



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Annual CCHS Open Evening

Last week, we opened our doors for our annual Open Evening, to showcase our fantastic school and facilities. The evening brought staff and students together to demonstrate the wide and diverse opportunities, resources and knowledge that we have to offer. After only being able to organise a virtual event last year, it was exciting to welcome Year 6 students to the school and give prospective students and their parents an insight into life at CCHS.



The evening not only focused on academic study but also showed students what it is like to be a student at CCHS and the opportunities available. Parents of Year 6 students will soon have to decide their preferred secondary school and the Open Evening enabled them to visit our school prior to making their final choice. During the evening, there were a multitude of activities, demonstrations and displays, especially laid on for the visitors by each of our faculties and their teaching departments. A great deal of effort and attention to detail was evident to ensure the visitors gained a realistic feel of CCHS school life.



Once again, the annual CCHS Open Evening was a resounding success with numerous parents commenting on our outstanding facilities, enthusiastic staff and students. Many wished they were back at school and able to experience school life with the range of amenities and amazing opportunities that perhaps they did not have when they were at school. We look forward to welcoming many of our Year 6 visitors back, as Year 7 students, next September.



Year 10 - Help Your Child Revise

Parents and carers are invited to attend a special Family Focus 'Help Your Child Revise' session for Year 10 English Literature Exam students and their parents. The information evening, on Thursday, 14th October, from 4.30pm to 6.00pm (including an interactive session between 5.00 and 6.00pm), will assist Year 10 parents and carers to support their son or daughter with useful revision strategies to help maximise their potential ahead of their GCSE English Literature exam next summer.

[Please download a copy for the full information and to reserve a place for this session.](#)



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Year 12 Settle into their new Surroundings

Last year we opened our new sixth form based in the Tendring Education Centre in Jaywick Lane, and this term welcomed a hundred and fifty new Year 12 students to grow Sigma Sixth Tendring to over three hundred students. The popular sixth form gives the students all the benefits of a sixth form college but without the need to travel to Colchester daily and being taught by teachers who they are familiar with. As part of their first week at college, the new Year 12 students took part in various team building activities and attended numerous sessions designed to help them with transitioning from GCSE to A-Level study, which requires students to be more independent in their approach to their learning.



One activity became rather competitive as groups of students competed to build the tallest spaghetti tower!

Literacy Through Drama

At present, Year 8 students are reading the text 'Of Mice and Men' and the English department has been fortunate to obtain the services of actors from the Mercury Theatre, giving them the opportunity to experience a drama workshop based around the aforementioned text. 'Of Mice and Men' is set during the American Depression and the actors, Tippy and Ciaran, are helping the students to understand aspects of this period including the Dust Bowl, The Wall Street Crash and Hoovervilles. In addition, students are bringing the central characters of George and Lennie to life by creating 'family portraits' and improvised dialogue. The 'Literacy Through Drama' project is a unique opportunity to bring literature to life for our English students. Through a series of workshops, students are introduced to drama techniques that support literacy skills and encourage creative learning.



Essex County Schools Football Association Knockout Cup Competitions 2021-22

Last week our Year 8 footballers welcomed the return of school fixtures following 18 months of disruption and cancellations with a great display of determination, teamwork and spirit. They took to the field to face Harwich & Dovercourt High School (HDHS) in the Preliminary Round to the 2021/22 Under 13 Knock-out cup, which returns after a break of two years, since the 19/20 competition was never completed. With most of the game being played within the midfield, chances at either end were rare. CCHS edged the first 20 minutes of the game with some tidy interplay down the left side, but the HDHS defence stood firm throughout the first half. The host's best chance came after an excellent move down the left flank, with Oliver meeting the cross and flashing his attempt just past the post. HDHS then came into the game and took the lead with a well-structured counter attack, resulting in an excellent finish when through on goal. The second half produced few clear-cut chances as both defences worked hard and stayed resilient. CCHS were restricted to a couple of long-range efforts only whilst HDHS were forced to stay wide as they attacked. The visitors managed to hold on to their lead, running out eventual 1-0 winners; CCHS 0 - 1 Harwich (Essex Cup). Good luck to HDHS in their Essex Cup journey, and well done to both teams for an excellent match.



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