



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## **CCHS F24 Racing Team – Best Ever Performance**

Our F24 racing car team were back in action recently, for their final Formula 24 races of the academic year. Over the past two weekends the team have raced at the Lotus Cars testing track in north Norfolk and the Ford test track at their Dunton design facility. The team currently have two Formula 24 racing cars: Andromeda and Neptune, both of which were in action in Norfolk on an exceedingly hot Saturday.

In the first race, Neptune performed fantastically with the team recording the fastest lap of the day by any car – causing a deluge of interest in the team's set-up from the other race teams. The Neptune drivers held onto second place for the majority of the race but the heat took its toll and, with battery performance fading fast, the team managed to secure 6<sup>th</sup> place overall of the 34 cars in their class. Unfortunately, Andromeda broke down soon after the start and the technical team worked hard to fix the fault, but too late for the CCHS drivers to make an impact in the first race. In the second race the tables were turned with the Andromeda team out performing their team mates to finish 6<sup>th</sup> to Neptune's 9<sup>th</sup> place. These results gave the CCHS Team their best ever day's racing.



Last Sunday, the team experienced their most exciting competition in their history. The team travelled with just the one car and Neptune did not disappoint. The Ford Dunton test track is very technical with a difficult 180-degree corner and despite this the team clocked up the fastest time in practice and recorded the top three best lap times giving the team a great boost before the racing began in earnest.



In the first race the team were behind in 11<sup>th</sup> place as they came to first driver change with Daniel jumping into the driving seat. In the following 35 minutes he managed to pull the team back to 2<sup>nd</sup> place before the car lost power. The team then had to look-on as they watched the podium places slip away.

After a change of motor for race two, the team hoped that their new gearing settings would give the car a longer battery life. Logan took to the grid with the team aware that the change of motor would make the car slower, however this did not stop Logan from arriving for the driver swap, 40 minutes into the race, as the race leader. As the race continued, the team held onto 2<sup>nd</sup> place right up to the penultimate lap, when again the car lost power resulting in a frustrating end to the day, as their 'guaranteed' podium placing, turned into a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Despite the disappointment at missing out on the silverware, the team were jubilant with their best ever race day performance.

Well done to the CCHS drivers - Samuel, Kyron, Martha, Logan, Nathan and Daniel and the support team Mr Binczyk, Mr Manning, Mr Dorleans and Miss Pettitt for giving up their time. It was great to see the CCHS race team all supporting the drivers during the races and helping prepare the car before and in-between the races. Many thanks to all the team's sponsors, Pickering Electronics, Pinnacle Group, and Tridan Engineering, without whose support we could not continue to offer such a fantastic opportunity to our students. Well done to the whole CCHS race team.

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## Year 13 Say Goodbye to Sigma Sixth

Last week, our Year 13 students enjoyed a get together for a special Year 13 Leavers' Pizza Party. They are the second cohort to graduate from our Sigma Sixth College, which opened its doors in September 2020. The celebration was 'rounded off' with their final assembly, including some fun awards recognising just a few of their highlights during their time in our sixth form. We wish them good luck and every success in the future.



## District Athletics 2023

Last week, our top athletes represented CCHS at the annual District Athletics meet, competing against schools from across Colchester and North East Essex. A fantastic day of competition resulted in numerous outstanding



performances and personal achievements for our fifty competitors. The team had numerous personal best performances with a number of CCHS athletes just missing out on gold medals and having to settle with second place – the first came in the Year 10 Boy's Javelin with Joe taking silver, with teammate Tom claiming a second silver in the Year 10 boys' High Jump; Freddie claimed the only Year 7 silver in the boys' shotput; Harry took the silver in the Year 8 boys' 300m time trial; with the final silvers being claimed by the Year 9 boys -Flynn in the 1500m and Imanu'El in the High Jump. Other top performances included: Millie-Lee 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 7 girls' Discus and Javelin; Jake 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 7 boys' Discus; Ruby 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 8 girls' 800m; Sydney 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 8 girls' High Jump. The only 4 x 100m relay result came from the Year 7 boys who claimed the Bronze. Well done to all of the CCHS athletics team!

[More photos are available on our Photo Gallery](#)



## Sports Leaders Lend-a-Hand

Our Sports Leaders have been assisting with a number of events recently – a few weeks ago they were in action at the Primary Schools' Athletics meet at Colchester. They helped by measuring jumps and throws, along with helping place the competitors in the track events. Last week they helped out during the annual sports day at Shorefields School. This year our Year 9 leaders thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the children by leading all eight activities that formed their sports morning. The Sports Leaders immersed themselves by helping the children participate in as many of the activities as they could, and were praised for their enthusiasm by numerous members of the Shorefields' staff and parents. It was heart-warming to see the compassion of our Sports Leaders as they supported Shorefields' students – well done to them all!





## 'Evita – The Musical' – Next Week

The latest CCHS summer production takes to the school stage next week - 'Evita - The Musical', opens on Thursday evening and runs until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> with shows nightly at 7pm. There is also an additional matinee performance on the Saturday at 2pm.

[Tickets are available on-line, priced £8 each](#)

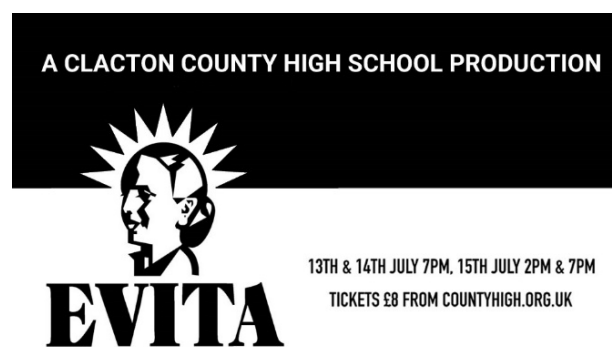
### STOP PRESS:

We have just received a special message of support from Sir Tim Rice - who wrote Evita, along with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

*I am very grateful to Clacton County High School for their production of EVITA and wish everyone involved every success.*

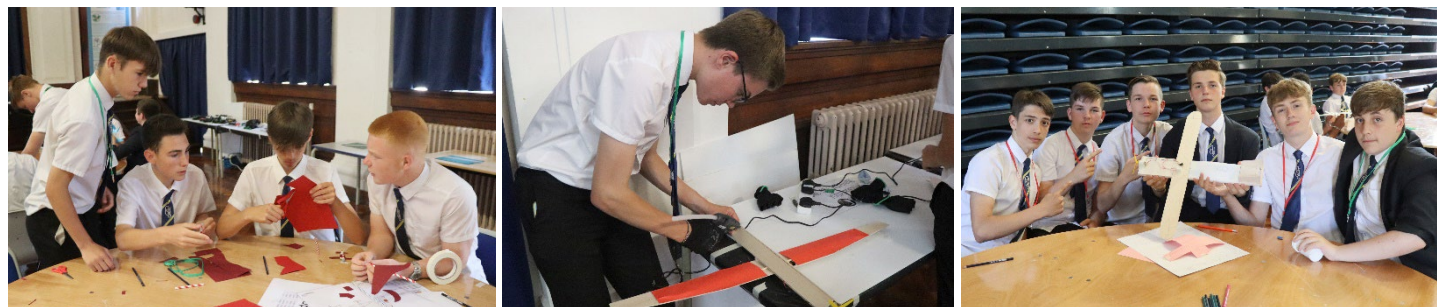
*With best wishes*

*Tim Rice*



## Stimulating Interest in Engineering - STEM Aircraft Challenge

Our focus on the STEM disciplines continued recently when our Year 10 Engineering students spent the day as junior engineers; planning, designing, building and testing their own model aircraft. An engineer from our STEM partner, 'The Smallpeice Trust', was in school to lead the special hands-on session to help stimulate students' interest in engineering, along with the other STEM subjects. The science, technology and maths disciplines are all crucial to engineering and, with a shortage of students following engineering related courses in Higher Education, it is becoming more important to grab the interest of students early, to help them focus on these subjects and give them goals to aim for.



The challenge was to produce a model plane, powered by a propeller, which could fly the furthest after being launched. Communication was vital as the teams of students discussed how they could build the best and most aerodynamic plane. Working together, they developed their ideas on paper before creating prototypes of their design. Using balsawood, a motor and a capacitor, to store a small amount of power for the motor, all held together with glue, the teams produced a variety of shapes and sizes of plane – some more successful than others. As the day progressed, the groups tested their prototypes and refined their design. Each team had to account for the materials they had 'purchased' and deliver a presentation about their design to promote their model. The teams scored points for functionality and effectiveness of their plane, ingenuity of their designs, the delivery of their presentation and how the team worked together to achieve their goals.



After a break for lunch, the teams moved outside to conduct the final testing - to see which plane would fly the furthest and how sturdy their designs were. As the teams lined up for the test flight, there was a little trepidation as to whether their designs would actually fly at all. Fortunately, all the planes did take flight, although some did not fly very far with others gliding to a perfect landing! A number of teams realised that adequate testing could have improved their flights but learnt some real engineering lessons from their attempts at flight. Many congratulations to all of the students who took part, especially the winning team, for some excellent innovation and design along with some great teamwork.



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# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Notices and Letters



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**The Weekly Notices is a 'one-stop shop' for home/school written communications and information.**

Please take the time to check through the mailing particularly for your child's individual year group: there could be some very important information for you to be aware of.

Thank you to all of our parents who have supported their children at home this week with online learning. We understand that the two days of industrial action would have caused disruption to families, but we are grateful for your support.

## Whole School Notices

### The curtain is almost up for the school's 2023 Summer Musical - Evita

The Drama department is so excited about the opening of the 2023 Summer Musical; Evita. It is something quite different and challenging, but they are totally convinced that there is real talent within the students that will both impress and move the audience. Some of the students even get the opportunity to sing in another language, something that the school has never attempted before. If you have not yet bought a ticket, there are some still available but selling fast, so please make sure that you don't miss out and make sure that you buy a ticket for one of the performances. [Ticket sales here £8 each .....](#)

A CLACTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION



13TH & 14TH JULY 7PM, 15TH JULY 2PM & 7PM  
TICKETS £8 FROM COUNTYHIGH.ORG.UK

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.  
ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY HAROLD PRINCE.  
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP LTD.

**Thursday 13th July @ 7pm**

**Friday 14th July @ 7pm**

**Saturday 15th July @ 2pm and 7pm**

### Non-Uniform Day – Last day of Term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July



The last day of the summer term will be our third and final non-uniform day in aid of charity for this academic year - this term we are raising money to support the fantastic work of St Helena Hospice; if your child wishes to wear non-uniform we ask for a £1 minimum donation. They provide specialist palliative and end of life care to local people facing incurable illness in north east Essex, supporting them, their families, friends and carers.

The money that we raise will allow them to continue to be there for those who need them at the most difficult time of their lives, now and in the future.

**Donations can be made through Parent Pay via a special option - just allocate a donation to the ['CCHS Non-Uniform Day 21<sup>st</sup> July'](#) or pay cash on the day.**

### Lockers to be Emptied by the end of Term



Students now need to empty their lockers.

**Locker keys can be returned to Miss Bareham at the [Attendance Office](#) at Break time each day**

**Year 7 and Year 8 – Please return Locker Keys by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 9 and Year 10 – Please return Locker Keys by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**All Locker Keys must be returned by the end of term at the very latest.**

If keys are not returned, students will lose their key deposit.

Lockers will be cleaned over the summer ready for September, when there will be the opportunity to hire one again.

Any locker that is not cleared will be emptied and the contents bagged for collection in September; any uncollected bags will be disposed of.

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## Planning ahead for September 2023 - Uniform & Equipment

[Everything you need to know about school uniform](#)  
[Equipment checklist](#)



### School Ties

Please see the table below to view student ties for the next academic year. Students will continue through their school journey with the same coloured tie. New Year 7s in September 2023 will have a purple stripe.

<b><u>CCHS Student Ties</u></b>	<b><u>Next Academic Year 2023/4</u></b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Purple stripe</b>
<b>Year 8</b> (current Year 7)	<b>Light blue stripe</b>
<b>Year 9</b> (current Year 8)	<b>Red stripe</b>
<b>Year 10</b> (current Year 9)	<b>Plain Tie (no stripe)</b>
<b>Year 11</b> (current Year 10)	<b>Yellow stripe</b>

### Parent Pay Reminders

If your child has been issued with a dinner ticket due to not having sufficient funds on their account, these will now be showing as debts in your account. Please clear these costs before returning to school in September. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

### Student absence



**Student appointments and absence reporting can be made via email [absence@cchs.school](mailto:absence@cchs.school)**

Medical or similar appointments for your child should, wherever possible, be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, an email should be sent in advance to [absence@cchs.school](mailto:absence@cchs.school). Students who need to sign out during the school day, must sign out at attendance and they will be provided with a green 'Permission to be out of School' slip. They must sign back into school at the attendance office upon their return. This is vital for safeguarding purposes.

*(Please give your child a note on the day, to help them, and the class teacher, remember the appointment)*

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please email [absence@cchs.school](mailto:absence@cchs.school) **before** 8.45am. Please refer to the CCHS website for further information on reporting student absence - [Click here](#)

### Term date Reminders

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

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- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Years 7 & 8 Sports Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Sigma Sixth Induction Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July - School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Years 9 & 10 Sports Day
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Term (school finishes after Period 2)

#### Year 7

**Sports Day – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Unfortunately, no spectators - [more information](#)

#### Year 8

**Sports Day – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**

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Unfortunately, no spectators - [more information](#)

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## Year 9

### Sports Day – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July

Unfortunately, no spectators - [more information](#)

## Year 10

### Sports Day – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July

Unfortunately, no spectators - [more information](#)

## Year 9

### Year 9 HPV Vaccinations – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July

Your consent will be required [Letter from Essex University Trust Immunisation Service](#)

Please click on the link in the letter (click on the word “here” highlighted in yellow)

## Year 11

### Year 11 Virtual Year Book 2023 – scan the QR code

Please scan the code to take a journey through the Year 11 Year Book for 2023. There are some very happy memories, and messages from staff, that we wish to share with you and our students and we are extremely proud of the cohort and excited for them as they move onto the next stage in their academic journey.



Many will be joining our Sigma Sixth College in September and details of their induction day opportunity on 13th July is below.

### YEAR 11 - Sigma Sixth Induction Day - Thursday, 13th July - Message from Head of College - Mrs S McKarry

Our Sixth Form Induction Day for Year 11 students joining us in September will be on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. We are very excited to welcome the new cohort to Sigma Sixth for the day and have some exciting activities planned which we hope students will find both informative and enjoyable.

Letters have been sent to applicants, parents and carers but if you have not received this or require further information please contact the sixth form team: [sixthform@cchs.school](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

## Sixth Form Notices

Last week, we said a fond farewell to our Year 13 students. They are just the second cohort to graduate from our Sigma Sixth College, which opened its doors in September 2020. The celebration was ‘rounded off’ with their final assembly, including some fun awards recognising just a few of their highlights during their time in our sixth form and a pizza party.

We wish them good luck and every success in the future.

## Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

### Healthwatch Essex – Asthma Survey

Working together with NHS leaders and consultants to shape and improve asthma care for children and young people across east and west Suffolk, and north east Essex. As a parent or guardian of a child or young person living with asthma, this is an important opportunity for you to share your experiences. Your feedback will be used to shape how children and young people’s asthma support is provided in the future.

### How you can take part

This project is a chance for you to share your ideas about the support that currently works well for you, your child, and your family. You can also help the NHS to learn more about what could be improved about local services, and how children and young people could be better supported to manage their asthma.

### Complete the survey

Please take a few moments to complete the short anonymous Healthwatch survey on [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HealthwatchAsthmaCareCYP/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HealthwatchAsthmaCareCYP/). The survey can be completed by both young people with asthma and parents, carers or guardians. Please share the survey with your child so that they can take part too. For more information about the project, to access alternative formats of the survey, or if you have a question about taking part, please visit [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk/cypathma](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk/cypathma). You can also contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on freephone 0800 448 8234, or by email to [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk). They can help you to complete the survey, or address any questions you have about the survey.

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## Careers Updates

The CCHS Careers hub micro website is continually being updated with information on all different types of careers and much, much more. [Please take a look at our Careers Hub Here.](#)

Throughout June and July there are a lot of career focussed events coming up, particularly for our Year 10 students as they begin to think about higher education, further education, work and apprenticeships.

## Community Notices

**Colchester Teacher Training Consortium** - [Click here for more information](#)

Great news for potential new teachers, WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS over the summer.

**Essex Summer Programme Summer 2023** - Join us for an action packed three days of fun, challenge, and games. Free to attend, including lunch.

After the three days, you can complete an optional two day/one- night expedition experience in the Essex countryside taking place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd August 2023.

<https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/essex-summer-programme-2023/>

**Circus CORTEX | CLACTON - Clacton Airfield, West Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1AG**

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup> to Mon 28<sup>th</sup> August - Shows Twice Daily**

Use Code **SCHOOL7** at checkout and get £7 Off per ticket on VIP & Grandstand seating.  
(Code cannot be used with any other offer)

Circus Cortex is a majority Ukrainian cirque, run and owned by Irina Archer and her husband Paul.

Irina & Paul have spent their lives, firstly performing in and then managing and producing circuses in the UK as well as abroad. Having spent 10 years producing The Moscow State Circus, Irina wanted to venture out on her own and with her husband's dedicated support, 3 years ago, she did just that.

Irina blends modern cirque production elements with extremely talented circus artistes and brings audiences 105 minutes of dedicated entertainment. Theming, Costumes, Lights & Music, every single element of the show is tweaked to perfection to bring audiences a truly magical hand clapping, foot stomping fantastical time.





## **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**

Finley Coburn, George Dunn, Konnie Flynn, Alfie Joseph, Bella Marley, Mollie Palmer, Colbie Smith, Teddy Swinbourne, Lillie Taylor, Anna Turner, Hayden Welsh and Frankie Young



#### **Year 8**

Sienna Barnard, Jasmine Cooledge, Finley Higgins, Sydnie Joyce, Dennis Langham, Lily Powell, Annabel Reynolds, Kai Sneddon, Ethan Stacey, Emily Turner and Lola Ward



#### **Year 9**

Freddie Bell, Scarlett Brooks, Aaliyah Keely, Alex Lancaster, Ava Orford, Jan Pankiewicz, Imogen Ridout, Archie Shaw, Damilola Shola, Fletcher Wigglesworth and Charlie Willis

### **Weekly Proud Awards**

The top students in each year group who attained the most PROUD+ points last week and also had 100% attendance (listed alphabetically) – Each year group winner collects the top prize of an amazing £10 Amazon voucher.



#### **Year 7**

Benjamin Childs, Finley Coburn, Jamie Dickings, Faith Hawke-French, Leyla Mott, Kennedy Sheridan, Colbie Smith and Paige Snipp

**Winner** – Leyla

#### **Year 8**

Jasmine Cooledge, Ruby Cowley, Kayla Darnell, Archie Doy, Sydnie Joyce, Grace Lee, Ben Leeks, Luke Quilter and Ellie Singers

**Winner** - Ben

#### **Year 9**

Holly Balcombe, Rebecca Barnard, Myley Jerram, Dawn Juckiewicz-Caspell, Harry Layfield, Cameron Mayers, Riley McLaughlin, Angel McMahon, Alex Parker and Jack Robertson

**Winner** – Jack

