



Our reference: KLOLET7/LH

10th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENT/CARERS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

Year 10 students have now completed their GCSE English Literature exam and for some year 10 students they will also shortly be completing their GCSE in Further Maths. We now turn our focus to preparing students for their forthcoming BTEC exams and their English Spoken Language Assessment as well looking further ahead towards their final year in mainstream school when we return in September.

### **Mock Exams:**

Mock exams have already recently been completed in science, however other subjects' mock exams have been scheduled to be completed as per [this timetable](#).

As you will be aware, mock exams are an important part of the preparation for GCSEs as they not only provide a crucial opportunity to prepare for next summer, but also help gauge progress and individual student priorities for moving forward. In order to prepare, student's subject teachers have shared with them the topics that will be assessed and these should be their main areas of focus.

### **BTEC Sport Exam:**

You will see that included on the timetable are details of your child's BTEC Sport exams. For all students revision is a very important part of the preparation for any exam. In order to support your child to prepare for their PE exam, Mr Horsewill and Mrs Duffy are hosting a [BTEC Sport - Google Meet](#) session on Monday 13th June at 5pm highlighting the content and suggesting specific revision resources. Please set a reminder for this session and also encourage your child to join the meeting as well.

### **BTEC Hospitality and Catering Exam:**

This exam is for students completing the Food Technology course. Students have been provided with a home revision pack and revision sessions are running within lessons as well as an extra session which is scheduled for lesson 3 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, just before the exam. Parents are invited to a [Hospitality and Catering - Google Meet](#) at 4.30pm next Wednesday 15th June to discuss and ask questions about the content and structure of the upcoming Hospitality and Catering exam. Please set a reminder for this session as it will provide extremely useful information for parents as to how they can best support the child to maximise their potential within the exam.

Ahead of their BTEC and mock exams, please encourage your child to take the time to go back over what they have learned, practice the exam techniques they have worked on and talk to their teachers if they need any additional support or advice. A quiet space at home without mobile phones and social media will really help them to focus on their revision.

**Year 10 English GCSE Spoken Language Assessment:**

Your child will be completing these assessments in class as detailed in the timetable. For further information on these assessments please refer to the [linked letter](#) from Miss Newbury.

**Sigma Sixth Experience Day:**

The year 10 Sigma Sixth Experience Day will take place for selected students on Friday 8th July. The visit to the Tendring Campus will take place during normal school times and will provide students with a fantastic opportunity to experience college life and sample some of the courses we are able to offer. For further information please refer to the [linked letter](#) from Mrs Mckarry, Head of College.

**Colchester Institute Experience Day:**

A selected group of year 10 students will be invited to attend a Colchester Institute experience day on Tuesday 21st June. The event is invite only and letters will be sent out to those attending shortly. This will allow students to experience life at the college and get a flavour of what courses are on offer. Although lots of students may be interested in this we have a limited number of available places, other opportunities will be available to students early in year 11 should they also wish to visit.

**University of Essex Trip:**

Selected students have been invited to the University of Essex on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to take part in a VI6 Partnership (six-six) Experience Day. Established now for a number of years, the VI6 Partnership is a collaboration between the university and five secondary schools to give a number of students the unique opportunity to study a minority A-level subject in years 12 and 13 within a university environment.

VI6 courses are only open to students who continue their studies at Sigma Sixth and gain a minimum of six grade 5 GCSEs including maths and English and a 6 in their selected (or related) subject.

**Childcare Work Experience:**

Childcare students are due to participate in work experience for the week commencing 11th July 2022. Students have already made contact with their placements and parents will be updated shortly by the Childcare department once all details have been finalised. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to see the theory of childcare in practice so please encourage them to participate.

**History Trip:**

The History department is delighted to offer an enrichment visit to the Golden Hinde and the Old Operating Theatre on Tuesday 12th July 2022. This visit will provide a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the history of Elizabethan exploration, as well as an interactive talk and museum experience on Victorian surgery.

**PROUD Rewards Day:**

On the penultimate day of term, Wednesday 20th July, students with excellent attendance and no more than -2 negative behaviour points for this term, will be invited on the cinema trip. More details to follow on this, but students can liaise with their form tutor or you can look on the parent app for their child's current attendance and points for this term.

If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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