



# Clacton County High School Weekly News

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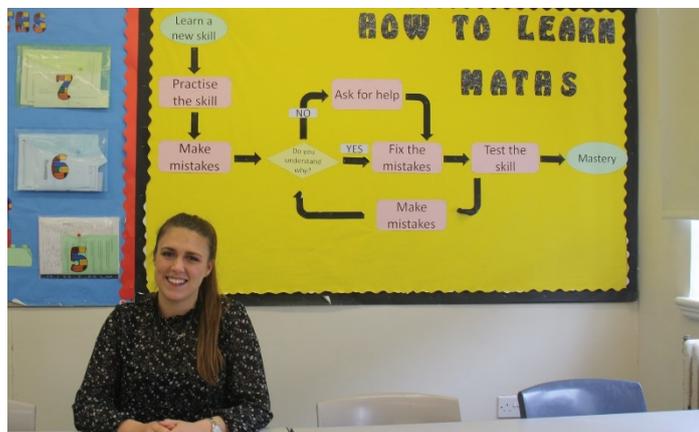
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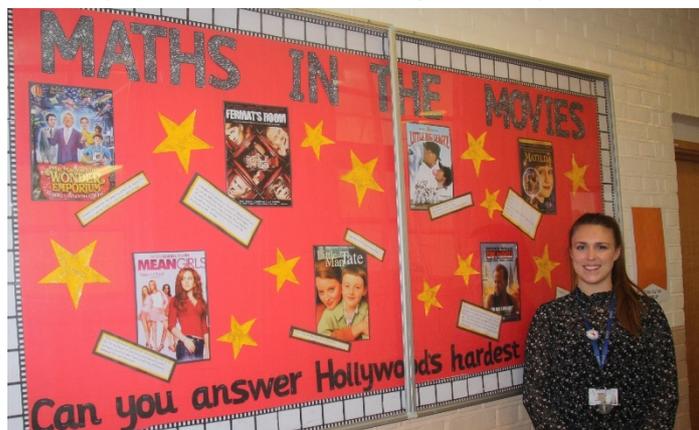
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## Maths Teacher Hits the Headlines



This year, maths teacher Miss Cotton was one of a number of our staff who were nominated for a Pearson Teaching Award. She was subsequently chosen as one of a number of teachers to feature in the Guardian newspaper. The article championed teachers for inventive teaching methods which were helping engage young people in a way that makes learning that little bit easier. Miss Cotton has only been teaching a year but has already made a big impact by encouraging the chanting and singing of formulas in class and grabbing the attention of students with a display of maths problems that are included in movies, such as Mean Girls, Die Hard with a Vengeance and Night School. Another favourite with her students are the video clips that she plays of Chris Moyles' Quiz Night, a TV show that ran between 2009 and 2012, in which famous pop acts came on and sang a maths problem.



"A lot of students are genuinely afraid of maths so it's about doing anything I can to make them laugh and put them at ease. Making things relevant to them and introducing songs and films into my teaching comes naturally to me. When you make an effort, it really does make a difference." [Read the full Guardian article](#)

## Sports Clubs are back....

A number of our after-school sports clubs recommence next week – over a year after they had to stop. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have the opportunity to get back on the football field, netball court or rounders pitch to enjoy playing sport once again – **Tuesday (3.15pm until 4.15pm)** – Year 8 Football and Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball;

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Don't forget to sign up, although there is no limit on spaces, we just want to get as many students involved in sport again as possible. **Sign up here -**

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

Over the coming weeks there will also be the opportunity for students to take part in interform competitions; the PE department will be using these clubs as trials for the CCHS sports teams in preparation for a return to competition in September, against other schools in the local leagues.

## The Big Ask Survey 2021

This week the Children's Commissioner for England launched the largest ever survey of children in England. The survey, which runs from today until 19<sup>th</sup> May, aims to gather children's views and experiences on important issues and will be used to inform recommendations to Government and proposals to policy changes which affect them and their futures. The last year has been really tough for young people, and they all deserve a say in what happens next - [the Children's Commissioner explains more.....](#)



[Take part in the Big Ask Children's Survey HERE](#)

As part of The Big Ask, the Children's Commissioner also wants to hear from parents and adults who work with children and young people; what they think about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. [Take part in the Big Ask Adult's Survey.....](#)



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