



# Clacton County High School Weekly News

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## **Football Academy Showcase**

Talented Year 7 footballers, from across the Tendring and Colchester districts, had the opportunity to showcase their skills last week in front of local football scouts in a pioneering event, organised by the CCHS PE team. Thirty-two boys, from six of the local schools were selected to take part in the football academy trial, held at our Sigma Sixth site, and attended by the football development teams from Ipswich Town and Colchester United Football Clubs. The five CCHS representatives worked tirelessly for 90 minutes to an exceptionally high level of competition. A number of the boys have been selected by both Ipswich Town and Colchester United to go through to the next stage, which will entail a second trial match against those boys who are currently in the academies; a superb achievement. Well done to all of those involved and we look forward to hearing their progress, hopefully as part of either Colchester United or Ipswich Towns' Academies!



## **Year 7 Rap and Poetry Slam**

This half-term Year 7 have been studying 'Rap to Slam to Verse'; a unit that covers the origins of rap, exploring the lyrics of the Sugar Hill Gang's 'Rapper's Delight' through to performance poetry of teen Kate Tempest. Students have been enjoying practising elements of performance, joining singalongs and delivering their own slam poems alongside creative writing and analysis tasks.



The students concluded the unit with a special Rap and Poetry Slam with a number of them selected to perform their songs, raps and literary creations on the school stage, whilst their peers watched a live stream of the show from their classrooms. The shows were launched with a group performance of 'Where is the Love?' by the Black Eyed Peas.



There were some fantastic performances of poetry, rap and song with some students supplementing their performances with musical instruments! Well done to all those who participated and performed on stage!

## **New Classrooms Taking Shape**

This week the building of our new gym and teaching block reached the next milestone as the prefabricated building blocks, that will form the new teaching areas, started arriving on site. A large crane has been lowering these into position before they are all joined together.



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## The Last Week of Term

There is now just one week until we finish the summer term and the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year, signifying the start of the six-week summer holiday.

**School will finish after Lesson 2 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July:**

• **Year 8 and Year 9 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 and Year 10 @ 10:20 to 10:40am. Students in Year 7 and Year 10, 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 is tradition, **the last day of term will be a non-uniform day in aid of charity; we recommend a £1 donation** for the privilege of not wearing school uniform for the day. Students should bring in their contributions ahead of the final day and hand to their form tutors or contributions accepted via ParentPay accounts. Money will go to a worthy cause of Alresford Cat and Kitten Rescue at the behest of the family of Lynn Madle, who passed away quite recently. Lynn worked for Anglia Sportswear, our uniform supplier, and looked after the school for many years. Our sincere condolences go to her family.

## Spend the Summer with Essex ActivAte

As part of the governments Holiday and Food Programme (HAF), Active Essex have commissioned a range of ActivAte programmes across Essex. The holiday provision is targeted at children and young people who receive benefits related to free school meals. In Clacton, Essex Youth Service will be running an ActivAte programme every week day at Clacton Youth Centre in Old Road- all the details can be found by clicking the poster below to enlarge. [Sign up here for any of the activities.](#)



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# Essex ACTIVate

Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the summer!

These clubs are completely **free** for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as children from working families who would benefit from this additional support.

Clubs will feature fun physical and enrichment activities, as well as nutrition education. Plus, each child will receive a **tasty, nutritious lunch!**

**Where**  
Clacton Youth Centre  
180 Old Road  
Clacton-On-Sea  
CO15 3AY

**When**  
- 12pm-4pm  
- Monday-Friday  
- 26th July to 27th August

**How**  
If you want to join us this summer please click below to sign up  
<https://eola.co/w/1614/activities>

**Who**  
Young people  
Aged 11-16

If you want anymore details please contact:  
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**Local Activity Clubs**

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## Year 12 focus on Post 18 Pathways

Last week, Year 12 students studying at Sigma Sixth, took a break from normal lessons to follow a programme of activities aimed at helping them with the transition to university or employment, when they conclude their A-Level studies in a year's time. Students attended sessions based on employability, interview skills and communication etiquette, all important skills to take into later life. They also had the opportunity to practice these skills and discuss current trends in etiquette and professional behaviour.



Each student also attended a mock interview, with professionals from a number of different educational and business backgrounds donating their time to this activity. Students were encouraged to treat this as a dry run for their first real interview; as such they had to dress and conduct themselves accordingly. The interviewers were asked to choose a successful candidate from their list, who then received a 'You're Hired' award. Congratulations to the overall winner - Emily King, who won high praise from both her interviewer and observer for her preparation, confidence and overall performance in the interview.



It was an excellent couple of days and invaluable in highlighting to our students the options that are available once they move on from Sigma Sixth; this includes the workplace, apprenticeships and university. Careers advice is an integral part of the Sigma Sixth offer. Whichever pathway a student decides upon, our support is specifically tailored to each individual student and their mock interview day was designed to complement their career aspirations. Well done to them all!

## eSafety Update

Online safety experts at INEQE Safeguarding Group have alerted us to a potentially dangerous website and app called 'Monkey', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The online video chat service is similar to Omegle or Chat Roulette and significant safeguarding concerns are being raised. The INEQE safety experts reviewed and tested this platform, which is being marketed as 'an alternative to Omegle, but with a TikTok vibe', and found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras. To find out more, please visit the [INEQE website for the full information](#)



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