiative supports our ethos of 'Higher Expectations, Raising Aspirations, Transforming Lives'. Being a CCHS student is more than just about academic results, it is about having compassion and empathy for others, developing an understanding of the importance of community; local, national and global, and encouraging a 'can-do' attitude to any problems or challenges.

*"Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."* 

#### Perseverance @ CCHS

All CCHS students are stretched and challenged academically. We want all of our students to have the determination to reach their potential and feel a sense of pride in their achievements and a belief that they have done their absolute best.

Students recognise that often to achieve their goals they may encounter setbacks, but through perseverance; trying again and perhaps again, knowing that they have given it their 'best shot', they can be proud of their effort and achievement. Our students are supported to engage with the ideal of personal responsibility to help shape their future.

*"Follow the 3 Rs - Respect for self, respect for others and responsibility for all your actions"* 

#### Responsibility @ CCHS

At CCHS, students are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions, their attitude to learning, their equipment, their relationships and their community. Through our PROUD initiative, our young people are guided through the self-development of their skills and interests to become responsible citizens.

Students participate in a range of activities, including community beach clean and fund-raising for charities; they decide what is important to them. Being personally responsible, thinking about others, being accountable for oneself and one's own actions, and taking responsibility for making the most of all the opportunities which arise as students travel through their educational journey at CCHS.

## Opportunity @ CCHS

We are committed to providing our students with a vast range of opportunities. Whether this be through our broad and balanced curriculum, wider-curriculum lessons for year 9 students, our acclaimed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) club, Duke of Edinburgh Award, overseas cultural trips, school productions, field trips, sporting events and competitions, or even via the array of extra-curricular clubs and activities.

There really is something for everyone at CCHS; opportunities to suit every interest and ability. Students are encouraged to join in as many activities as they can, working with others from across all year groups, united by a like-minded interest.

> "Don't say you never have enough time, you have exactly the same number of hours in the day as given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Albert Einstein, Leonardo Da Vinci, Michael Angelo, Mother Theresa and Tim Berners-Lee!"

# Unity @ CCHS

As a member of the Sigma Trust we belong to a group of schools with a shared vision. Sigma;  $\Sigma$ , is defined as the 'sum of' and as members of the Sigma Trust we believe that through unity we are 'greater than the sum of our parts'. We are stronger together, bound by a shared moral purpose. At CCHS we instil the importance of partnership and unity in all we do with our students.

CCHS is very much a family and everyone matters. Working together and being part of the 'CCHS team'; not necessarily having identical beliefs or ideals, but showing respect for each other regardless of background, faith, colour, race or gender, leads to a more kind and coherent society, both in school and the wider community.

*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean"*  *"Our ability to reach unity in diversity, will be the beauty and the test of our civilisation"* 

## Diversity @ CCHS

We are not all the same, we are all unique individuals and at CCHS we recognise that each student is different and we have a responsibility to ensure that we provide a broad curriculum to meet all aspirations and abilities. Our enrichment opportunities suit all tastes and interests which take into account the diversity of everyday life within a modern British society.

Students at CCHS are encouraged to 'think wide' and 'think big', discovering and appreciating different cultures and understanding that our local community is very much part of the global community and as such, despite differences, we are all tied together.

#### Environment & Community @ CCHS

Our classrooms are inspiring and well-maintained, our sports provision is extensive and students are able to enjoy the use of our own full size sports hall, large indoor heated swimming pool, climbing wall, indoor multi-gym and a large gymnasium with a climbing wall. Performing arts facilities include dance and drama studios, a music recording studio and a Mac suite in addition to tiered seating available for an audience of three hundred.

Although we are very proud of our facilities and the spacious environment, CCHS is more than just the physical buildings and resources. Our students and staff are CCHS, we have a strong sense of pride in our school, but also how we sit within and contribute to our local community. We are delighted that you are considering our school as the place to begin the next step of your child's educational experience and look forward to working with you and your family.

# Admissions @ CCHS

Our new intake admissions are facilitated by Essex County Council. For advice on how to apply please follow this link: www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place

For mid-year admissions please contact the school directly for additional information on how to apply via admin@cchs.school or telephone 01255 424266.

www.countyhigh.org.uk







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