



# Clacton County High School Weekly News

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## Christmas Lunch 2021 – Next Week



This year's CCHS Christmas lunch will be available for students to purchase next week, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Clouds Restaurant will be serving the traditional turkey dinner and dessert, with a vegetarian alternative, for just £2.46 - the same price as our daily meal deal. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to purchase a Christmas lunch with their daily allowance. NB. The usual [Tiller & Hobs Week 1 menu](#) main meals will not be available on the Christmas Dinner Days, although the usual 'Grab 'n' Go' options will be on sale for those students wishing to purchase an alternative; the break time menu will remain unchanged.



## Teaching Netball Skills

This week a number of our Year 11 PE students concluded their Netball England 'Blended Netball' programme by delivering mini netball sessions to a number of our Year 7 girls. The special programme teaches mainstream students how to lead and coach students with special education needs, introducing them to the sport of netball through fun skills based activities. Our Year 11 girls were ready to welcome pupils from Shorefields School, who unfortunately at the last minute, were unable to attend and we were grateful to the year 7's who stepped.



The leaders, working in small groups, led a variety of mini-sessions, including fun introductions and warm-up activities along with numerous skills and drills to develop students' understanding of netball. The feedback from the participants was amazing and complementary to the young sports leaders. Many thanks to England Netball's Essex Netball Development Officer, Louise Davey for leading the course as part of the national pilot.



## Football Talent spotted by Scouts

Our PE department hosted the second annual football trials recently, with over 100 boys from nine different schools from across North East Essex taking part. All of the boys had been put forward by their own PE teachers for showing great potential and attitude as part of their school teams. Coaches from Colchester United FC came to watch the sessions, and were very impressed with the standard, identifying thirty-seven boys who have been invited to further trials at the club in the coming weeks. This was a fantastic achievement for these players and could possibly be their first step towards being a professional footballer. From CCHS, special mention goes to Kayden Bunce, Tom Hillier and Reggie Smith (Year 7), Josh Wenham and Tom Brydon (Year 9), and Lloyd Wicks and Cian Hale (Year 11), for being selected by Colchester United. We look forward to updating you on their progress in the future.



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## Autumn Term Draws to a Close

After a long autumn term, the Christmas holiday is now just a week away.

**Term ends next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**School finishes after Lesson 2 at 11.55am**

Clouds Restaurant will only be open at break time next Friday for a Grab 'n' Go Service. Students in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) should purchase their meal during the morning break.



## Christmas JUMPER DAY

Friday 17th December  
in aid of



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**GREAT  
ORMOND  
STREET  
HOSPITAL  
CHARITY**



The last day of term will be a non-uniform day in aid of charity, and doubles as our own CCHS Christmas Jumper Day. This term we are raising money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

**Donations can be made through Parent Pay via a special option - just allocate**



**a donation to the '[CCHS Non-Uniform Day 17<sup>th</sup> December](#)'**

Students are also welcome to bring donations into school next week. Form tutors will be collecting contributions during morning registrations.

**NB. We return to school in the New Year on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Students will be required to come into school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for a Lateral Flow Test, ahead of the start of term. Each form group has an allocated time, please check [this schedule](#) for your child's time to attend.**

## 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 **Sacred**

**Pronunciation:** SAY-KRID

**Meaning:** connected with God or linked to a religious purpose

**Etymology:** from Latin 'sacer, meaning 'consecrated' or 'purified'

**In Use:** 'Mecca is one of the two sacred cities of Islam'.

## Sigma Sixth Scholars @ Cambridge Uni

A number of our Year 12 and Year 13 students recently travelled to Cambridge University, to attend an event specially created for our Sigma Sixth Scholar to help inspire our most able students to apply to the top Russell Group research universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.



The students, accompanied by Ms Locksmith, from the Sigma Sixth pastoral team and school governor, Mrs Hammond, received a tour of the Emmanuel College grounds and buildings with student ambassadors. They were able to view the student accommodation and had an explanation of the costs of living at the college. This prompted one student to comment 'I thought I wouldn't be able to afford to come here, but there are different prices for different types of rooms which helps'.

After lunch, in the college canteen, the Year 12 students had an opportunity to engage with some 'myth-busting' and super-curricular activities, whilst the Year 13's visited another of the University's colleges, and had an opportunity to explore the city centre.



The day concluded with an extended Q&A with two 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate students, both of whom attended state schools for their secondary and sixth form education. The Sigma Sixth students found this especially reassuring, highlighting that an application to Cambridge is realistic and achievable.

All our students showing maturity and enthusiasm, asking excellent questions and really making the most of the opportunity. Kate Hammond commented: *"It was a great pleasure to accompany the Sigma Scholars on this inspiring trip. I was impressed with the students, they really engaged and showed growing confidence as the day progressed. I hope it gave them an opportunity to make an informed decision about their future."*

Our goal with our Sigma Sixth Scholars programme is to raise student aspirations and extend understanding of post-18 options for our most able. It is pleasing to see that seven Year 13 students have applied to Oxbridge and Medicine for 2022 entry; an increase from 2 last year. Some are already receiving invitations to interviews.



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