



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Non-Pupil Day Tomorrow

As tomorrow (Friday 26th November) is one of our five statutory non-pupil days, Weekly News is published a day early this week.

Students are not required to be in school tomorrow. Year 11 students have mocks coming up in a few weeks and should utilise the extra time to revise for these exams.

Promoting Student's Charity Events

Our Year 9 Broader Curriculum Community Influencer group is currently gearing up for a number of charity fundraising events for Cancer Research. Last week we highlighted a cake sale, organised by the team, and this week we feature the novel way that the students are using to help get their message across. Team member, Amy Young took it upon herself to create a special website to explain, share and promote their upcoming charity events.

Cancer Research help:



They are already planning their second event, a charity football match, followed by a Dance show. Well done to the team for organising and running a variety of events for charity and for their excellent publicity.

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 **Specific**

Pronunciation: SPE-SI-FICK

Meaning: Clearly defined or identified

Etymology: from Latin 'species' - meaning 'kind' or 'type of', and 'facio', meaning 'make' as in brand. So, an exact type of something.

In Use: 'The teacher gave out specific instructions for each task'.

Cyclists praised during Bike Courses

Over the past couple of weeks, we have hosted a number of special "Bikeability"

training days for our students. Over twenty students took part in the half-day practical sessions to teach them how to ride safely on the roads and negotiate certain road

features, such as roundabouts. The Safer Essex Roads Partnership instructors commented on how much they had enjoyed teaching the students and how well-behaved the groups were, "A pleasure to take out on a cycle ride." Well done to all of them!



Year 11 – Help your Child Revise

Last week we held another of our Family Focus events. The aim of the evening was to provide

parents with information on a multitude of revision strategies, which their child can use at home. The importance of home and school working cannot be underestimated and is vital in helping students to maximise their potential for the up-coming Year 11 mock exams ahead of next summer's GCSE exam.

The Year 11 mock exams take place between the 9th and 15th December – full details and the exam timetable are available on our [website exams page](#). Our [Revision Microsite](#) also contains additional information, **including lists of topics for each subject that students need to revise ahead of the exams. The topic content is published on the school website exams page.**



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The New CCHS Gym and Classrooms



We are almost there; the new L Block is nearing completion and we are anticipating a handover from the builders at either the end of this term or the start of the next in January. The new building includes will enhance the CCHS facilities with six new classrooms and a huge 4-court sports hall.



Work is now taking place to connect a number of services and IT systems to the main school; this week the final sections of tarmac were completed and the court markings in the sports hall are also scheduled soon.



There will still be an amount of work to be completed once we have the 'keys' as the new teaching rooms will need to be furnished and made ready before the grand opening.

The new build is heated with a state-of-the-art air source underfloor heating system and the roof of the sports hall is covered in solar panels.

Along with the new build, CCHS continues to enhance the current site and students can enjoy amazing facilities here at Walton Road, as well as at our Sigma Sixth, Tendring campus, our sixth form college.



The Holly Court Christmas Appeal

We are busy collecting donations and contributions for our annual Holy Court Christmas Appeal. Holly Court is a sheltered housing community in the heart of Clacton and each year we ask our students, with the support of their families, to either **donate non-perishable items via their form tutor or donate via ParentPay – the closing date for donations is Wednesday 8th December.** Presents are wrapped and delivered just before Christmas to the residents. The appeal is going well so far, as ever the generosity of our families is always so overwhelming and we thank in anticipation of your support for this valued local charitable cause.

Sixth Form Product Design Inspiration



A few weeks ago, Year 12 and 13 Product Design students from our Sigma Sixth Tendring campus, spent a day at Colchester Zoo. They attended a bespoke workshop and spent time studying the animals on site to gain inspiration for a major project based on designing a building or structure utilising nature's building blocks.



Dangers of Gambling & Online Gaming

Sigma Sixth students have been learning about the dangers of gambling from EPIC Risk Management - an organisation set up to help young people avoid the destructive effects of gambling-related harm. A presentation, focusing on the themes of gambling, online gaming and mental health, was delivered by Scott Davies, a former professional footballer who told his story of his struggles with gambling and mental health. While the session dealt with more traditional forms of gambling, Scott also talked about the dangers of loot boxes and FIFA packs which are prevalent in popular online games. The young adults' response has been overwhelmingly positive and many of the topics that were highlighted have already nurtured some important discussions around the college.

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



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