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Season's Greetings from CCHS

As the autumn term draws to a close, the members of our Local Governance Committee, along with the teachers, support and administrative staff at Clacton County High School, would like to wish all of our students and their parents and carers, a very Merry Christmas.

NB. We return to lessons in the New Year on Thursday, 6th January

Students will be required to come into school on Wednesday 5th January for a Lateral Flow Test, ahead of the start of term. [Full details of the time each form group should attend for their test are available here.](#)



The Joy of Giving at Christmas – CCHS in the Community

This week we were delighted to be able to spread some seasonal cheer through our annual Christmas present appeal. Each year, CCHS students and their families kindly donate gifts and essential items for the residents of Holly Court operated by Anchor Housing. The initiative was set up eleven years ago and has helped the students focus on the idea of caring and thinking of others at Christmas. The response to the appeal this year has been humbling, we have been overwhelmed by the number of items that have been received, accompanied by generous online donations totalling £200. Almost a hundred special CCHS Christmas tote bags were filled and arranged around the school tree ready for delivery. This week the residents of Holly Court, each received an early present, and were again astounded by the kindness and generosity of our students and their families.



In addition, our Year 9 Broader Curriculum Community Charity group sent a Christmas Card, with a special message from all the CCHS students and staff to each of the Holly Court residents.



Alex Macleod, Appeal co-ordinator and Sean Duffy, hand over some of the presents to Anchor Housing Manager, Ela Crabtree-Soanes (centre).

Anchor Housing Manager, Ela Crabtree-Soanes, was full of praise for everyone who helped, "The generosity and thoughtfulness of the students at Clacton County High School has once again amazed us all. You make so many people happy at Christmas time each year. For some of our residents this is the only Christmas present they receive. Thank you all so much."

Holly Court Appeal coordinator, Media Studies teacher Alex Macleod said "We have had an overwhelming response from our wonderful students and their families. This has been another bumper year, thank you to all our parents, students and staff who contributed to make this wonderful and kind gesture possible. We have already received some lovely Christmas cards from the residents which are heartwarming to read; the gratitude from the residents themselves makes the appeal even more relevant."



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Heartfelt Thanks from Holly Court

After our present delivery this week, we were touched to receive a special thank you from Anchor Housing, on behalf of all of all the residents of Holly Court.

Clacton County High School
Walton Road
Clacton on Sea

anchor
Holly Court
Anchor Housing
Clacton-on-Sea

Hello Everyone,

It's that special time of year again when everyone is busy getting ready to celebrate in one form or another. Here at Holly Court, we have the added bonus of being reminded once more of the "Kindness of Strangers" In fact, for the last 10 years, we have been shown first hand that warm and generous hearts are flourishing; especially in Clacton County High School. We want to thank you, not forgetting the already hard-working Teachers nor all the Parents who are digging deep to look after their own families but can and do still contribute to their off springs willingness to share and give.

So, from the bottom of Our Hearts, we applaud every last one of you. We really are so very sorry that we don't have the pleasure of getting to meet some of you in person. Again, covid has become the party pooper but hopefully next year things will be better.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!

Best wishes
From us all at Holly Court
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## Year 7 and 8 – Attitude to Learning

Throughout the year we highlight and praise students who have a positive attitude to their learning. We are very proud of all of our students working so hard across all of their subjects. This week we are delighted to be congratulating those Year 7 and Year 8 students, who currently have the highest points average for their attitude to learning across their subjects. They have been acknowledged by their teachers for having an 'Exceptional' or 'Motivated' attitude in every subject; they all receive a PROUD @ CCHS postcard and a special CCHS PROUD "Perseverance" lapel pin badge. Well done to our top year 7 & 8 ATL'ers.



**Year 7 students** - Ruby Cowley, Archie Doy, Eleanor Filby, Harriet Grubb, Amelia Hawkins, Thomas Hillier, Sydnie Joyce, Alan Kruszewski, Ben Leeks, Daniel Xi Lin Ma, Jasmine Samways, George Smith, Celeste Tchicaya, Ruby Wagland, Lola Ward and Bella Wright

**Year 8 students** - Faith Bunce, Lucy-May Carvell, George Feighery, Charlotte Finch, Katie French, Ruby Gallagher, Teddy Gomes Ferreira, Addison Hannon, Joshua Hill, Skye Inwood, Ronnie Lynch, Athena Mandelenis, India Morrill-Cook, Millie Ollivant, Imogen Ridout, Ethan Salter, Rory Taylor, Freja Turner Butler and Lillie Williams

## CCHS Christmas Card Competition



Congratulations to Amelia Hawkins – Year 7 (whose card is pictured left) and Faith Bunce - Year 8 (whose card is featured below) for winning this year's CCHS Christmas Card design competition. They both win an Amazon voucher and their designs have been used on the Christmas Cards sent out by the school this year.

Well done to the runners-up - Jasmine Samways (Year 7) and Seth Garner (Year 8), who each receive 200 PROUD+ points. Our other finalists each received 100 PROUD+ points, these included Year 7 - Sydnie Joyce, Dolci Neale, Justyna Rycombel and Ava Watkins; Year 8 - Ava Ford, Evia Louca, Tianna Southee and Grace Westley.



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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

After our first assessed Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award hike in October, a second cohort of students is now working towards their bronze. The award forms part of our Year 9 Broader Curriculum which provides students with the opportunity to learn some real life and alternative skills, which sit alongside their academic learning.



The forty-five students recently embarked on their first practice hike between Weeley Heath and the Tendring Education Centre, the home of our sixth form. Having spent a number of weeks, planning their route and learning how to navigate using a map and compass, the students embarked on a 3-hour trek across the fields using footpaths. Although a few of the groups had to back-track, part way through their hike, when they misinterpreted their maps, they did all eventually make it to their destination in the allotted time. Well done to them all.

## Leaving CCHS

Our Local Governance Committee, staff and students at CCHS would like to thank the staff leaving CCHS today for their hard work and to wish them every success and good luck in the future.

### Steve Duffy

Steve joined CCHS as Director of English back in 2017 and, after over four years with us, moves to continue teaching English at East Bergholt High School.

*"Thanks to all the staff for making me feel so welcome from day one, and to the students for being a lot of fun to work with - best of luck to all of you in the future."*



### Kayley Rodriguez

Kayley began her teaching career at CCHS as a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) in Mathematics in July 2007. Over the past fourteen years, she has enjoyed various roles in the maths department, including responsibility at Key Stage 3 maths, provision for gifted and talented students and mentoring trainees. She now leaves us to take a break from teaching to spend more time with her young daughter. *"I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during my time at CCHS and wish you all the very best for the future."*



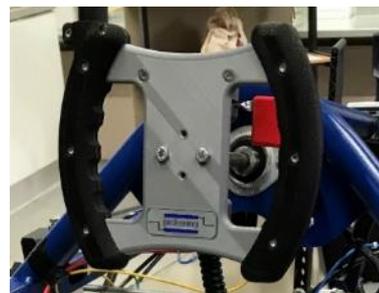
## The CCHS F24 Racing Car



Over the past number of years, our Formula 24 Racing Car team have participated in a number of races at Rockingham Speedway in Northamptonshire, the Lotus test track in Norfolk and Ford's Dunton Technical Centre near Basildon, producing some fantastic results on every outing.



Over recent years the school team have benefited from sponsorship from a number of local companies, including Pickering Electronics, who helped fund the team's Mk2 car, as well as manufacturing a special steering wheel; Tridan Engineering, who manufactured large heatsinks for both our cars' electric motors, to help boost their efficiency; and Park Holidays Seawick Resort who supplied all the teams' race overalls. The CCHS Racing team are currently training up their new recruits, working on the team's Mk2 car and preparing both cars for the forthcoming 2022 race season. The team also have a Mk3 car in production, a bespoke lightweight aluminium framed car, with the vision to be able to enter three cars in 2023. Watch this space for updates on the teams' progress next year.



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