



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Year 11 Conclude their Summer Exams

Our Year 11 students officially leave CCHS on Monday, following the final exam, concluding this year's summer GCSE exams. On Wednesday morning they gathered for their final assembly to look back over their 5 years at CCHS. There was also an opportunity for a number of awards to be presented, along with the premiere of their virtual yearbook.

NB. this special leavers video can only be accessed through students' CCHS Google accounts.

Congratulations to Lacey, who was presented with a special present by representatives of the Year 7 sports teams, who she has helped coach and manage this year. Mr Taylor was delighted to present two special awards to two outstanding Year 11 students – Well done to Mac who was presented with the 'PROUD Ethos Award' for his outstanding contribution to his year group and for always upholding the PROUD values of the school; and Emily who was awarded the 'Heart of CCHS Award' for her outstanding contribution to her year group, the school and the wider community.



After the final science exam, yesterday morning, when all the Year 11 students were in school, they gathered to celebrate their time at CCHS and say goodbye to those off to study elsewhere; many will be continuing their studies in our sixth form next year when they move to our Sigma Sixth College campus.



This will not be the last time that the year group will be together, many of these students will return next Wednesday for the formal Year 11 Prom celebration. However, to all of the students in this year group, we wish them the very best for their future endeavours.

The CCHS 'Word of the Week'

Next week's 'Word of the Week' is **Democracy**

Pronunciation: DEM-OCH-CRASS-SEE

Meaning: a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives

Etymology: from Greek 'demos', meaning 'people', and 'kratos', meaning 'rule'

In Use: 'Democracy' is widely regarded as the fairest form of government'



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Year 12 focus on Post 18 Pathways

The return of our Sigma Sixth Post 18 focus week proved to be greatly beneficial for our Year 12 students, with a range of events and activities to help with their future career planning. Sessions helped the students to focus on their choices for when they conclude their A-Level studies in a year's time. They looked at higher education, apprenticeship, employment and gap year opportunities, registering for UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service), preparing their personal statement and the job application process.



Students had an opportunity to chat with a number of ex-students ranging from those who had recently left, to some who had been out in the big wide world a while longer. They offered Year 12 students their advice and spoke about their experiences since leaving school. The students also attended the annual UCAS Convention at the University of Essex, where higher education institutions from across the country gave information and advice on the courses available - over 40,000 different course combinations, at 150 institutions.

Throughout the week there was a particular focus on preparing for an interview by identifying their skills and personal qualities, as well as improving their communication skills, ahead of a mock interview. A number of industry professionals met with each Year 12 student, who had dressed as if they were attending a real interview. Each professional was tasked with choosing their best interviewee in a special 'Your Hired' competition – well done to the winners: Aleena, Ben, Beth, Christian S, Christian C, Elizabeth, Gwen, Liam, Lois, Magnolia, Maisy, Richie and Robbie. Overall, it was decided by the sixth form team that Lois Ette won for overall performance in her two interviews and all-round engagement with the day. Many of our interviewers struggled to come up with their own winner as the competition was extremely fierce. All the students met the challenge head on and with enthusiasm. In our eyes, they were all winners!



Year 9 District Football Finals

Last week our Year 9 boys' football squad travelled to Colchester for the North East Essex football final against Thomas Lord Audley School. The boys had already made a clean sweep of all their Coastal Schools League games and, as league champions, faced, on one of the hottest days of the year, the winners of the Colchester Schools League to decide the district champion.



The boys took a little while to settle into their game and faced a scare, minutes into the game, when a TLA shot ricocheted off the CCHS crossbar, but CCHS gained control quickly, taking the lead through a Lucas Jones header from a rehearsed routine. CCHS remained solid, keeping the ball well in the hot conditions. Just on half time, CCHS looked to secure the game with a well struck shot by Ronnie Edwards to take a 2-0 lead. TLA tried to press at the start of the second half, but the pressure was well absorbed by the CCHS defence. As TLA pushed up to get back into the game, space was left in behind for CCHS to score two more goals from Riley Gentry and Spencer Jacobs for a convincing 4-0 win, and the District title. Congratulations to the boys for CCHS' first Boys' district football title since 2016.

Well done Year 9 team, a fantastic result in really hot and challenging conditions!

[See more action shots from the final on the CCHS photo gallery.](#)

School Closed Next Friday, 1st July

Please note that the school is closed next Friday, in leu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

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