



## CCHS Weekly Mailing

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Welcome to the final edition for 2021 of the 'CCHS Weekly Mailing'. It has been an extremely busy term with many exciting things going ahead in school alongside the mock examinations which began on 9<sup>th</sup> December and continued up until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Well done to all those involved, we sincerely hope that the students' preparation and hard work is rewarded when they receive their mock results, at the very least the experience will stand them in good stead as we move through the remainder of this academic year.

A massive thank you to the kindness and generosity of our families. The response from you to our annual Holly Court Christmas appeal was phenomenal. We have been overwhelmed by the number of donations as well as contributions from ParentPay amounting to £200. Almost 100 tote bags were filled to the brim and delivered to very grateful residents on Wednesday. Please read the [thank you](#) from the manager of the housing community, which expresses so eloquently how much the gifts mean to the residents. There were also a number of thank you notes received from individual residents and all the messages of gratitude were so touching.

A reminder that when we return in the new year, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January is now scheduled as a testing day for all students, this link will take you to the schedule for the day; [timetable with test times](#) for each form group. Students will test and return immediately home. Normal timetabled lessons will resume for all students who test negative on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Finally, the governors and staff of Clacton County High School wish all of our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

#### **Whole School Notices**

[Weekly News](#) – bumper edition this week, find out what our school community has been up to this week - [Click Here](#)

[End of term letter from Head of School](#) - please access Mr Taylor's letter [here](#).

[Updated letter from the NHS](#) - this parental letter gives important information to members of the community about the vaccination programme.

**Safeguarding** – as always, we like to remind our parents of the importance of knowing who your children are 'friends' with when they are online. Many will receive new devices as presents and will be desperate to spend as much time as they possibly can online, whether this be on social media websites or gaming platforms. [Ditto](#) is a free publication that gives information on a range of topics that as parents, we should all make ourselves familiar with. Since the lockdowns, young people spend more time online, are vulnerable to grooming and at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). Please make sure you engage with your child and don't be afraid to ask lots of questions about who they are chatting to online. Likewise, when they are about and about, know where they are going and who they will be meeting up with and when they will be home.

**PE Extra-curricular opportunities from January 2022** – please follow [this link](#) to some important information from Mr Horsewill, Director of Sport & Design Faculty on the plans for after school PE clubs taking place from the start of the spring term.

**Essex Police Just Giving Appeal** – Each year Essex Police organise an appeal to gather together from the community a range of Christmas presents to deliver to local families who find this time of year financially challenging. Our thanks go to Essex Police who have delivered to our school presents to support some of our nominated families and we are extremely grateful to all the members of the Tendring community for their generosity.

**Charitable Causes** – at this time of year, it is good to think of others less fortunate, and in school our students become involved in many fund-raising opportunities, from cake baking, performances, the Christmas Jumper Day and of course, the Holly Court Appeal. In addition, many of our staff also like to be involved and this year we have raised £72 from donations instead of sending Christmas cards. This year the funds will go to the Clacton Food Bank. Please click on this link if you would like for information on this worthy cause; <https://clacton.foodbank.org.uk/>

**The Transition News** – At the end of each term we prepare a brief newsletter for all of our year 6 feeder primary school students to give them updates on their former peers and give a taste of what it is like to be a CCHS student. Please take a look at our latest copy, this edition reflects over the past term and highlights a few of the many great things that your children have been involved with since the start of this academic year.

### **Careers @ CCHS**

This link takes you to the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) which has a wealth of advice and guidance and aims to provide inspiration to our students on a range of career pathways. It is never too early to start thinking about the future. Perhaps, when the Christmas festivities quieten down, it is worth taking a look to get some ideas.

[Follow this link](#) to view careers advice on work experience opportunities through articles, podcasts and videos.

**EXTRA – Support for Families** is there to help anyone caring for children in the Tendring district to meet the challenges of parenting. EXTRA have [a new course programme for Spring 2022](#) to support families of young people with additional needs. These are all free. For more information on courses, please visit the website at <http://www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk>

**PSHE/ PROUD & RSE**– the links below will take you to letters for your child’s year groups which give details on the topics we will be delivering via our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE), PROUD and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculums during the spring term.

[Year 7 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 10 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 8 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 11 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 9 PSHE Letter](#)

### **Year 11**

**Sigma Sixth Tendring** – Our sixth form college is now fully established and into its second year of operation. Year 11 students have visited and considered the courses that we provide as they begin to seriously think about life beyond CCHS mainstream school. With this in mind, applications to the college are still open until Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. If your child is yet to do so, please remind them to put pen to [application](#) during a quiet time over the Christmas holiday period. For more information go the [Sigma Sixth Tendring](#) website or alternatively, email [sixthformteam@cchs.school](mailto:sixthformteam@cchs.school).