



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## ***A Fantastic Return to Live Performance – House Full!***

Talented musicians and singers took to the stage before half-term for a special summer concert to help raise much needed funds and awareness for this year's CCHS summer musical which makes a welcome return in July - Tickets for 'Legally Blonde', on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July are now available via Parent Pay.

Over forty music students from every year group at County High and Sigma Sixth performed an eclectic mix of pieces to a packed house, creating a fantastic atmosphere for our first CCHS music showcase in two and a half years. All the performers developed their pieces for the show auditions independently, providing them with an opportunity to stretch their musical ability and see what they are capable of and discover the true extent of their capabilities.



The concert was also an opportunity for our Year 11 and 13 music students to have one last performance on the school stage and it was encouraging to have a Year 8 band perform the finale, highlighting just a snippet of the new musical talent we have coming through our lower years.



The music department is open to all students at break, lunch and after school to enable them to use the practice rooms. The department also have instrumental lessons available, just speak to a member of the music team if you have an interest. [Please visit our photo gallery for additional photos from the concert](#)

## ***Year 7 Rap and Poetry Slam***

Year 7 students took to the stage in their final English lesson of the half term to perform a collection of rap songs and performance poems. The concert, organised by literacy co-ordinator Miss Robinson and hosted by Miss Donovan, marked the end of their 'Rap to Slam to Verse' poetry unit where students explored the origins of rap and the similarities between songs and poetry, considering aspects of both content and delivery.



The concert included numerous solo and group performances of original poetry along with a number of raps and songs performed by our talented young poets and singers. The poetry slam concluded with a rendition of the Gorillaz' "Feel Good Inc." rap song performed by Mason, and accompanied by Adam on drums and Kian on electric bass. It was a delight to see our students so enthused and confident performing in front of their peers! Well done to them all.

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## Talented Artists Win Awards

The Tendring Show returns to Lawford House Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and each year the Tendring Hundred Farmers Club organise an art competition to design the front cover of the show's programme. This year 27 schools across Tendring entered the competition with more than 2000 entries across both primary and secondary schools. Each year our Art Team submit numerous entries, produced by our Year 7 students during one of their art classes or as a task completed at home. All of our entries this year were amazing, and Tendring Hundred Farmers thought so too, celebrating our students with eight awards, the most we have ever received!



Congratulations to Cody - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize; Ivy - Runner-up; along with Highly Commended awards for Alfie, Harriet, Sydnie, Ruby, Amelia and Leon. Plus, every student who submitted an entry received a free entry ticket to this year's Tendring Hundred Show.

## The CCHS 'Word of the Week'

Each 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 **Discrimination**  
**Pronunciation:** DISS-CRIM-INN-AY-SHUN

**Meaning:** the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, sex or disability

**Etymology:** from the Latin 'discriminat', meaning 'distinguished between'

**In Use:** 'It is important to challenge issues of discrimination whenever we encounter them'

## Sports Clubs After-school

This half-term we have a great selection of sports available for students to participate in & open to all year groups:

**Tuesday:** Summer League netball, rounders & table tennis

**Wednesday:** Tennis (only 16 places available)

All clubs run 3:20pm - 4:20pm

## Young Men's Achievements Celebrated

This week, the 'Lads Need Dads' organisation marked its 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a special evening at the Princes Theatre, showcasing the amazing activities that their young men have been involved in, and celebrate their achievements with their mentors. Lads Need Dads (LND) aim to empower and enable boys age 11-15 with absent fathers or limited access to a male role model, to be motivated, responsible, capable, resilient and emotionally competent through various class-based and outward-bound programmes. The boys and their mentors of the various LND school groups, from across the district, gathered with the organisation's directors and special guests, including the High Sheriff of Essex, Nick Alston; the Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, Bryan Burrough and Nick Fletcher MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliament Group for Men and Boys.



As part of the evening, each group of boys received certificates marking their progress through the various programmes; for some it was the conclusion of their time with LND. Well done to Alby and Wyatt (Year 10), Charlie, Freddie & Daniel (Year 11), Leo (Year 12) and Alfie, who finished in Year 11 last year. They are pictured with LND Managing Director and founder, Sonia Shaljean and Dale, one of the boys' Mentors.

## Learning about our local Library

Recently our Year 9 Broader Curriculum 'Book Club' students visited Clacton Library where they enjoyed a tour of the facilities. They were also introduced to this year's Summer Reading Challenge, for 4 to 11-year olds, and were asked to consider becoming one of the library's 'Gadgeteers' Volunteers to help and support the children attending the Summer Reading Challenge at the library.



During the visit, they were issued with their own library cards so now our book lovers can borrow up to 14 books at any one time. Many of our students came away with a stack of new reads which they can enjoy reading for pleasure in their Book Club Broader Curriculum lessons!

You can find more information on the facilities available at Clacton Library - [Click Here](#), and for information about the Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering Programme - [Click Here](#)

