



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 21st January 2022

Welcome to the second edition of the Weekly Mailing for 2022. It has been another great week at CCHS, with the arts and sport taking the forefront, this theme is echoed within the articles in this week's edition of the Weekly News (link below). This week we welcomed an external visitor whose experience lies within the music industry and is considered one to watch for the future. Hannah Jane Lewis spent the day working with a group of our most talented musicians on song writing and musical composition. It was great to see a collaboration across all year groups, students from lower year groups working alongside some of our Sigma Sixth students. We also enjoyed football success, with our Year 8 girls on the cusp of reaching the national final of the Utilita Cup at Wembley, and there has also been Year 7 and Year 8 interform football competitions at lunchtimes. It is a fantastic feeling that we are able to put back into action many of the things, so important to school life, which have been missing for such a long time.

Although we are feeling more positive, it is still important that we remain cautious to keep us all as safe as possible. We know it has been a confusing time with Covid rules and regulations changing frequently, and we would like to thank you for your support. Please [click here](#) to view the most recent update from the local authority regarding isolation and PCR tests.

From a school perspective the most relevant change relates to face coverings. From last Thursday i.e. 20th January, face coverings are no longer advised for students, staff and visitors in classrooms. They should still be worn in corridors and communal areas until Thursday, 27th January, when England's Plan B measures are scheduled to end. Wider advice should be followed thereafter with regards to public transport and shops. While we are looking forward to seeing a time when we can all move around safely without masks, please remind your child of the importance of following the guidelines at the present time.

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](#)

Adverse Weather Conditions – Whilst many of us may not 'want to build a snowman' anytime soon, please be reminded of our procedures should we experience a bout of adverse weather.

If a decision is made to not open the school, we aim to notify parents/carers as soon as possible, usually around 7.00am. A text message will be sent to parents/carers (please ensure that the school has your most up to date mobile number on the system) and both the [school website](#) and the [Essex County Council website](#) will be updated. Please do not rely on social media for the correct information and instead confirm via one of the websites above.

Covid Vaccinations for students – On behalf of the School Age Immunisations Service (SAIS) we will be hosting the COVID vaccination clinic on Tuesday, 8th and Wednesday, 9th February in the school hall. Although the letter and form states 12-15-year olds for first and second doses, if your child is already 16 and requires either a first or second dose the team will be able to do this as long as a vaccination consent form is completed so that they are fully aware of the number of doses they need to bring in to school. Please [click here](#) to view the letter and consent form. Should you require any additional information on the vaccination programme please email: epunft.NE-Immunisations@nhs.net

Changes to Parents' Evenings – Spring term

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

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

Outstanding Payments on ParentPay – please remember to check your [ParentPay account](#) regularly for any outstanding items that require an allocation of funds from parents/carers, such as lunch tickets that have been given out, revision guides and facemasks. Any payments made are automatically credited back to school funds. If you have any queries about your account please call us on 01255 424266 or email admin@cchs.school

Year 11

Mocks completed; next steps? The Sigma Sixth team is here to help - Our Year 11 students have just completed their mock examinations and thank you to parents/carers who have supported and encouraged their children with independent study in the lead up to Christmas. We hope that they all received pleasing outcomes and that it has given them an insight into how to prepare for the summer examinations. Following the mocks there may be questions about the subjects selected for sixth form. If students require any guidance, the Sigma Sixth team is here to help. There is a stand in Clouds on Monday and Wednesday next week during the lunch break for students to come and have a chat with either Mr Crabb, Sigma Sixth Pastoral Director, or Mrs McKarry, Head of College, or students are welcome to book an appointment to visit the Sigma Sixth Tending college campus. Students can email the team directly if they would like to schedule an appointment or have any questions: sixthform@cchs.school.

Art Coursework - The Art Department is providing after school GCSE coursework support every week on the following afternoons:

- Tuesday 15:10- 17:00 pm A2 Miss Dominey
- Tuesday 15:10- 16:10pm A5 Mrs Gately
- Wednesday 15:10-17:00pm A5 Mrs Gately

Year 11 Art students are also welcome to attend the additional coursework support sessions offered by Mrs Gately on Saturday, 5th February from 10-12pm and Saturday, 26th February from 10-12pm. Invitation letters will be sent to all students, if you wish to attend please return the consent form to Mrs Gately.

Sigma Sixth Tending – All Year 11 students, both CCHS and from other schools, who would like to apply for a place at Sigma Sixth Tending 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 Tending, 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.

InvestIn Programmes

When it comes to careers, true learning happens by experience, InvestIN is a UK-based organisation that provides students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of their dream career and exclusive insider advice on how to succeed, they help students to choose their future with confidence and fully maximise their potential. The programmes they offer cover 28 of the world's most competitive careers from investment banking and law, to film making and video game design. Opportunities are offered both in-person and virtually and bursaries are available to cover costs. This and many opportunities linked to future employment and UCAS applications can be found on the [CCHS Careers Hub](#). For more information and how to apply to the InvestIn programmes [click this link](#)

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 (ACL) Essex - Family Learning Courses – January/February 2022

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