



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Mathematicians of the Future

A number of our mathematicians recently attended the annual Year 10 North Essex Maths Olympiad, or 'NEMO' for short, hosted by the Philip Morant School in Colchester.



Eighteen teams of students from across the district tackled a variety of challenging maths questions and puzzles across three rounds. The contest culminated in a team relay race where each member of the team had to answer a question correctly before the next member of the team could start their question.



Both teams scored well and finished with very respectable scores, narrowly missing out on the top placings. Congratulations to Freya, Sophie, William, Zak, Luke, Shania and Polly.

The CCHS 'Word of the Week'

In Weekly News every Friday, we publish the featured word for the following week, its definition, origins and an example of its use in a sentence. [Click here for details about the CCHS 'Word of the Week' initiative.](#)

Next week's 'Word of the Week' is **Inflamed**

Pronunciation: IN-FLAME-DUH

Meaning: Provoked or intensified

Etymology: from Latin 'inflammare', meaning 'to set on fire with a passion'

In Use: 'Tensions were inflamed when England had a player sent off for a professional foul'.

Broader Curriculum – More Charity

A few weeks ago, we featured a charity walk by a group of Year 9 students as part of their Broader Curriculum lesson. Over the coming weeks, students from the Broader Curriculum Community Influencer group will also be running a series of events to raise money for Cancer



Research UK. Their first event took place this week when three Year 9 students held a lunchtime cake sale in our Clouds restaurant.

Ruby, Amy and Kiyana (not pictured) organised the event on their own and during a Food Technology lesson, with the assistance of their teacher, Miss Buxton and Food Technology Technician, Miss Johnson, baked over sixty cakes. They then sold all of their cakes over the lunch break, even displaying food allergy information for each variety of cake on sale; raising £60 for their charity. Well done girls!

Focusing on Reading

This academic year, our whole-school literacy priority is focused on expanding students' vocabulary across all subjects.



Following on from the Summer Reading Challenge, Year 7 and Year 8 students were set the task of reading and reviewing a book as part of their homework. Last week we announced our winners for the first half of the autumn term, picked at random from the reviews submitted - Alan (Year 7) and Ethan (Year 8) were both presented with 1st prize – an Amazon Kindle Paperwhite e-reader; 2nd prizes - £20 book vouchers were won by Marika (Year 7) and Lucie (Year 8) and 3rd prizes went to Chloe (Year 7) and Lucie-May (Year 8). Well done to everyone for reading loads of great books and for some fantastic book reviews, recommending the books they had read to their peers.

The CCHS Reading Challenge repeats every half-term for students in Year 7 and 8 – this half-term's competition is now open – just read a book, review and submit your recommendation with the chance to win a great prize.



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Year 11 Sigma Sixth Experience Day

Next week, our Year 11 students will spend a day at sixth form college, as part



of a Sigma Sixth experience day. This provides an ideal opportunity to visit the new campus, gain an understanding of key stage 5 study, by attending a number of taster lessons in a variety of subjects, and become sixth form students for the day.

Very soon, these young adults will be considering their next steps following their GCSE exams next year. Students who have expressed an interest in apprenticeships or vocational training as a post 16 option, will spend the day at Colchester Institute, where they will participate in a day of activities and presentations based on these study pathways.



For more information on our Sigma Sixth Tendingr sixth form, please visit our [sixth form website](#).

Careers Advice @ CCHS

The knowledge we impart to students during their time with us at CCHS, aims to empower each individual to discover what interests them. Ultimately, we endeavour to teach, advise and steer them towards further study in a subject area that stimulates their imagination and subsequently a career path and job, that they enjoy.

Our [Careers Hub](#)

micro-website is full of information about possible career paths and this is not only for our upper school students; it is



never too early to start thinking about career aspirations and the future, even those in Year 9 need to start thinking about subjects that interest them in preparation for choosing the subjects that they will study in Year 10.

Our Careers Hub is updated regularly and contains an abundance of help and advice including sections on:

- Student Opportunities - broken down into year groups;
- A Parents Guide to Careers advice;
- The Year 8 Pathways area - to help with subject choices
- Online courses and virtual work experience opportunities; apprenticeship news and much more....

Do not forget to revisit the [CCHS Careers Hub](#) regularly to see what's new!

Anti-Bullying Week – 15th to 19th Nov

As a school, we believe that all students are entitled to learn in a safe and supportive environment; this means being free from all forms of bullying behaviour. Through our broader curriculum, we aim to educate our students about tolerance, diversity, difference and respect for others, which helps reinforce our bully free zone message.

This week was national anti-bullying week and we are keen to highlight the distress that bullying can cause, as part of the national focus. At CCHS, we have a zero-tolerance approach to all of the diverse forms that bullying can take. Special assemblies this week focused on bullying in a sexual context - sexual



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abuse and sexual harassment. The assemblies also covered the topic of 'Consent' – consenting to physical contact – touching, hugging or kissing another person and sexual consent, along with the facts and laws that students need to be aware of and follow.

If students encounter or witness any form of bullying, or have questions surrounding the topic of 'Consent', then our pastoral teams are always available to listen and deal with any questions or issues. Students can also talk to their form teacher, pastoral leader, year manager or any of our safeguarding team. Information is displayed around school and on our website 'Safeguarding' page; alternatively we have a special safeguarding email address for students to use - besafe@cchs.school



As cyberbullying is a particular problem, National Online Safety have produced a useful parent/carer guide about Trolling and Online Abuse, as part of their [#wakeupwednesday](#) series of publications – [Download a copy here](#).

[See more National Online Safety Guides on our website.](#)

The National Online Safety team have also created a multitude of useful guides to help parents understand the world online -



new guides are published regularly. [Just follow this link to sign up, allowing access to all their information guides.](#)

Friday 26th November - Non-Pupil Day

Next Friday is one of our five statutory Non-Pupil Days of this academic year – **Students are not required to be in school next Friday, 26th November and school will be closed.**



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