



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 14th January 2022

Welcome to the first edition of the weekly mailing for 2022. As ever with school life, we return from the festive season and launch straight back into the spring term. The start has been extremely busy, firstly with the whole school LFD testing, but there have also been some external exams for our Sigma Sixth students. Auditions for the next school production began this week and we are really excited to announce the return of the 'Summer Musical' and this year's song and dance extravaganza is an adaptation of Legally Blonde. 85 students turned up for the casting sessions this week, such a great response and there is some real talent out there to choose from. More details as we progress towards the show.

Within Mr Taylor's weekly letter (link below) are the latest updates from the Department for Education regarding changes to the self-isolation period. Please take a look so that you are fully aware of what you need to do should your child test positive via LFD or develops any COVID symptoms.

Whole School Notices

[Weekly News](#) – As ever within the weekly news are the articles on what has been happening in school and what our students, your children, have been up to- [Click Here](#)

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

Vaccinations for 12-15 - we have been informed by the vaccination team that they will be coming into school on 8th and 9th February. Further information from the team will be forwarded closer to the date. Should you require any additional information on the vaccination programme please email: epunft.NE-immunisations@nhs.net

Extra-curricular after school clubs from January 2022

Extra-curricular activities are a very important part of school life. At CCHS we have many after school clubs and activities to suit all tastes and interests. Being part of a club or activity helps to extend friendship groups and allows students to meet, and collaborate, with students from other year groups. For spring term, we have a revised schedule for extra-curricular clubs, please visit the [Clubs and Activities page on our website](#) for full details of all our clubs.

Changes to Parents' Evenings – Spring term

- Year 11 parents' evening will be moving from 3rd February to the 10th February.
- Year 9 parents' evening will now be on 17th March. (NB year 8 & 9 dates have swapped around.)
- Year 8 parents' evening will now be on 5th May.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused with any forward planning.

Year 11

Sigma Sixth Tendring – All Year 11 students, both CCHS and from other schools, who would like to apply for a place at Sigma Sixth Tendring now need to complete the online application form, [available on the Sigma Sixth website](#) or by just following the QR code link. **Applications to join Sigma Sixth Tendring, close on 31st January.**



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.

The importance of soft skills; what are soft skills?

Which dentist do you go to? A) The one who is pleasant and takes time to answer your questions, or B) the one who treats you like just another open mouth in a long line of open mouths?

The answer is of course A) the first dentist, he is the one with excellent **soft skills**.

For each career, alongside the qualifications or technical skills you may need, soft skills are so important and can make you stand out and be a more desirable applicant. Such skills are not always fully developed within the classroom but with practice can be developed and used on a daily basis from any age. Things like **time management, communication** and **personal presentation**. One thing is for sure, soft skills are extremely useful to have and develop at any age, click the link to learn about [soft skills](#) and see how you can improve yours today!

Community Family Information

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>

Adult Community Learning Essex (ACL ESSEX) offer adults a wide range of daytime and evening adult learning courses to help improve job prospects, learn a new skill or simply inspire. Please visit the [ACL website](#) for specific course details or visit their [Facebook group](#) and/or [Instagram](#) pages.

They also offer FREE sessions in local schools, libraries and community groups. For further information or request contact, please register your details via their website or click [here](#).

ACL Essex - Family Learning Courses - January 2022

Please [follow this link](#) to their extensive online offering to support you with “learning as a family” in 2022.

Their January sessions/courses are FREE and online - follow the links to book a place. They are available to anyone living in Essex, caring or with parental responsibility for a child under the age of 18.