



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Year 11 Sigma Sixth Experience Day

Last week, our Year 11 students had the opportunity to lead the life of a sixth form student and spent the day at our new Sigma Sixth College. They dressed as sixth form students in smart, casual clothes, had the opportunity to tour the fantastic facilities and relaxed in the spacious social and restaurant areas during their breaks. In order to help them decide which subjects they want to study in the sixth form from next September, some students attended typical A Level lessons to see how the study differed from GCSE courses, others attended lectures about the further education options open to them.



Pictured – Exploring dystopian elements from ‘The Road’ in English Literature; the new Games Design course was a certain hit; some great design ideas being sketched in Product Design and students enter into the spirit of the day in their A-Level drama taster-session.

The Sixth Form Experience Day opened the eyes of our Year 11 students to the many advantages of studying at our sixth form college, not only in the variety of subject areas and options available to them, but the support, guidance and advice on offer from the Sigma Sixth team and their subject teachers; along with the way their daily timetable is structured and their proximity to home. Sigma Sixth Tendring provides a genuine college experience for the young people in Tendring, which will enthuse, inspire, challenge and prepare students for the next stage of their lives.

For more information on our Sigma Sixth Tendring sixth form, please visit our [sixth form website](#). Year 11 students who would like to apply for a place at Sigma Sixth Tendring now need to complete the online application form, [available on the Sigma Sixth website](#) or by just following the QR code link. **Applications close on the 31st January 2022.**



Under 14's through to Essex Cup Third Round

Having beaten the Colne Community College in the 1st round of Essex Schools Cup, our Year 9 team travelled away for their 2nd round game against Harwich and Dovercourt High School. After a late arrival, the CCHS team had little time to warm-up and compose themselves before taking to the field. They soon found themselves a goal down, after a speculative shot ended up in the back of the CCHS net, before the boys settled into their stride. Fortunately, the team were soon up-to-steam and quickly levelled the score. The early scare rattled the CCHS boys and, stepping up to the challenge, they proceeded to slot a further four goals past the HDHS keeper.



As the light faded, it was apparent that HDHS could not pull back their deficit, handing the result to CCHS with a 5-1 victory. Now through to the third round, the Year 9 boys benefit from a home draw against King John School, Benfleet, which is scheduled to be played during the last week of term. This is only the second time in recent years that any CCHS team has reached the third round and a victory would take them through to the quarter finals of the knockout cup competition. Well done to the team and good luck in the next round.



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Last Call for the CCHS Christmas Appeal

Many thanks to all those families who have already donated items to this year's Holly Court Christmas appeal, along with those who have donated to the appeal. There



is still time to continue to donate any non-perishable items. We are aiming for each form group to fill as many Christmas tote bags as possible with items such as soaps, shower gels, gloves, scarfs, puzzle and word-search books, tinned food, biscuits, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate and any other suitable items. Some students may like to complete whole Christmas bags on their own or with family members, which is also welcome.

Form Tutors are accepting contributions from their form groups for a few more days – **the deadline is next Wednesday, 8th December.** In addition, we are continuing to accept donations through a special option via **Parent Pay - just allocate a donation to the 'Holly Court Christmas Appeal'**, this will be used to purchase additional goodies to include in the Holly Court present bags.

Year 7 Interform Athletics



The CCHS 'Word of the Week'

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.](#)



Word of the Week

Next week's 'Word of the Week' is **Unconscious Bias**

Pronunciation: UN-CON-SHUSH BI-US

Meaning: social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals form outside their own conscious awareness

Etymology: 'un' is from Old English meaning 'not'; 'conscious' from Latin 'consciūs' meaning 'together to know'. 'Bias' from French 'biais' meaning 'slant'

In Use: 'Employers need to be aware of unconscious bias when shortlisting and interviewing potential employees'.

Last week we held our first interform competition of the year with our Year 7 forms taking part in an indoor athletics meet. Competitors represented their form groups in teams of six, aiming to produce some excellent runs, jumps and throws to be crowned Year 7 Athletic Champions. Our Sports Leaders took the organising reins as they gain experience running a competition as part of their Sports Leader Qualification.



Well done to 7x1 (Miss Highfield's form) who had a great afternoon winning the competition, ahead of 7x6 (Miss Nundy's form) and 7x5 (Mr Townsend's form); competitors also earned Interform points for their form group for their participation, along with additional points for excellent performance. Congratulations to everyone who participated and many thanks to the twelve Sports Leaders who rose to the occasion to ensure the smooth running of the competition.



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