



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Home Study - Weekly Rewards

Linked to our PROUD reward system, this week saw the return of our home study scheme to reward and boost student's efforts for completing the work set by teachers on our learning platforms. Many students will be familiar with our weekly rewards programme that was started during the summer term lockdown, although it will be new to our Year 7 students. Every week that home schooling continues, there are over forty prizes up for grabs to reward and motivate students. The first rewards will be published today and we will highlight the winners in next week's newsletter.



Year 7 and 8 students - aim to be one of the top 10 learners in each of your subjects for a chance to win a £5 Amazon voucher in a weekly draw. There are eleven subject prizes to win each week, with congratulatory emails sent to the top ten students in each subject acknowledging their hard work and effort.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students - aim to be one of the top 10 students in each of the subjects that you study for a chance to win one of seven Amazon vouchers each week – one £5 prize for each of our seven faculty areas. Again, congratulatory emails will be sent to the top ten students in each subject acknowledging their hard work and effort. Good Luck and keep up all the hard work that we are seeing across our learning platforms.

Remember; every learning opportunity counts!

Remote Learning - Daily Registration



During this period of Remote Learning we are asking our students to self-register every morning between 8.00am and 10.00am, so we are aware they are present online and ready to start their live or recorded lessons. Please remind your children to go to their **Year Group Google Classroom** (not their registration group) - Year 7; Year 8 etc. each morning, and complete the Google Form that is at the bottom of the daily message. This is important to help us monitor engagement and ensure students are accessing the work being provided. We are also setting a daily quiz question with a variety of PROUD points as rewards for the first three correct answers drawn randomly each day.

Virtual Parents' Evenings – Spring Term

This term we are moving our parent evenings online, as it is not possible to hold any face-to-face meetings.



The School Cloud system makes use of a simple appointment booking system and incorporates a special video platform, allowing parents and carers to have one-to-one conversations with their child's teachers to find out how they are progressing. Appointment times with teachers are booked in advance and the appointments will be conducted via video conferencing, without the need to download any apps or other software.

[A School Cloud How to Guide is available on our website.](#)

Please make note of the following dates; the appointment booking window will open for a period beforehand and these dates will be fully advertised in advance.

Year 10 – Thursday 21st January

Sixth Form – Thursday 28th January

Year 11 – Thursday 11th February

Year 8 – Thursday 11th March (*This will include Pathways information regarding subject choices for Year 9 study*)

Year 9 – Thursday 25th March

School Cloud Registration details for the Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening were sent to parents and carers this week; the booking window is now open and closes at 4pm on Tuesday (19th January).

Spring Term 2021 – Key Dates

Until Further Notice

Remote Learning continues

[See our Remote Learning page](#)

The CCHS school reception and telephone lines are currently open weekdays from 9am to 3pm.

Thursday 21st January Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th January 6th Form Virtual Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th February Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening

Monday 15th to

Half-Term Holiday

Friday 19th February

(No Remote Learning work)

Monday 22nd February

Non-Pupil Day – No Remote Learning will be set on this day

Thursday 11th March

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening

Thursday 25th March

Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening

Friday 26th March

End of Term

[The full term dates are available on the school website](#)



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The CCHS Broader Curriculum

At the start of this current academic year we established our broader curriculum lessons for all Year 9 students, providing them with the opportunity to learn some real life and alternative skills, which sit alongside their academic learning. Although these broader curriculum lessons are currently on hold we look forward to restarting these important classes, as soon as we are back in school. To



complement and enhance our curriculum offer, Year 9 students had the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of activities including the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, employment skills (cv/interviews), understanding money and finance, boot camp, yoga, gardening, basic first aid, cooking meals, web development, learning Basic Greek, STEM/robotics, community work, charity work and many more.

At the end of last term, our Duke of Edinburgh students embarked on their first practice hike between Weeley Heath and the Tendring Education Centre, the home of our sixth form. The students had spent a number of weeks, planning their route and learning how to navigate using a map and compass, before embarking on their 3 hour trek across the fields using footpaths. Although a few of the groups had to back-track, part way through their hike when they misinterpreted their maps, they did all eventually make it to their destination in the allotted time. Well done to them all.

Budding Photographer

Year 8 student, Harley Farrin took up photography last year, as a focus during the first lockdown, and has recently started shooting with a new camera. This has further focused her interest in photography and allowed her to start experimenting with various camera settings.



Her photos have now been hitting the headlines, one shot – Seagulls over Clacton Pier - was selected as the profile picture for a local group on social media, after being posted by her parents. Another photo – Sunset over the Pier - was praised by Anglia News weatherman, Chris Page, after being submitted as a weather shot, shown before the local TV forecast. Well done Harley, these are amazing photographs; keep shooting more fantastic shots.

Stay Safe Online During Lockdown

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, young people are now spending even more time online. The National Crime Agency (NCA) has recorded a rise in online grooming and sexual abuse. Many students are turning to social media to find ways to communicate with each other and others. All agree that communicating and sharing experiences can be an essential part of maintaining their mental well-being, but only as long as they are talking to people they know. It is important for parents to monitor their children's online interactions to keep them safe from online grooming and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). **Parents and carers, it is more important than ever that you are aware of who your children are communicating with and reinforce the message to them of staying safe, make sure they know they can tell you about anything they feel worried or uncomfortable about.**

[Visit the NCA website](#) for information about organisations offering eSafety advice. In addition, the [Internet Matters website](#) is also a recommend source for online resources and advice to support families. They have a dedicated [#StaySafeStayHome](#) webpage, relating to the Coronavirus pandemic, providing expert advice, resources and tools to make the best use of tech safely, during the national lockdown.

How to protect your child from online grooming

- Use privacy settings on social networks
- Keep personal information private
- Know who their friends are
- Be safe in real life - never arrange to meet someone they only know online without a parent present



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