



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Year 7 Halloween Fun



We thought there were some scary monsters roaming the school grounds on Monday evening but fortunately it was just our Year 7 students arriving for their special Halloween Disco, and they were soon rounded-up into the school hall! Many of them were dressed to impress in some fantastic Halloween outfits, ready to have some seasonal fun. Along with the spooky disco, students enjoyed musical statues, musical chairs and had great fun wrapping each other up for the Mummy game. There were also numerous prizes for the best Halloween outfits. The evening was organised by our Charities Committee, supported by a number of Year 11 and Sigma Sixth students. Everyone had a fantastic time dancing and playing games with their friends, helping raise over £350. The charity will be decided by the Student Leadership Committee, and the total combined with the end of term non-uniform day in December. Well done to all involved, especially party organisers - Tristan, Honey and Leah (Year 11), along with Sydney, Megan, Yasmin, Gabriella, Edie, Mae, Tayla, Maisie, Ellie and Scarlett (Year 12).



WhatsApp - What Parents and Carers Need to Know – National Online Safety

The experts at National Online Safety have produced a very informative guide for parents and carers to help them understand the potential online dangers of WhatsApp - [WhatsApp - What Parents and Carers Need to Know](#).

These mainly stem from what others post on a WhatsApp thread and the ability of being added to groups by others without your child's consent, resulting in them potentially being exposed to inappropriate material. It is also worth noting that WhatsApp is listed in the UK and Europe with an age restriction of 16+. A number of students have recently been added to one of these inappropriate WhatsApp groups, with more than 700 members, without their consent. Please can we ask parents and carers to have open conversations with their children to ensure that their child feels confident to speak to you if they are inadvertently exposed to material online that upsets them – another National Online Safety publication deals with [Supporting Children to Deal with Upsetting Content](#).



Extra-Curricular – Enrichment Clubs Update

As we progress through the year our Extra-Curricular Club provision is constantly changing. As the seasons change so do a number of our sports clubs to reflect the reduced amount of daylight after school. New clubs include the addition of girls' and boys' Basketball clubs on Tuesdays and Badminton & Table Tennis Club and Indoor Golf Club on Wednesdays. Furthermore, lower school drama club has moved to Monday afternoon. Information on these new clubs, and the full extra-curricular program, can be found on the [Clubs page of our website](#) or via a PDF download – [Click Here](#).



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Promoting Reading @ CCHS

At Clacton County High School we are committed to raising the standards of literacy for all of our students. We are focused on improving confidence and ability in reading across the curriculum and strive to create a 'love of reading' culture within our students. We recognise how important reading is, in relation to the progress and future successes of our students, both in and out of the school setting.

Did You Know?

- 1 in 7 (14.9% / 5.1 million) adults in England struggle to read
- 10 to 16 year-olds who read for pleasure, do better at school
- Reading books is the only out-of-school activity for 16-year-olds demonstrably linked to securing managerial or professional jobs



Sparx Reader

This year students in Years 7 and 8 are utilising the Sparx Reader platform online as part of their English homework – set every fortnight (Week A). After a short reading test, the programme recommends a number of books for

students to choose to read from the platform. Students then just pick one and away they go; they can access their books on any device, even phones. Sparx tracks what students are reading and how much effort they put into their reading, not the actual number of books they read, and award them Sparx Reader Points (SRP) as they read. After each section, students answer a number of questions to check their comprehension of what they have read and earn more Reader Points. Each fortnight, Year 7 and Year 8 students are expected to earn at least 600 points (equivalent to 60 minutes of reading) and we hope that they will be clocking-up many more than this minimum – Each term there will be a trophy for the student who puts in the MOST effort and earns the most SRP points. In addition, every student is working towards a Gold Reader Pass.

We already have some fabulous students who have already achieved Gold Reader status – well done to Joshua, Arthur, Karina, Anais and Rumer in Year 7 and Maggie in Year 8.

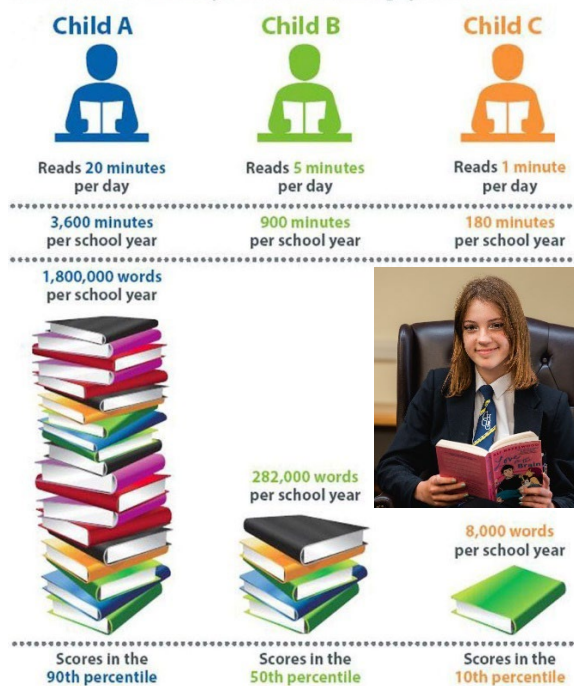
As reading is such a key element of your child's future, we need parents and carers to help ensure that students are regularly accessing written media - Please view a presentation by Mrs Cook, Assistant Headteacher, to understand how parents and carers can help support their child with their reading - [How to Support Reading at Home](#)

Essex Cup Disappointment

Before half-term, our Under 14 Girls Football Team launched into their first-round fixture, against Beaulieu School, Chelmsford, in the Essex FA Schools Knock-Out Cup for the 'George Cash Trophy'. After a delayed start, the CCHS girls quickly took control of the game and soon capitalised on their chances with a fantastic goal, only for Beaulieu to equalise a few minutes later. The heavens then opened reducing visibility, and the speed of the ball on the wet ground, but CCHS managed to take the lead again; soon to be back level after another Beaulieu equaliser. It was not even third time lucky after another goal from CCHS was matched. The CCHS girls had a fantastic game but every step forward was matched by the opposition, despite the girls' continued determination in the appalling conditions. The 3-3 score-line at full-time beckoned a period of extra-time. In the fading light and torrential rain, Beaulieu dug deep to score two late goals, which CCHS were unable to answer. The final 5-3 score line saw the girls' Under 14 Girls Cup run 2023 come to an end before they girls could really get started. A great game in testing conditions – Well done to the team!

Catch-up on the successes of the CCHS boy's teams in Coastal Schools Football League next Friday.

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

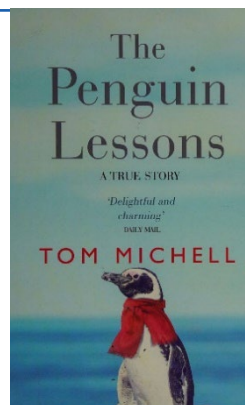


Book Corner

Recommended Read from English Teacher – Mrs Brown

The Penguin Lessons-Tom Michell

This made me laugh out loud on holiday, though I have only just started it! This was recommended to me by a student and it follows the hilarious relationship between a man and his penguin. It is also non-fiction which makes it even more interesting.



Celebrating Student Success

Attendance Weekly Golden Ticket Awards

100% Attendance prize draw - one student from each form group wins their form's 'Golden Attendance Ticket', allowing them to skip to the front of the Clouds food servery queue on a day of their choice.

Congratulations to.....



Year 7

Jack Rackham, James Collins, Kareem Edwards, Fred Embrey-Lynch, Freddie Finch, Joshua Fowler, Harry Hollis, Jessica Hyland, Honey Indge, Kacey-May Messenger, Maisie Moore and Grace Sainte Marie



Year 8

Logan Bennett, Tahnee Brogan, Ellis Browne, Wren Chan, Sienna Daniels, Alfie De Ritter, Bailey Gilchrist, Lucy King, Suranne Massey, Jake Shelton, Lillie Taylor and Mia Wright



Year 9

Lexi Anderson, Ronnie Bishop, Brandon Dunn, Poppy-Ella Dyer, Ruby Gittings, Amelia Hawkins, Adam Kedge, Bae Madden, Ellie Moran, Maisy Pinton and Joseph Read



Year 10

Callum Bates, Tamer Celebi, Archie Davidge, Jonnie Down, Rhys Gardiner, Ayden Marra, Charlz Paine, Kenna-Rose Randell, Parinitaa Sasikaran, Kevin Senel and Sam Whitfield



Year 11

Rebecca Bull, Billy Challis, Jacob Griggs, Takudzwa Gusha, Leyton Hodges, Ben Riley, Marcus Silvester, Harvey Storey, Ben White and Nathan Wright

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Year 7

Mia Baines, Gabby Cantrell, Macey Chapman, Noah Dempster, Zach Fletcher, Harriet Johnson, Grace Marshall, Henry Miller, Erin Partridge, Kyla Sweeney and Finley Ward

Winner – Macey

Year 8

April Aghoghovbia, Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Kyle Edwards, Laura Kedge, Jessica Levy, Riley Welsh, Brooke Yallop, Daisy-Leigh Dean, Jessica Reader and Lucas Jiang

Winner - April

Year 9

Mitchell Brooker, Melissa Cotton, Mylie Hepburn, Frankie Howard, Harry Offord, Sara Paul Saravanan, Precious Smith and Chloe Whelan-Abraham

Winner – Precious

Year 10

Lexie Albert, Alfie Day, Callum Goss, Albanie Howden, George McDougall, Millie Ollivant, Alfie Soames, Emily Ushele and Grace Westley

Winner – Grace

Year 11

Samantha Bryson, Ruby Doe-Stovell, Dan Faint, Maddie Hart, Tiana Joseph, Albie Logan, Ruby Marshall and Shahzad Rahman

Winner – Shahzad