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CCHS Weekly Mailing Friday 15th October 2021

One more week to go before the autumn half term break. School closes at normal time next Friday (23rd October) and then we are all back in fully refreshed for the second half of the term beginning on Monday 1st November. Please visit our [website](#) to see the [term dates](#) for this year and next year. The first half of the term has flown by so quickly, but it has been exceptionally good to have everyone back in and working hard. For the second half of the autumn term we have many exciting things planned for extra-curricular activities; all happening in the lead up to Christmas! More details as we progress through the term.

Have a great weekend and, as ever, stay safe and well.

Whole School Notices

Weekly News

[Weekly News](#) – Find out what our staff and students have been up to this week.

[Letter from the Secretaries of State](#) - Secondary schools have been asked to share the attached letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health and Social Care regarding Covid-19.

Keep on testing – We continue to have cases in each year group proving that testing is doing its job. New LFD testing packs are available which now include a nose swab and a pre-made-up solution. Students will have been issued with new kits to take home with them, but we ask that any of the previous testing kits are used up in advance of using the new packs. Twice weekly testing provides a vital contribution towards keeping us all safe and well as the kits are very good at detecting asymptomatic case. Many thanks once again for your ongoing support.

Free School Meals – Students in receipt of free school meals are given a daily allowance to spend using their Biometric ID. Once this limited has been exceeded, other items of food will need to be paid for separately with additional provision added to their ParentPay account. Some students have been very disappointed this week when they haven't been able to top up on food! If you require any additional information on the daily allowance or how to top up ParentPay, please email admin@cchs.school

Free School meals during half term - Parents whose children are in Years 7-11, and in receipt of free school meals, will be emailed a voucher for October half-term next week; the government has agreed to continue funding this.

Does your child have everything they need for the day ahead? – Our reception team are spending a lot of time delivering forgotten items to children all around the school and all different year groups. Please rest assured we are always happy to help, but whilst staff are away from their post, they are missing out on responding to your telephone enquiries. Your help in checking that your child has everything they need for the day ahead will help us to be more responsive to other enquiries. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Mental Health Support Available - Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service (EWMHS) and Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service - Family Solutions, as one of two pilot schools, to offer parents one-2-one support sessions. These will take place at CCHS and any parent or carer who would welcome some support and guidance around their child's mental health should contact Mrs Aldis, CCHS Safeguarding Lead, for further information and to book one of the 20-minute appointments; Email Mrs Aldis via admin@cchs.school

Final Reminder Years 8 to 11 parents; Image and Video Consent Forms – A reminder that if you have not yet done so, please can you complete the consent forms asap, following the relevant link below for your child/ren's year group.

- Year 8 Students – [Image and Video Consent Form](#)
- Year 9 Students – [Image and Video Consent Form](#)
- Year 10 students – [Image and Video Consent Form](#)
- Year 11 students – [Image and Video Consent Form](#)

Year 11



**SIGMA SIXTH
TENDING**

Thursday, 4th November; important date for Year 11 Students & Parents - Sigma Sixth (the CCHS Sixth Form College) Open Evening 2021 advance notice

A [letter](#) has been sent to all of our year 11 parents and students today from Mrs McKarry, Head of Sigma Sixth College, extending an invitation to our very important open evening. We are looking forward to hosting our first open evening, although we are now in our second year of existence. Year 11's and your parents we would love to see you all there to see what our amazing sixth form college has to offer.

Please take a look at the [Sigma Sixth prospectus](#) in advance of the evening, but hard copies and additional information on the courses we have on offer will be available on the evening.