



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday 19th November 2021

Welcome to this week's edition of the 'CCHS Weekly Mailing'. Please be reminded that next Friday, 26th November is a non-pupil day; school is closed, and staff will not be available to answer queries. Emails can be sent to admin@cchs.school and will be responded to when staff and students return to school on Monday, 29th November.

Although we have been experiencing some glorious sunshine this week, it will be turning colder next week, not quite the 'Beast from the East' at the moment, but it is important that parents know what to do in the event of adverse conditions. The link below to Mr Taylor's letter, sent earlier in the week, lets you know how the school will notify you of any required changes to the school day.

A further letter from Mr Taylor has been sent today, with important advice regarding use of social media platforms. Please [click here](#) to access the letter.

Whole School Notices

Weekly News

Weekly News – Find out what our staff and students have been up to this week.

Adverse Weather Conditions – Please [click here](#) to read a letter from the Head of School, Mr Taylor, confirming the procedure for what happens when we have severe weather conditions.

Mock Exams – Some changes have been made to the Year 10 and Year 11 Mock Exam timetable. Students have been made aware, but for your information please click on the links below;

[Year 10 Mocks](#)

[Year 11 Mocks](#)

Please also take the time to visit our [Revision Microsite](#), which details the topics that each subject's exams will cover, along with very useful links to revision resources.

SEND Roadshow 29th November - Parents/carers are invited to attend the SEND Roadshow at Camulous Academy in Colchester (close to the Colchester Football Stadium). It is a drop-in session from 9-11am, where you are welcome to pop along for a cup of tea and ask any SEND related questions. The roadshow is a great opportunity to find out about services within the local area. There will be representatives from SEND IASS, Essex Local Offer and Essex Family Forum in attendance – please see [this flyer](#) for more details.

SEND Information Pack - Please find the link below to a new resource for supporting families with young people who have additional needs. It's a neurodiversity information pack that has been put together by various organisations from Essex. It is available on the Local Offer here:

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/supporting-your-neurodiverse-child/>

Careers Hub – This term many of our current Year 13 students are working on their university applications and looking forward to what they will be doing after sixth form. University, however, is not everyone’s choice of pathway, so others are exploring the many different options available to them, either heading straight into the workplace, or applying for higher apprenticeships.

For younger students, it may seem too early to be thinking about applications for jobs, apprenticeships or higher education, but exploring the options that will be available can often help considerably when making decisions about their next steps, for example when making subject or college choices. If any students would like to talk things through, Mr Cooke is available every Thursday after school in B2 to offer guidance on applications and future pathways. There is a wealth of information available on the [Careers Hub](#) to inform students of their choices for further education, sixth form or apprenticeships after their GCSE years and it is never too early to start thinking about the future. Some websites that may prove useful are:

- www.ucas.com
- www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk
- www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Holly Court Christmas Appeal– Thank you to those who have already started contributing to our Christmas appeal. We are so grateful for your support and really every little bit helps to make this such a wonderful event for those less fortunate than ourselves, so please keep the donations coming. Contributions can be accepted via ParentPay or items donated via boxes within form tutor rooms (non-perishable items please).

Year 11

Sigma Sixth Applications – Applications are now open for admission to Sigma Sixth for September 2022. You can download a copy of the application form from the Sigma Sixth website – the closing date is Monday, 31st January 2022. If you were unable to attend our Open Evening, but would like to see the college before making an application, we are pleased to offer college tours on an appointment basis. This will give you the opportunity to see the facilities and ask any questions that you may have. We can offer these tours at 3.30pm or 4pm, Monday to Thursday of any week, with the exception of the week commencing 22nd of November.

If you would like to take advantage of one of these tours, please contact a member of the sixth form team on 01255 424266 to make an appointment, or alternatively, email sixthformteam@cchs.school. We look forward to welcoming you to our college.

Year 11 Sigma Sixth Experience days are taking place week beginning 22nd November - Year 11 CCHS students will be visiting on 25th November for KS5 taster lessons and to have the opportunity to be a sixth form student for the day.