



## CCHS Weekly Mailing

### Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Well, it has been a very busy week at CCHS as we returned from half term, following the storm experiences of Dudley, Eunice and finally Franklin! Despite the turbulent weather we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Keeping with the weather theme, it has been a whirlwind of activity since the start of this week. We have had basketball competitions, practical exams, musical rehearsals and external performances to name but a few. Please read this week's edition of Weekly News to catch up on all of the exciting activities that have been going on and our plans for World Book Day on Thursday, 3rd March. The momentum will continue throughout the next half term right up until Easter as we move towards mocks next week and then the lead up to the summer examinations.

With the Covid restrictions now lifted we can start 'getting back to normal' and enjoying more of the activities that we have been missing out on for so long. The required twice weekly lateral flow testing comes to an end for both staff and students. Staff and students should only test if they have one of the main 3 symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell). However, it is still important to mitigate the risk of the spread of any virus so that we all remain safe and well and we can do this by:

- Getting vaccinated against Covid-19;
- Letting fresh air in;
- Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

#### **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** – Thank you to those who attended the evening on Thursday – it was a fantastic event and we are so happy to be able to share with you the support that is available for your child. If you were unable to attend or have any follow up questions, please email [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

**School Trips** – As we emerge from the shadow of Covid restrictions, we are able to once again embrace more of the wonderful experiences that make school more than just a learning classroom. Trips have always been an exciting part of school life, and we are delighted to be able to start offering this opportunity again. For those parents who are relatively new to the school, or those who have forgotten since 'BC' (before Covid) please ensure that you have access to your ParentPay account, and that the school has your most up-to-date and correct email address. When a trip is organised, an email will be sent directly to you from a programme called [Evolve](#). This email will contain a letter and a consent form. A separate email will be sent to you from ParentPay containing details of how to pay for the trip. Please note that completing the consent form does not guarantee a place – if spaces are limited you will need to complete both the consent form and the payment on ParentPay for your place to be confirmed.

**Student PE Kit** - Please may I remind parents, carers and students that PE kit is required for every PE lesson, including those students not taking part. Currently, we are experiencing a large number of students arriving unequipped for lessons. Students should have their polo shirt (white KS3/navy KS4), blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, their blue socks and appropriate footwear for the activity. If outside, it is also advisable they wear the CCHS fleece or rugby shirt. If a child is unable to do PE please provide a note to their teacher explaining the reason for the lack of participation. Their kit will still be required as students will adopt a coaching or officiating role within the lesson.

In light of government COVID restrictions easing, we will be looking to provide students with alternative kit, if they are unable to bring their own. PE kit is an expectation as normal lessons would expect pens and pencils and will be subject to the same C2 sanction as per our [Behaviour for Learning policy](#).

Please let us know if we can offer any support, if you have any financial concerns, regarding the purchase of any aspects of the PE uniform.

**'PSHE & RSHE Curriculum'** – There are still a few places remaining if you would like to attend the Parental Engagement Evening, exploring the Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum. This will take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm – please complete this [Google Form](#) if you would like to attend.

## **Year 11**

**Passports for Prom** – We are delighted to announce; after 2 year's absence due to circumstances beyond our control, the return of the "Passport to the Prom"!

For those of you who may not remember what this means, the Passport acts as an incentive to students and encourages them to make the most of the support opportunities offered by their teachers in the lead up to the summer examinations. Having the school Prom is so important to many of our Year 11 students and defines a transitional moment in their lives as they move from mainstream school to Post-16 studies, hopefully at our Sigma Sixth college; a real stepping stone towards adulthood.

The Prom marks the end of a very intense few months as the students have completed their GCSE examination period and can look forward to a great summer and, then in August, receiving the examination results that they have worked so hard for. It is also the very last time that this Year 11 cohort will have the opportunity to be together as a whole.

To qualify for their "Passport to the Prom", students need to attend a number of revision sessions across their subject areas over the next nine weeks in the lead up to the exams. Staff at CCHS are totally committed to ensuring each student is able to fulfil their potential and are willing to give up so much of their time, even at weekends, to ensure this happens. Students should discuss the revision sessions with their teachers and work out a plan that works for them as an individual student, both to maximise their revision opportunities and to qualify for the Passport; ***a copy of all the revision sessions are listed on the [Extra-Curricular Activities](#) page of our website and within our [Revision Microsite](#).***

The idea is to really focus their revision efforts with definite rewards at the end; excellent results, entry into a prize draw and, of course, the Prom!

Parents, as ever, you are vitally important to the success of this initiative. Any support and encouragement you are able to give from home to attend revision opportunities will be greatly appreciated. Our aim is the same, to ensure our students, your children, can achieve their absolute best.

**Mock Exam Timetable** – All students will have received the Y11 Mock Exam timetable – a copy can be [viewed here](#). Like the last mock series, you will see that there are periods between the exams of independent study as we recognise that some students are able to revise better at home, whereas others need a quiet space in school. Should you feel your child would benefit from independent study in school we will provide supervised study rooms, with access to a computer. If you would like your child to have any supervised independent study time in school please complete this [Google Form](#), so that we are able to ensure all students have this facility. If you are happy that your child completes their independent study at home then you do not need to complete this form.

**Y11 hoodies** – A [letter](#) was emailed out to Y11 parents this week advising how to order one of the spectacular Leavers' Hoodies. Don't miss out on the opportunity to order one of these wonderful mementoes of life at CCHS. If you have any queries please contact Miss Townsend at [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

### **Community Family Information**

**Adult Community Learning (ACL) Essex - Family Learning Courses – March 2022** - Please [follow this link](#) to their extensive online offering including a workshop to help return to employment, drawing classes and how to become a parent ambassador. Their 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.

**Free Parent Webinar Programme** – Parents are invited to attend a free webinar from Evolve looking at 'Managing technology and Focus'. This will show parents how to help their child manage social media and reduce technology dependence, show practical strategies and apps to help minimise procrastination, and how to help their child use technology productively to enhance their learning. **Join here on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm.**

[Click here](#) to register for the FREE 60-minute webinar .

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