



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 24th June 2022

Welcome to the latest issue of the Weekly Mailing from CCHS.

This week marks the end of an era for our Year 11 & Year 13 students who leave CCHS and Sigma Sixth College and move on to new beginnings. We wish them all the very best for their futures and hope that their expectations are met and surpassed on results day in the Summer.

For our Year 10 students at CCHS and Year 12 students, at Sigma Sixth College, the focus remains on examinations and our focus remains on supporting them. For other year groups, it remains equally as busy, there is a lot to get through before the end of the summer term.

This week we hosted the NHS (Essex University Trust Immunisation Service) who were here to administer the first of two HPV vaccinations to our Year 8s, consent for such vaccinations is provided directly to the NHS. There are monthly community clinics available for children or young people who have missed any of the school-based sessions. Children who would prefer to receive their immunisation in this setting are also very welcome. Details of the community clinic dates, times and venues can be obtained by calling your local Immunisation Team office – [Please follow this link for further information](#). The immunisation Team can be contacted on 0300 790 0597.

Aside from the learning, school life outside of the classroom is equally important, so please remember to visit our website for extra-curricular activities and important information on what is coming up. We also have Facebook and Twitter pages to keep you informed.

Wishing all our students, parents and carers a great weekend.

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](#)

Summer Term date reminders:

- Wednesday 29th June Year 11 Prom; students, by invitation only
- Friday 1st July - Non-pupil day
- Thursday 7th July - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day & Evening
- Thursday 14th July - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 21st July - Last day of the academic year. School closes at midday then breaks for the summer holiday
- Thursday 18th August – A Level Results Day
- Thursday 25th August – GCSE Results Day

Summer Musical:

'Legally Blonde'

Tickets are still available to purchase through [TicketTailor – Click HERE](#)

Any tickets already purchased on ParentPay remain valid.

Showings are as follows:

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

Safeguarding update

From Julie Aldis, Safeguarding Lead & Pastoral Manager

For Parents/carers – How to Set Up Gaming Consoles to Prevent Impulse Purchases

You will be all too aware that it is too easy for children and young people to purchase virtual items in games and apps. I speak to children in primary schools about this and some of the amounts they are spending is eye-watering, so too is accidental purchasing where the game has used 'nudge' techniques to entice a purchase.

Many devices have parental controls which can help to mitigate these purchases. My colleague, Wayne Denner from Ireland has put together a short article which some parents will find useful, detailing how to set up parental controls on popular devices including the PS4, iPhone and Xbox One.

As we approach the Summer holidays, this is a useful reminder to send out to parents – [Click HERE](#)

Instagram – New Parental Controls

Currently rolling out within the UK right now, Instagram have launched some new features which I'm sure many parents will welcome. These new features include:

- The ability to see how much time their child spends on Instagram.
- Awareness of who their child is following and who is following their child.
- Notification if/when their child reports someone and the type of report that was made.
- The ability to set specific times so parents can limit their child's screen time.

The features are enabled on Family Centre, where a parent can supervise their child's account. Information about the new features can be found [HERE](#). Information about Family Centre on the page isn't obvious, it's at the top of the page in small font.

MIND – Mid and North East Essex

Supporting your Young Person over the Summer Break

The Summer holidays often mean lots of free time without any routine. Furthermore, not seeing friends as often may mean some young people feel more isolated and lack motivation for other activities. If you feel your young person may struggle with their mental health over the Summer, MIND have put together some ways that you can help support them – [find out more here](#).

Year 7

Parents Evening

Year 7 will be held on Thursday, 14th July. Details will be communicated directly to Year 7 parent/carers

Year 8

Year 8 - End of Year Assessment Dates

Year 8 students will have end of year assessments on Thursday, 7th and Friday, 8th July in the following core subjects: English Maths and Science.

[Click here for a copy of the letter regarding the forthcoming Year 8 Assessments.](#)

Year 9

School Tie change current Year 9 into 10

The school tie colour for next year's Year 10 students will change from the original tie with no stripe to a tie with a yellow stripe. Year 9 students will have the opportunity to exchange their ties at the end of this term, at no cost. This will then mean that all year groups will have their own unique tie for September 2022.

Year 10

Mock Exams – Summer 2022 – Timetable change

The maths paper 1 mock has been moved from Wednesday 29th at 9am to Tuesday 28th at 8.45am. Students are aware of this change but an [updated exam timetable is available HERE](#).

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:

- 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

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

Year 11

Year 11 Prom: Wednesday, 29th June

Pupils can arrive from 6.00pm and the doors will open at 7.00pm. The event will be finished by 9.45pm.

Cars/drop off

Students can be dropped off at the school entrance and once dropped off all cars should exit via the automatic gate. School staff will be on hand to usher drivers and students.

There will be restricted parking, traffic cones will be in place on Walton Road and College road to allow space for larger cars to manoeuvre.

There is no dedicated 'parents photograph area', but there will be places for you to stand and capture this memorable moment.

Year 11 Sigma Sixth Induction Day

Our Sixth Form Induction Day for Year 11 students joining us in September will be on **Thursday, 14th July**. We are very excited to welcome the new cohort to Sigma Sixth for the day and have some exciting activities planned which we hope students will find both informative and enjoyable.

The day begins with an introductory talk on life in the college and the expectations of being a Sigma Sixth student. Students will then participate in activities that will help them prepare for their studies in September and will be introduced to their subject assignments which they are expected to complete over the summer holiday. The afternoon session will focus on team building. We have invited The Problem Solving Company into college to provide a range of team building and problem solving activities to develop a bond with the new cohort through collaborative working and promote critical thinking in preparation for post-16 study.

Letters have been sent to applicants, parents and carers but if you have not received this or require further information please contact the sixth form team: sixthform@cchs.school

SIGMA SIXTH

Last week was an especially busy week for our year 12 students at Sigma Sixth with the annual 'Pathways' event taking place from Tuesday to Friday. The students were provided with a vast amount of information in just a few days and should be congratulated on their ability to stay the course! We will, over the next weeks and coming months, be revisiting many aspects of the week in more detail, to help our students to plan for their future careers and what they will do once their time with us in sixth form is done.

The week ended with two days of mock interviews, where a range of external visitors, from industry professionals to Higher Education providers, came into college as 'interviewers'. Students were asked to treat the interviews as if they were real, to act and dress appropriately. They certainly did not let us down! We were immensely impressed and proud to see the care and maturity with which our students approached the task in front of them. A great many of them faced two (or even three) separate interviews and showed great resilience in acting on feedback given in the first one, while also plucking up the courage to enter a second round.

At the end of each day, the interviewers were asked to choose one of their interviewees to 'Hire'. All of the interviewers agreed that this was an incredibly difficult decision to make, with the competition so fierce and the margins so slim. But, different interviewers have different priorities, and the winners were chosen based on their performance on the day. In our view, every single one of them was a winner!

Today we said goodbye to our Year 13 students, with the last exam over. Many of them will be moving on to university in the autumn, while others have found, or are currently seeking either employment or an apprenticeship. We wholeheartedly wish them all the best of luck with whatever they choose, and we will see them once again when the results come out in the Summer, but would also remind them that we remain here to support them during this time and beyond.

CCHS also said goodbye to the Year 11 students this week, who will be able to enjoy a well-deserved break after their exam period. Although some of these students have chosen to follow a further education route at another college, or will be entering into an apprenticeship, a great many of our students will be joining us again in the Autumn at Sigma Sixth. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them on 14th July at the college for our fun packed induction day and being with them in the Summer to help them celebrate their results.

As always, our [Careers Hub](#) remains the centre for all information, whether to explore choices, search for apprenticeship opportunities, or to see what's on in the local area or online. Any opportunity that we hear about that we feel will be beneficial to our students is displayed on here, however if you know of, or hear about anything that we may have missed, please let us know by emailing admin@cchs.school