



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Non-Screen Days Gets Students up and about

As we returned to school last week, we concluded our remote learning provision with some alternative activities. As students were required to be tested before attending school, we staggered their return and provided a set of non-screen activities for them to complete whilst still at home.

A different set of activities was set for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students; 592 students accessed the Key Stage 3 activity sheet over 1200 times, and spent a staggering 142 hours reading through the activities and instructions. In Key Stage 4, over 380 students looked at their activities for a total of 50 hours. It was fantastic to hear of how students had spent their non-screen remote learning day and were delighted to see how they got on.

- Emma in Year 10, had a go at natural dyeing, whilst Ben in Year 8, who has been shielding for nearly a year, spent his time collecting sea glass and making necklaces with them.



- Nina - Year 10, completed her daily lockdown bike ride of 24km in 85 minutes before tackling the smoothie recipe – “The smoothie was really great after my ride, although I didn’t have any berries so I just added frozen mango, either way the result was good”

- Maisie - Year 9, researched the history behind Hot Cross Buns as part of an R.E challenge - she noted that they were baked at the end of Lent, as they are produced with ingredients forbidden during that period. Maisie also baked a Hot Cross Bun inspired Cake.



- Robert - Year 9, put his interview skills to the test and, having prepared his questions, interviewed his Mum to find out her views on life after death.

- Alfie - Year 8, carried out various science experiments.

- TJay, Year 7 produced a menu for a Spanish restaurant, complete with a full listing of the Spanish dishes with English translations.

- Brandon, Year 8 had a busy couple of days as he completed many of the challenges – a physical activity, paper plane designing, tie-dyeing and making smoothies – to name but a few....



Thank you to all our students who sent in images and told us what they had accomplished – all those students who we have featured here have been rewarded with a £5 Amazon voucher.



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Spring Term Ends Next Friday

The end of the spring term is now just a week away!
We finish for the Easter holiday next Friday, 26th March and school will conclude after Lesson 2.

- Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 students will finish at 11.40am; Clouds will be open until 12.05pm – See below
- Year 7 and Year 10 will leave at 11.55am.



Clouds Restaurant will be open at break time next Friday for a Grab 'n' Go Service for Year 7 @ 10:20 to 10:40am. Students in Year 7, in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) should purchase their meal during the morning break; students in other year groups can use their FSM allocation before they leave the school between 11:40am and 12:05pm.

As always, **the last day of term will be a non-uniform day** in aid of charity. This term we are supporting our local



TeenTalk who offer a free and confidential information and support service for young people aged 11-25 years throughout

the Tendring District. During the recent lockdowns the increase in mental health issues, within many people, has been widely reported. TeenTalk have continued to help and support local young people throughout this difficult period and we are delighted to be able to support them. They can be contacted by **phone on 01255 504800**, online at www.teentalkharwich.co.uk and via the [TeenTalk Facebook page](#).

Donations can be made through Parent Pay via a special option - just allocate a donation to the **'CCHS Non-Uniform Day 26th March'**



Students are also welcome to bring donations into school next Friday. Form tutors will be collecting contributions during morning registration.

Students pay for the privilege of not wearing school uniform for the day and we suggest a £1 donation.

We will return to school for the start of the summer term on Monday, 12th April, at 8.45am.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies

Last year we introduced a Year 11 Leaver's Hoodie which was so popular, that we are now offering our current Year 11 the opportunity to purchase a 2021 edition. These are now available to purchase – priced from £21.49. The garments can be personalised and are available in numerous colours (there is an additional charge of £1.50 for optional extras). **Orders need to be placed by 1pm on Wednesday 14th April.** For further information and to place an order - [please follow this link](#)

Autumn Term – Charity Donations

Many thanks to all those who donated as part of our non-uniform day at the end of last term. We raised a total of £500 which has been split equally between the Rotary Club Christmas Appeal and 'Porridge & Pens'.



Rotary Club
of Clacton on Sea

The Rotary Club look after hundreds of local residents on Christmas Day each year. Last year they delivered Christmas food parcels instead of their annual Christmas Day Lunch.

'Porridge & Pens' is a charity founded by a former student of one of our Sigma



Trust schools who spent six months volunteering as a teacher in Ghana. Young girls in Ghana do not always have access to education, often kept home to do house chores missing out on schooling. The charity has built a school in Ghana known as the Brightlingsea School, which supports financially over 130 children, giving them the opportunity to access education; [follow this link for further information about the work of Porridge & Pens](#)

Smartphone Emergency SOS Functions

The experts at National Online Safety produce weekly information guides as part of their #WakeUpWednesday



campaign, highlighting the importance of online safety. This week, they have produced three fantastic guides to help parents and carers understand and implement the emergency SOS functions of smartphones.

"Most smartphones these days are equipped with the facility to send an SOS call in seconds – so we all carry a potentially life-saving tool in our pocket or bag. This week's guides focus on the emergency functions on iPhones, Samsung and Google phones: what they do, how to enable them and where to find the settings to adjust them for your needs. Even if you're familiar with them already, it's worth refreshing your memory – and make sure your children know how to use these features, too. It'll take a matter of minutes and it will be time well spent."

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