



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Gratitude to our Retiring Chair of Governors for his Service to CCHS

The Chair of Governors of our Local Governance Committee, Steve McGrath, has decided to bring his 25-year association with CCHS to a conclusion. After a full career in the RAF, Steve became our Network Manager, a position he held for 11 years. In 1999, he became a Staff Governor and has served as a governor ever since, becoming Chair of the Local Governance Committee at CCHS in 2016. He was one of the original Trustees at the birth of the Sigma Trust back in 2016. We would like to thank Steve for his service, he has been a fantastic asset to our school, as a colleague and governor, and a true champion of CCHS. Steve leaves the Chair of the CCHS & Colne combined Local Governance Committee in the very capable hands of Kieron Moir, our former Vice-Chair of Governors. Steve is not fully retiring as he remains a Trustee and Vice-Chair of the Sigma Trust Board. On behalf of twenty-five years of staff, students and governors who have passed through CCHS and benefited in one way or another from Steve's support, we offer our sincere thanks to him and wish him well for the future



We Will Remember Them



Today at 11 o'clock, the school fell quiet as we remembered the lost and injured service men and women, during current and previous conflicts around the world, including the two world wars. A number of students also paid their respects at the Clacton War Memorial, ahead of the Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday services this weekend. Accompanied by Mr Taylor, Head of School and Mrs Banks from our Humanities team, the students laid a poppy wreath in honour of 'The fallen heroes, from all the armed forces'. They also observed a 2-minute silence as a mark of respect, along with the whole school, allowing everyone a few moments of quiet to reflect on the lives lost over time.

Handmade Poppies Boost Collection



On the lead up to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, the CCHS Charities Committee, students and staff have been busy producing their own tributes to the fallen heroes. Mrs Bartlett spent her half-term holiday producing crocheted poppies, whilst a group of

Year 7 and Year 10 students spent many of their lunchtimes in our Art department, along with Mrs Well's 7y3 Art class, carefully sculpting and painting clay poppy tea light holders to sell – these two initiatives alone have contributed £400 towards our Royal British Legion Poppy collection this year. In addition, a number of students have been involved with selling the traditional poppies around school and in Clouds every lunchtime. Our Charities Committee would like to thank all of our staff and students for supporting this worthy cause. Well done to all the students who created some brilliant clay poppies and to Ruby and Elise (Year 11), along with Laura and Serena (Year 8) for giving up their social time to help sell the traditional and crocheted poppies in school.



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Ultimate Scouting Award for Charlie

One of our year 10 students, Charlie, has recently achieved his Chief Scouting Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Scout can achieve by gaining nine 'Challenge' awards and six or more 'Activity' badges. This was the first time a member of 12th Clacton Scouts has gained this prestigious award, which was presented by Ron Talbot - Tendring District Scout Support Leader. 12th Clacton Scout leader, Richard Moodey added his congratulations "Charlie wouldn't have got there without his own commitment, dedication and resilience plus the support of all our leaders and his family, well done Charlie!"



Autumn Sports – Part 2 – Football

Before half-term, we featured our netball teams and this week it is the turn of football to be in the news! The Coastal Schools football season concluded last week with our final fixtures played against Tendring Technology College.



Pictured above (L to R) – Our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 football teams, along with the Year 10 and Year 11 teams (below).

The Year 7 team have had a fantastic start season, winning three games – 4-1 against Harwich, 3-0 against Manningtree and 1-0 against Tendring; they drew 2-2 at Colne after a evenly matched game. They finish their season top their league and are crowned Year 7 Coastal Champions – a great achievement for the whole squad and manager, Mr Debenham in their first season together. The Year 8 team have struggled this year with a single win 7-5 against Tendring in their final fixture, this was accompanied by a draw against Harwich and a couple of defeats; they finish the season 4th in their league. The Year 9 Coastal League was exceedingly close this season with the Year 9 squad emulating the Year 7 season – with three convincing wins and a draw – 3-0 against Harwich, 5-0 against Manningtree, 4-3 against Tendring, plus a 3-3 draw against the Colne – finishing joint top of the league they missed out on the championships with the league decided on goal difference, with the Colne squad taking the Year 9 championships this year by just three goals.



The Year 10 footballers have won both of the games that they have played, both by a single goal to finish 4th in their league. They had to forfeit a fixture due to Essex Cup commitments and others due to lack of opposition. Our Year 11 team have had an exciting but short season - they have won two and drawn two games leaving them as

runners-up to Manningtree High School.

As mentioned above, our Year 10 Football Squad have already been in action in the Essex FA 'Robert Cook Under 15 Cup', where they faced King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford in the first round. Their cup run was soon concluded with a very strong King Edward VI squad dominating the game to win 9-2. Well done to all of our footballers for a great display of determination throughout the season. We now look forward to the boys' rugby and the girls' football competitions when they commence after February half-term when the evening daylight begins to lengthen.

[See our online photo gallery for more shots of all our sports teams in action.](#)

Book Corner

Recommended Read from English Teacher – Mrs Morgan

Hamnet - Maggie O'Farrell

This fictional tearjerker imagines the family life of William Shakespeare; his world outside of the plays he writes. When the Dad-of-three moves to London to pursue his dreams, his unorthodox wife is left back home in Stratford to deal with her difficult in-laws and three children. Whilst Shakespeare eventually becomes more successful than his own father would have ever imagined, at home a devastating life-altering event will change the playwright forever. Read the book before the film comes out. Paul Mescal from "Normal People" has been cast in the lead role.



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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

Eddie Atkinson, Grace Cates, Evie Cowlin, Ervin Dulkerim, Deborah Femi-Ajayi, Billy Gladden, Evie Grubb, Freddie Harrison, Elizabeth Horsnell, Dolcie Johnson, Daisy-Joy McIlveen- Taylor and Evie Rosier



Year 8

Thomas Arber, Jamie Bartrum, Lily Bird, Charlie Cashman, Caitlin Clarke, Alfie De Ritter, Emily Dingwall, Ellie Hutchinson, Samuel King, Sophie Lee, Asten Miglorini and Bettsie Sheenah



Year 9

Jasmine Cooledge, Scarlet Cooper, Ronnie Davis, Millie Lambert, Riley Mardle, Anna Millis, Sky Rook, Kian Tyler, Harley Wells, Maia Williams and Isaac Wright



Year 10

Bobbi-Leigh Bates, Chloe Crayson, Maya Drelich, Ruby Gallagher, Anthony Gallagher, Evie Holland, Lola Keeble, Kornelia Kushnir, Beth Maclean, Summer Power and Ethan Salter



Year 11

Denis Ali, Connie Day, Kaitlin Dingwall, Harry Edwards, Betsy Gladden, Bailey Haynes, Khakkaine Hogan, Vinny Lloyd, Georgie Wilson and Leah Young

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Jude Beech, Sophie Chapman, Zach Fletcher, Karina Gancarz, Ralph Gandy, Frankie McDougall, Kacey-May Messenger, Stanley Newman, Max Stevens and Finley Ward

Winner – Karina

Year 8

Winner - Amelia

Year 9

Jasmine Cooledge, Connor Keen, Gracie Lunness, Frankie Millar, Leon Moore, Sara Paul Saravanan and Oliver Tulip

Winner – Connor

Year 10

Tilly-Rose Amman, Sophie Boyle, Ben Brading, Faith Bunce, Jess Day, George Feighery, Kayleigh Howe, Victoria Mateychuk, Lucy Pickard and Alfie Soames

Winner – Sophie

Year 11

Tiffany Ball, Callum Berkeley, Charlie Chapman, William Higgins, Josie Huckle, Dillon Morris, George Nicholas, Jessica Pearce, Honey Reeve, Kieran-John Streeter and Adam Taylor

Winner – William