



## CCHS Weekly Mailing

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

Please note that **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** is a non-pupil day in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday which fell within the previous half term; **the school will be closed for the day**, reopening usual time on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The school was a buzz this week with preparations for the Year 11 Prom, and keeping with tradition, we held the event here in our main hall, on Wednesday evening. Many of our staff were on hand to help and to witness this rite of passage for the Year 11 students 2022; it was a superb event. Please see the Weekly News for pictures and more!

It was a busy week with several school trips. Our Law Department at Sigma Sixth took Year 12 and 13 students to visit the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales, known as the Old Bailey. This trip supports their study of The English Legal System and Criminal Law, both of which are core components of the A level Law course. On Wednesday CCHS was represented by students at the District Athletics Competition at the Colchester Garrison and on Thursday (today) selected students were present at Doucecroft School, Colchester to take part in a Multi School Council, The students had an opportunity to share their views and integrate with other pupils from various schools across the County discussing barriers to learning and how schools can support these further. As always, our school has a very buy programme in and outside of the school.

**Something to be aware of:** Fuel protesters are due to demonstrate on the A12 on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July to disrupt the early morning rush hour.

Wishing all our students, parents and carers a wonderful long 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](#)

**Do you need to see a member of staff?** - There has been an increasing number of parents arriving at reception hoping to meet with a member of staff straightaway. We do not like to disappoint our parents, but it is not possible for staff to be immediately available. It is important to remember that staff have many other commitments including teaching, pre-booked meetings and after school clubs and they are unable to leave a lesson or a meeting/club to attend reception.

To avoid disappointment and frustration, it is always advisable to call in advance and arrange for a mutually convenient time for you to either meet with the appropriate member of staff or to receive a phone call.

### **School Bag Reminder**

All students should carry a bag to school, they are not allowed to leave books in classrooms, school bags are a requirement and are used to carry essential equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, scientific calculator, books, homework and PE kit.

### **Summer Term date reminders:**

- Friday 1st July - Non-pupil day
- Thursday 7th July - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day & Evening
- Thursday 14th July - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Sigma Sixth Induction Day
- Thursday 21st July - Last day of the academic year. School closes at midday then breaks for the summer holiday
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August – A Level Results Day
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Year 7**

### **School Reports**

School reports ready to view on Go4schools, please find [easy to follow guide](#) and [Attitude to Learning Descriptors](#)

### **Parents Evening**

Year 7 will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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

[Quick Link to Mock Exam Timetable](#)

## Year 11

### **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](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

## **SIGMA SIXTH**

It may seem to our students sometimes that we are constantly trying to get rid of them! At this time of year, those remaining in Key Stage 4 & 5 are continually bombarded with questions on what they plan to do next. Even Year 9 students have not escaped, with the prospect of GCSE courses looming for next year.

Careers guidance is an ongoing and lengthy process, and we encourage all students to explore and experience as many different pathways and options as possible, so that when the time comes, they feel able to make informed and positive choices.

We continue to have discussions with the Year 10 students and, time and timetable permitting, hope to talk to all of them at the earliest opportunity. Many of them will be visiting Sigma Sixth college next week for an experience of sixth form study and the college environment. Other Year 10 students will be following up on their trip to Colchester Institute with sessions on employability, interview skills and the many options for future opportunities. Our aim is always to provide the experiences and information that will be most useful to each individual student to aid them to reach their full potential in life.

Year 12 now turn their attention to their post 18 options and are beginning to consider university applications and apprenticeship opportunities. Both options are extremely competitive, so using the summer weeks to gain experiences and 'CV enhancing' skills is highly recommended. This also holds true for all those in lower years, who have time to build a 'portfolio' of experiences to demonstrate their skills in the future. As always, we follow student applications closely and are on hand to provide support wherever needed.

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](mailto:admin@cchs.school)