



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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Non-Pupil Day Tomorrow & Monday

Weekly News is published a day early this week as tomorrow, Friday 26th November and Monday 28th November are two of our five statutory non-pupil days. **Students are not required to be in school tomorrow or on Monday.**

The 95th Birthday of Clacton County High School

Next week marks 95-years since Clacton County High School was officially opened on Wednesday, 28th November 1928. In 1906, a government report decreed that the young seaside resort of Clacton-on-Sea had expanded enough to warrant a Secondary school of its own, allowing children to attend a local school for the first time instead of having to travel to Colchester or Harwich. However, the developments were delayed because of the onset of World War One. It was not until 1925 that Essex County Council purchased land from Mr Philip Smith of Clay Hall, and a small strip of land from a Mr Griffiths (this is presumed to be for the main entrance drive at the front of the school).



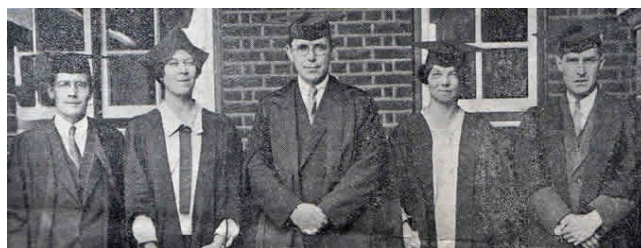
The County Secondary School at Clacton, the 'official' opening of which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 28th November 1928, the ceremony being performed by the Rt. Hon. Lord Rayleigh, F.R.S.

The originally the school consisted of just the front and east elevation as pictured above.

The school was finished in time to be opened for business in September 1928, with prospective pupils having to sit an entrance examination. Other requirements were also needed to attend, including a certificate of good conduct from previous schools and confirmation from parents, agreeing to keep their children at County High for a minimum of four years. They also had to pay for the privilege of attending this school, twelve guineas per year (£12.60), as well as buy all their own books, materials and instruments.

Although the first pupils started in September 1928, the official opening ceremony took place on the 28th November 1928. In that first year, there were 87 pupils (40 boys and 47 girls) and just four teachers plus the Headmaster, Mr. Vivian Smith (pictured right).

The original school was very small compared to today, but for the younger pupils as they arrived on their first day it must have appeared daunting. Originally it was just the front of the school that you see as you approach from the driveway and the 'East Wing' (the science laboratories that are now known as our D Block). Over the years the school has continued to expand and we now cover two sites and total almost 1900 students.



Aerial view of Clacton County High School, 1975



Aerial view of Clacton County High School, 2006

[To learn more about the history of Clacton County High School please visit the 'School History' page on our website.](#)

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Sporting Caps Celebrated

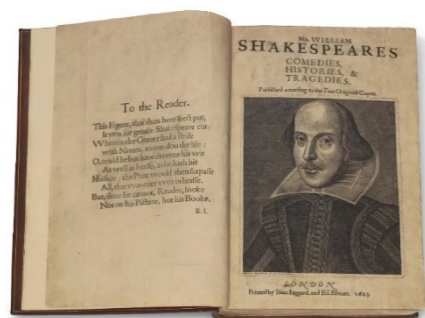
This year we are acknowledging those students who represent the school as part of our numerous sports teams. Students are recognised for ten, twenty-five and fifty appearances across their time at CCHS, with various certificates, prizes and ultimately a CCHS PE Hoodie for those achieving fifty plus appearances.



This week we presented the next set of caps to a number of our Year 8 students; also pictured are those Year 8 students who have already achieved their ten caps.

Commemorating the publication of Shakespeare's Work

Wednesday, 8th November was the 400th anniversary of the first published edition of Shakespeare's First Folio, (1623) a collection of thirty-six of Shakespeare's plays, originally published as 'Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories & Tragedies'. To commemorate the anniversary, our English Department hosted a 'Shakespearean Treasure Hunt' which involved students searching for information about Shakespeare and his plays around the school! Correct answers were entered into a prize draw. Congratulations to the winners: 1st Rocco Higgins (Year 9) who wins a £10 Amazon voucher; 2nd Freddie Harrison (Year 7) who wins a £5.00 Amazon voucher; along with Tahnee Brogan (Year 8), Beau Baker (Year 9) and Elise Hillier (Year 11) who all win a Golden Ticket for Clouds Refectory. Well done to them all!



Book Corner

Recommended Read from English Teacher – Mrs Welham

'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr

This book explores alternative perspectives of the Second World War, and highlights the struggles that many faced in times of rations and having to make decisions to help themselves or help their country. There is now a Netflix series based on it, and I'm interested to see how they show these two view-points.



Don't forget that students in Years 7 & 8 should be accessing Sparx Reader as part of their English Homework.

Parents and carers can help support their children their reading by following this link - [How to Support Reading at Home](#)

Sparx Reader

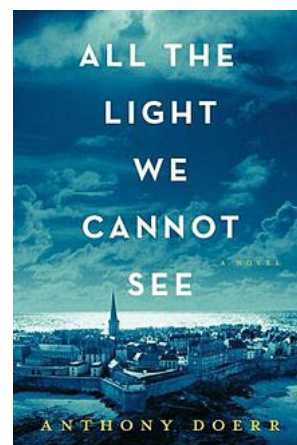
Sparx Gold Reader Status Achievement

Our Sparx Reading platform tracks what students are reading, and how much effort they put into their reading, and awards them Sparx Reader Points (SRP) as they read. Students earn more Reader Points by correctly answering questions to check their comprehension of what they have read. 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 and this week we presented the latest cohort of Year 8 students with their Gold Reader certificates based on their Sparx reading homework. Well done to Taylor, Alfie, Kelsey, Courtney, Amelia and Maggie.



Talented Students to appear in London

Congratulations to Libby in Year 9 and Leia (Year 12), who are both members of the Stage-Struck Academy for Performing Arts. Recently, they were both successful in the auditions to perform at the 'Kids Takeover The Stage' event at the Theatre Café in the heart of London's West End. They each performed a solo number, receiving fantastic feedback from a panel of West End professionals, before taking part in an ensemble number, alongside a West End star. Well done to both girls!



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

Oliver Booth, Sophie Chapman, Summer Day, Oliver Fraser, Ryan Inwood, Musawenkosi Mabhena, Rylee Morris, Noah Moseley, Theo Parker, Ryan Sherwood, Ruby Stephens and Phoebe White



Year 8

Xavier Aylward, Henry Byers, Ruby Carter, Daisy-Leigh Dean, George Jarmain, Thomas Keen, Edna Lee, Chloe Nicholas, Serena Pye, Alfie Reynolds, Tom Rippon and Riley Welsh



Year 9

Adam Berner, Kieran Burnell, Kaitlin Coward, Ruby Cowley, Darin Cruz, Louie Fayik, Amelia-Jane Ford, Alfie Newton, Chloe Pearce, Harley Wells and Princess White



Year 10

Chloe Crayson, Malcolm Deans, Flynn Eyre, Jorden Francis, Teddy Gomes-Ferreira, Dominic Jarrett, Laci Kill, Eva McCarthy-Lawrence, Amelie Sambridge, Noah Stuttle and Madison Thomas-Scott



Year 11

Jack Bruce, Harry Edwards, Carla Hassan, Kelsey Hogarth-Graham, Sophia Knight, Joe Robotham, George Russell, Nigel Saint-Marie, Savannah Samways and Leah Young

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Freya Anderson, Zach Fletcher, Karina Gancarz, Eileen Gillard, Erin Gray, Millie Hipkin, Stanley Newman, Alexander Smith, Emily White and Taylor Wilson

Winner – Stanley

Year 8

Finlay Caffull, Wren Chan, Kyle Edwards, Devon Greenwood, Rhys Hayles, Laura Kedge, Connor Kyzer, Lily Llewellyn, Oliver Reader, Luke Roberts, Harrison Rudkin, Zac Russell and Hayden Welsh

Winner - Lily

Year 9

Kayla Darnell, Brandon Dunn, Jacob Fowler, Tom Iles, Demi Merrick, Callum O'Connor, Makanaka Albert Rabvukwa, Ellie Singers, Oliver Smith and Hai Yen Thi Vu

Winner – Brandon

Year 10

Faith Bunce, Grace Coles, Malcolm Deans, Katie French, Ruby Gallagher, Amelia Howell, Athena Mandelenis, Daniel Mussenden, Kevin Senel and Sophie Townsend

Winner – Kevin

Year 11

Tiffany Ball, Tayla Beaver, Chris Brown, Khallaine Hogan, Zophia McClymont, Charlie McGrath, Olivia Stephenson, Daisy Stow, Zakk Wakley, Lucy Warlow, Grace Wheeler and Roisin Whyte

Winner – Khallaine