



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Thank You for your Support

Since the start of term, despite remote learning, all staff at CCHS have been working incredibly hard to ensure that our students have every opportunity to learn and progress with their education. Yet again, teachers adapted to a different way of teaching and continue to go above and beyond to help all of their students. Each year, the Teaching Awards Trust runs the "Thank a Teacher" event and this year, following a recent social media campaign, a number of students, parents and carers have taken the time to show their appreciation. Numerous 'Thank You' email messages have arrived in staff's inboxes and the effect has been very heart-warming. Here is just a flavour of the messages received:



"A huge thank you to the whole school for all their support they have given every student, and all the hard work they do. This has got to be one of the most challenging times ever faced in education by teachers. You are all amazing. The School is amazing! Always informative and tackles problems head on."

"You have been a lifeline of support to us for which we are eternally grateful and thank you does not seem enough"

In turn, CCHS staff have responded to their amazing messages:

- "Working in isolation and not seeing the kids face-to-face is as strange for us, as it is for them, so receiving a 'thank a teacher' card and message was really powerful: it reminded me that even though we are not in the same room, we are still making a real difference to our students' lives and futures."
- "My message reminded me not only how much I love my job, but that we are not only subject specialists, but good listeners, and have a massive impact on our students' lives, usually without even realising it. It was so nice that someone took the time to write this message and of course, it made me feel great!"
- "We always strive to make a positive difference to the lives of the young people in our care. It was a lovely start to the day to receive a personalised 'Thank you' and reminded me how important it is for us to continue to all work together to support each other during these difficult times."
- "Receiving my 'thank a teacher' message at the end of a busy [and quite stressful] day, brought a tear of joy to my eye. Working in isolation due to the present circumstances, we are all missing the comradeship of colleagues and the face-to-face contact with our students. Knowing one of my Year 13 students had taken the time to personally thank me was a huge morale boost and very greatly appreciated."
- "My Thank You message genuinely gave me a real lift and made me feel like it is all worth it. It also made me feel that we are very lucky to have such great kids."



The 'Thank a Teacher' campaign takes place each year in May but remains open all year round for anyone to send a special 'Thank You' to any member of school staff. **Thank you to everyone who has sent us a 'Thank a Teacher' message, we are truly touched by them all and extremely grateful.**

The BBC 'Own It' keyboard and app – www.bbc.com/ownit

The new BBC 'Own It' website and app allows young people, parents and carers to take control of their online life. The 'Own It' app is part of the BBC's commitment to supporting young people in today's changing digital environment. It provides a helping hand for setting up a new smartphone; supporting digital wellbeing, showing how to make smarter and better informed choices and helping young people to grow into confident, positive and happy digital citizens.



This week, ahead of Internet Safety Day next Tuesday, a number of our year group Virtual Assemblies feature the BBC 'Own It' app. We encourage parents to access the material and discuss the special 'Own It' keyboard option featured with their family. The app is available on the [Apple](#) or [GooglePlay](#) store. [Find out more on our eSafety Webpage – Click Here](#)



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CCHS Recommended Reads

Our reading initiative continued this week, helping reinforce the importance of reading during this period of Remote Learning. 'CCHS Recommended Reads' encourages students to tell us about the books that they are reading and would recommend to their friends with the chance of winning a prize.



There are Amazon book vouchers for the best three reviews that students submit, with a photo and brief synopsis, to their English teacher – via students' Google Classroom or to their email account - Let's Get Reading, Reviewing and Recommending!

This week's winners and recipients of £10 Amazon book vouchers are:

- **Grace Griffiths - Year 7** for her review of 'The World's Worst Children' by David Walliams
- **Grace Turner - Year 9** for her review of 'The Yorkshire Shepherdess' by Amanda Owen
- **Bethany Vine - Year 11** for her review of 'The House in the Cerulean Sea' by T J Klune

Thanks to everyone who submitted their 'Recommended Reads' this week - PROUD Points have been awarded to each student. Look out for our winners' reviews, along with all the other recommendations and teacher reviews, on the [CCHS Facebook page!](#)

Students - don't forget to submit your 'Recommended Reads' to your English teachers this week for your chance to win next week's Amazon book vouchers!

Daily Maths Challenge - February

The February Maths Calendars are now available to [download from our website](#). Each month students can access a month's worth of daily questions to help improve their maths skills. There are four calendars to choose from, depending upon ability, and students are encouraged to challenge themselves. Lower years can access the **Numeracy Calendar** and also attempt the **Foundation Calendar** questions. Older students can download a **Crossover Calendar**, with intermediate questions to stretch learning from foundation towards the higher level, by challenging themselves with the questions contained on the **Higher Calendar**.

[Click here to access all this year's monthly maths challenge calendars.](#)

Half-Term & Non-Pupil Day – 22nd Feb

We are nearly halfway through this academic year and finish for the half-term holiday next Friday, 12th February. Following the week-long break, Monday, 22nd February is one of our planned non-pupil days which is set aside for staff training. **Students will return to Remote Learning on Tuesday, 23rd February.**

Home Study - Weekly Rewards

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week's prizes in our home study rewards scheme, drawn from the top ten learners in each subject or faculty. Each winner receives a £5 Amazon e-voucher:



Year 7: George Barr - Food & Product Design; Erin Feagan - Music; George Feighery - Computer Science; Riley Grant - Maths; Francis Harvey - P.E; Joshua Hill - Art & Textiles; Samuel Kettle - Drama; Lucy Pickard - Spanish; Sophie Rayner - Humanities; Imogen Ridout - English; Martina Seget - Science.

Year 8: Jamie Brown - English; Luca Curd - Science; Olivia Fenemer - Maths; Reuben Marden - Music; Finley Mills - Food & Product Design; Freddie Pryor - P.E; Tilly Randell - Computer Science; Maddison Staples - Drama; Zoe Stockwell - Art & Textiles; Luke Willis - Spanish; Rachel Woolard - Humanities.

Key Stage 4 students have the opportunity to win one of seven prizes each week – one for each of our seven faculty areas:

Year 9: Adam Cull-Savage - Science; Mia Haskins - Maths; Alicia McManigan - English; Faith Pepper - Sport & Design; Polly Stacey - Languages & Computer Science; Hannah Underwood - Vocational & Performance; Mareena Xavier - Humanities.

Year 10: Toby Arber - Maths; Bradley Cook - Humanities; Emily Knight - Sport & Design; Zenta Kruze - Languages & Computer Science; Sophie Ktori - Vocational & Performance; Maddi Robinson - Science; Cameron Rothery - English.

Year 11: Amalia Cazacu - Maths; Jack Cribb - English; Nathan Curtis-Oram - Languages & Computer Science; Faith Garner - Vocational & Performance; Bleau Matthews - Science; Max Vickers - Humanities.

Congratulatory emails were again sent to each of the top ten students in each subject and faculty across the year groups - well done to them all! Any student who works hard could be a lucky winner over the coming weeks.

Children's Mental Health Week

The positive mental health of our children has been brought to the fore again this week as part of Children's Mental Health Week.

The charity's patron is HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, who has [recorded a special message](#) for the campaign. Have a look at [Children's Mental Health Week website](#) for all their free resources.



In addition, the Anna Freud Centre, hand-picked a selection of quality-assured, free resources giving advice to parents and carers on supporting children and young people – [Download a copy HERE.](#)

There is also a **competition for students** to enter run by the Wellbeing & Resilience Mental Health Service, part of our local MIND service – [Click here for more information](#)



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