



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 27th May 2022

Good afternoon to all of our parents/carers and students. We have reached the end of the first half of the summer term, spring has most definitely arrived and summer itself is just around the corner. The week provides just a brief respite for teachers and upper school students as it falls within the examination season. Having said this, many teachers will be in school next week providing additional holiday revision sessions and also support through the mentoring programme. Invitations to these sessions have been sent directly to parents and students, and as teachers are fully committed to coming into school, we ask for all those who have said they will attend not to miss out on this opportunity.

This year the May half term includes two bank holidays in acknowledgment of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; celebrating 70 years of monarchy, the longest serving monarch in history. This is most definitely a long time in the same job and shows perseverance, responsibility, opportunity, unity and diversity; PROUD, and this is definitely a work and moral ethic that we can all admire.

Enjoy the week, make the most of time with family and friends and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school at 8.45am on Monday, 6th June.

Whole School Notices

Weekly News – Exciting events have been taking place at CCHS this past week – please read the Weekly News to see details and pictures of what our staff and students have been up to - [Click Here](#)

Letter from the Head of School, Chris Taylor - containing important information of changes from Monday, 6th June.

ParentPay Dinner Money - Daily spends on ParentPay dinner money is capped at a £5 spend per day. Some students who make purchases at break time may not have sufficient daily funds remaining for what they wish to buy at lunchtime. If you wish to increase your child's daily capped amount please email admin@cchs.school stating your child's name, form and the amount you wish to be available each day.

Summer Term date reminders:

- Monday 6th June - First day of half term 6.
- Friday 1st July - Non-pupil day.
- Thursday 21st July - Last day of the academic year. School closes at midday then breaks for the summer holiday.

Happy National Thank a Teacher Day!

Yesterday was officially 'National Thank a Teacher Day', and we would like to say a huge thank you to all CCHS staff for their hard work and commitment to their students; your children. It's not too late if students, or indeed, parents wish to send a personalised message through the official 'Thank a Teacher' website, please follow this link

[Send a thank you card to a special member of staff.](#)

The School Summer Musical is Back! - The cast and crew of our latest summer musical, based on the film 'Legally Blonde', have been working very hard perfecting their roles and setting-making skills ready for the performances. CCHS musicals are always much acclaimed by the local community and tickets sell fast. Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase tickets for you, your family and friends. The performance dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday 14th July 7.00pm
- Friday 15th July 7.00pm
- Saturday 16th July Matinee 2.00pm
- Saturday 16th July 7.00pm

The option to purchase tickets is available on ParentPay.

Year 10

Year 10 Physical Education - If your child studies PE, they will be undertaking an external examination between 23rd June - 28th June. Students will sit the exams at the following times:

- Thursday 23rd June - 10YPE2, 10YPE4, 10YPE5. Revision P1-3; Exam starts at 1:45pm
- Friday 24th June - 10XPE2 and 10XPE4. Revision P1-3; Exam starts at 1:45pm
- Monday 27th June - 10YPE1 and 10YPE3. Revision P1-3; Exam starts at 1:45pm
- Tuesday 28th June - 10XPE1 and 10XPE3. Revision P1-3; Exam starts at 1:45pm

In the build up to the exam, students will have additional revision sessions available on a Wednesday after school from 3:20 - 4:15pm, but will also benefit from independent revision at home. Revision guides are available to purchase via parent pay for £3.50.

Thank you for supporting the PE team in preparing your child for their upcoming exam.

Year 11

Independent Study Sessions after half term - Should you feel your child would benefit from independent study in school following half term, we will provide supervised study rooms that may have access to a computer. If you would like your child to have any supervised independent study time in school please complete the attached [google form](#) so that we are able to ensure all students have this opportunity. If you are happy that your child completes their independent study at home then you do not need to complete this form.

Also for your information and as a reminder for all for the first week back, here is the link to the [examination schedule](#). For parents, if your child is involved in the exams, please take a look and, if need be, remind your son/daughter of where they need to be and when. A week off in the sunshine can be very distracting!

SIGMA SIXTH

Years 12 and 13 - [Letter from Mrs McKarry, Head of College](#). Please follow the link to read the latest letter from Mrs McKarry which gives an update on the Sigma Sixth College along with advice for students self-care during the examination period.

CAREERS NEWS

On Wednesday of this week we welcomed representatives of the Royal Navy Catering Team into school to run a session with some of the year 10 Food Technology students. After a short presentation surrounding the many career opportunities available in the armed forces, the team moved on to a highly entertaining and challenging 'Ready Steady Cook'. The teams of students were pitted against each other, using a choice of random ingredients, to design and produce a lunch menu, all in a mere hour and a half. The standard of the end results was impressive, and the students benefited from a taste of the high pressure environment of military catering.

After half term, our year 12 students at Sigma Sixth, will be engaging in our annual 'Pathways Week', a week of exploration of the choices available to them once their time in sixth form is over. They will be engaging in sessions such as interview skills and preparation, apprenticeship and university choices and research. During the week, we will be visiting Essex University for the first 'in-person' UCAS Exhibition for three years, an excellent opportunity for students to gain first hand insight into the variety of options available to them, post 18.

The Pathways Week also presents the opportunity for us to arrange mock interview practice for all the students, where external professionals from a variety of sectors will help them to prepare for the 'real thing' in the future. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with these interviews, especially from less well known or represented career paths, so if you feel that you would like to help, please get in touch email sixthformteam@cchs.school

Our aim is as always to help our young people to fulfil their personal career goals and we continually encourage them to aim high. There is a huge amount of information collected together on the school [careers hub](#), which is updated regularly to reflect current labour market opportunities. If any student, regardless of year group, would like to speak to someone about their ideas for the future, they can ask for one of the careers team to make contact and we will be happy to do so. Students should speak with their year leader who will make arrangements for a meeting with a careers advisor.