



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 4th February 2022

Happy Friday, and we hope this mailing finds you well. We have one more week to go until half term break, it is quite amazing how quickly the first part of the spring term has gone.

As ever, we continue to be busy right up until the last moment and the academic programme remains full, but we also have the excitement of the continuing rehearsals for 'Legally Blonde – The Musical' which are in full swing now in preparation for the 'grand opening' in the summer term.

The full programme of extra-curricular sports and activities take place every week, details of the schedule is [here](#) and there is something to suit all tastes and interests, please encourage your child to take a look and join in. We are also preparing for our Year 9 Pathways, this is when our current Year 9 students finalise their GCSE subject choices for KS4 study from September and the next stage of their academic journey begins!

With this in mind, it is never too early for any of our students to start to think about their aspirations for the future and to help provide some inspiration, students and parents are encouraged to visit our [Careers Hub](#) located on the CCHS website. For information on careers or Post-16 study options at our the CCHS sixth form college; Sigma Sixth, please contact the sixth form team via sixthformteam@cchs.school who will be very happy to help.

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](#)

'Everyone's Welcome' Parental Engagement Evening – There are still a few places available for you and your family to attend our next parental engagement evening; 'Everyone's Welcome' on Thursday, 24th February 2022 from 5pm until 6.30pm in the school hall. Please [click here](#) to view the invitation and response form. We really hope to see you there.

Half term dates – Half term will be from Monday, 14th February 2022 – Friday, 18th February 2022. We also have a non-pupil day on Monday, 21st February. Please see our [website](#) for details of [term dates](#) for this year and next.

Job opportunity – invigilator - We are seeking an outstanding individual to support the examinations officer with the administration of examinations. To view full details and apply please follow [this link](#).

Lost Property - Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit, including ties, blazers, trainers and football boots etc, are named so that it easy to reunite them with their owner. Lost property is located next to the attendance office (opposite Room D03). Students should only visit during break, lunch or afterschool to check the lost property. We always endeavour to reunite students with their lost property but it is the student's responsibility to endeavour to locate lost items themselves.

Parking – We know that it is often cold and wet at this time of year but we have seen an increase in the number of complaints from our neighbours who are unable to access their own drives during school drop off and pick up times. Please can we remind you to park responsibly and with consideration for the local residents. We also need to remind parents that, when visiting the school, the entrance is a one way system and that students should be dropped off outside the school.

Year 11

Year 11 Parents' Evening – The Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday, 10th February. This will be a virtual event. The booking system will open at 6pm on Fri 4th February. Please [click here](#) to log on to the bookings system and follow [this link](#) for any help and support.

Year 11 Reports – Year 11 reports were sent out this week. The report contains both a mock exam result (if a mock was sat for the subject) and a Professional Predicted Grade. The mock grade is based on how well your child performed in that particular exam and therefore may not be a completely accurate representation of what their final grade is likely to be. This is because the paper may have only assessed part of the content or the specification is new so there are no previous grade boundaries. As with the previous report, your child's teachers have carefully considered their Professional Predicted Grades using the mock grade and government guidance to come to their decision. Due to the disruption and the government's plans to ensure this year's results are fair, it has been incredibly difficult to predict the final outcomes. Therefore, please bear in mind that the predicted grades may not be as accurate as they would be pre-covid. The best advice is for students to attend every day, work hard in their lessons, and take advantage of any revision sessions after school.

Year 11 Photos – Year 11 photos will be taking place on **Tuesday, 8th February**. Pre-registration details have been emailed out twice to parents – please ensure that you complete the details on the form before Tuesday.

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.

National Apprenticeship Week 2022 runs from Monday, 7th February to Sunday, 13th February.

An apprenticeship is when you are employed, and paid to do a job while studying for a formal qualification, usually one day a week at a college, university, or training centre. Apprenticeships are available at different levels.

- **Intermediate Apprenticeships:** These are the same level as GCSE or Level 2 Functional Skills Qualifications. There are more than 100 different Level 2 apprenticeship options!
- **Advanced Apprenticeships:** These are the same levels as A Level or Level 3 BTEC Qualifications. You usually need Maths and English GCSE to apply for these apprenticeships.
- **Higher Apprenticeships:** These are the same as HNC (Level 4) or HND (Level 5) qualifications. These count as higher education and usually lead to degree apprenticeships.
- **Degree Apprenticeship:** These are the same level as Bachelor's Degree (Level 6) or Master's Degree (Level 7) You will need Level 3 qualifications to access these apprenticeships.

By the end of your apprenticeship, you will have gained the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in your chosen career or progress to the next apprenticeship level.

Click on [this link](#) or visit the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) for lots more information about apprenticeships.

Sixth Form

Apprenticeship Fair at Sigma Sixth – On Tuesday, 8th February Sigma Sixth are delighted to host the Apprenticeship Fair from UCAS. We know that university is not the path for everyone, and at this fair there will be help and support with how to write CVs, cover letters and application forms. There will also be the opportunity to discuss apprenticeship options. The fair will run in G92 at Sigma Sixth; some students have been invited and all other Year 12 and year 13 students are invited to drop in anytime between 9.30am – 3pm.

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 support families of young people with additional needs. These are all free. This month there is a workshop for those supporting children with ADHD. For more information on courses, please visit the website at <http://www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk>

Adult Community Learning (ACL) Essex - Family Learning Courses – February 2022

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