



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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The Last Week of Term

There is only a week left until we finish the summer term and the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year, signifying the start of the six-week summer holiday.

School finishes on Friday 21st July after Lesson 2 at 11.55am.

Clouds Restaurant will only be open at break time next Friday for a Grab 'n' Go service.

Students in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) should obtain their meal during the morning break.

NB. Chicken & Chips will be served on Thursday next week.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day in aid of charity. This term we are raising money to support the fantastic work of St Helena Hospice. 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 here for those who need us 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 21st July](#)' Students are also welcome to bring donations into school next week. Form tutors will be collecting contributions during morning registration. Recommended donation is £1

**St Helena
Hospice**



Model Aircraft Masterclass

A number of students, who have shown a keen interest in engineering, had the opportunity to explore their passion when they were treated to a masterclass in glider building. A model aircraft enthusiast, from a local model aeroplane club, came into school to talk to the students and provided special kits for them to build their own gliders. The gliders will be completed in September when students will be given the opportunity to fly them before moving on to building more complex aeroplanes, eventually working towards working with dual controlled model aeroplanes. Any students with a similar interest are welcome to join the Model Aircraft Club when we return in September when they can also start building their own model aircraft.



Forensic Science Experience Day



Year 9 students who took part in our Science Department's 'Crime Scene' poster competition, recently spent a day looking at real life crime. A former police detective led them through the science of forensics and how evidence is collected and analysed. The students had a great day learning how science is used in the real world and how suspects are convicted through the evidence presented by forensic scientists. The special Crime and Investigation Skills day entitled "From Crime Scene to Courtroom" was based on a real murder investigation and the pupils actively took the roles of every aspect of the investigation; these included the 'examination' of a mock murder scene, how fingerprints are recorded and, following a day packed full of information, concluded with a mock court trial. Students acted as judge, members of the jury, case detectives and defence barristers; all led by the former detective as the prosecution. Not only did the day provide the pupils with a fun and engaging experience, it provided them with a range of opportunities for potential career choices and a rare insight into a real detective's work-life experiences.



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Perseverance, Determination and Making Memories – Year 7 Activity Weekend

Last weekend we took a hundred and thirty-eight Year 7 students away for an action-packed weekend of activities at the PGL's Brawdsey Manor activity centre, on the banks of the River Deben near Woodbridge.



After arriving on Friday afternoon, students soon settled into their tents and were relaxing and playing games in the sunshine on the main lawn of the Manor. After dinner they returned to the playing fields for games of Ultimate Frisbee, Dodge Ball and Unihoc, before heading back to camp for some downtime before bed. They eventually settled after midnight, well most of them! The weekend was device-free – no screens, no phones, no internet, no social media. Unfortunately, the staff soon discovered (at about 4am on Saturday morning) that many 11 and 12 year olds don't own a watch and use their phone instead; when it got light, they got up! Many were dressed ready for breakfast at 4.30am!



After a few additional hours in bed and a hearty breakfast, it was time to start the programme of activities – eight in total spread across Saturday and Sunday - canoeing, raft-building, Jacob's ladder high ropes, Orienteering, Problem Solving, a Sensory Trail challenge – where students had to negotiate an assault course whilst wearing black-out goggles, buggy building and a survival course, which included whittling sticks, building a campfire and bush craft.



The students dived straight into the activities – some had to really push their boundaries way outside their comfort zones but with perseverance and determination every single student came away with a real sense of achievement; for many it was also an opportunity to actually enjoy being a child without the pressures of having to, and wanting to, behave and act as if they were a lot older!



Most students got wet over the weekend – be it from capsizing a canoe, falling from a raft or being splashed whilst on the water and if they'd avoided a drenching they only had to wait until Sunday morning when the heavens opened! The rain didn't deter them and they continued immersing themselves in all the challenges that they were involved with.



Many thanks to all our Year 7 students – all of you were awesome and we hope that the memories made last weekend will remain with you. Remember you can do Anything; Don't let your doubts stand in your way. A special 'Thank You' also to the staff who gave up their entire weekend to enable the students to have such a fantastic experience.

More photos and a video compilation will soon be available to view for those on the trip – watch your emails!

Year 10 Futures Week – Experiencing the World of Work

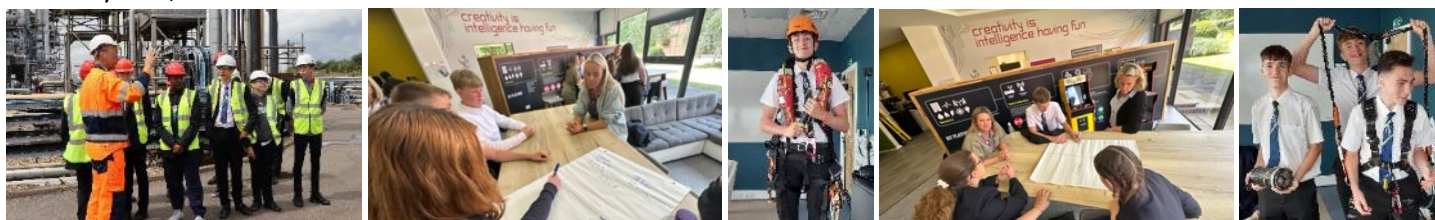
Last week our Year 10 students spent a week away from their normal lessons to gain an insight into the world of work, which ultimately is what we are all helping prepare them for. The week included numerous workplace visits with a number of providers who hosted groups of students for the day to learn about their industries and see how work places can differ. Over two days, 200 students took part in these special work experiences including - **Clacton Hospital's Diagnostic Centre** - where students looked at careers and apprenticeships in the NHS, along with a tour of their new facility in Clacton; **The Book Service** in Frating - where students looked at careers in publishing with talks from logistics staff and publishing staff, they also got a tour of the distribution centre; **Think BDW** - a property development firm that focuses on graphic design and VR design of interiors; and **Cloud FM** - a facility management business in Colchester; the students had a fantastic experience and returned glowing about their day learning about logistics and business administration.



Students who have expressed an interest in engineering had the opportunity to visit **Pickering**, a local electronics firm who make microswitches; they had a talk and a tour, as well as meeting some ex-CCHS students who now work at Pickering Electronics to learn about their career journey. Other engineering visits included **Tridan Engineering** - a milling company that makes everything from engine blocks to missile casings where students got a talk about career routes and see their facility in action; the **Galloper Windfarm Headquarters** in Harwich where they learnt about the off-shore power generation section and talked to staff about the Galloper degree apprenticeship opportunities; there was also an opportunity for them to wear the special rigging harnesses and experience a VR tour of the wind turbines.



Other visits included - **Harwich Port** and **Trinity House**, where students learnt about careers at sea and toured they buoy storage area and engineering facility. Petro-Chemical organisation **Halterman Carless** allowed students onto their site for the first time and took them on an interesting tour of their plant in Harwich where they distil various hydro-carbons to produce various petroleum products, including racing fuel which is exported around the world for Powerboating, Racing and Rally cars, as well as an unnamed Formula 1 team.



Later in the week there was an opportunity for every student to explore other workplaces when they undertook a number of days work-shadowing, to gain a true sense of a work-life experience. We had over two-hundred and fifty home-organised work shadowing experiences, including the childcare placements which took place this week, which covered a wide range of careers all over Essex and London. Students also engaged with our virtual offer based on careers advice and employment skills; some completed everything - an experience of work, work shadowing and virtual careers. Although the Futures Week was action packed, there was still time for a number of students to also experience what it is like to study A-Levels at University, when they visited the University of Essex as part of a special VI6 (pronounced six-six) taster day. Two weeks ago, a number of students spent time at Colchester Institute where they participated in a carousel of activities where they looked at soft skills important to employers like writing emails, communication skills, CVs and learning about the different types of colleges and qualifications. The rest of the year group, over 200 students went on their Sigma Sixth Taster experience where they got to experience a day in the life of a college student as well as sampling some of the subjects they may want to take next year. We hope that the opportunities offered to our Year 10 students during our Futures Week, helped them gain a true sense of a work-life experience. As they move into Year 11 we continue to provide a full range of careers education, information, advice, guidance and support, which will be available to help them to make appropriate choices about their post-16 destinations with access to a range of opportunities and exciting events.



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.

What's being celebrated around the world?

Muslims around the world will celebrate Ai-Hijra /Muharram (New Year) from sunset Tuesday 18th July 2023

Whole School Notices

The curtain is up!

Thursday 13th July was a sell out! The first night performance was incredible.


Limited tickets are still available for the following shows:

Friday 14th July @ 7pm

Saturday 15th July @ 2pm and 7pm

[Ticket sales here £8 each](#)

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

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Term date Reminders

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

- Friday 14th July - School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Saturday 15th July - School Musical Evita - [Tickets now available](#)
- Tuesday 18th July – Years 9 & 10 Sports Day
- Friday 21st July – End of Term (school finishes after Period 2)

Reminder: Non-Uniform Day – Last day of Term – Friday 21st July

St Helena 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. **Donations can be made through Parent Pay via a special option - just allocate a donation to the '[CCHS Non-Uniform Day 21st July](#)'** or pay cash on the day. School closes after Period 2 on the last day of term.

Lockers to be Emptied by the end of Term – Yrs 7 – 10



Students now need to empty their lockers.

Locker keys can be returned to the Student Services Desk in Clouds at Break time each day. from Monday
All lockers must be emptied and keys returned by the Thursday 20th July at the very latest.

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

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

Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed in Clouds next week. Please encourage your child to check if they have lost anything in the past term. Any unclaimed items will be taken to a charity shop or disposed of.

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[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.

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

Year 7

No individual notices for Year 7 this week!

Year 8

No individual notices for Year 8 this week!

Year 9

Sports Day – Tuesday, 18th July

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

Year 10

Sports Day – Tuesday, 18th July

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

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.

Sixth Form Notices

No individual notices for Sixth Form this week!

Safeguarding, SEND and Wellbeing

Summer Holiday Vaccination catch up clinics 2023

[Click here for more information](#)

SEND Roadshow - Tuesday, 18th July

SEND Roadshow is for parents/carers of children with SEND to come along to talk to the range of charities, organisations and providers available to speak to during the morning.

The link below to the Essex Local Offer has all the details of the event and we will be available from 9am, although the link does say 9.30. The link also has a list of all the services that will be there for families.

[Click here for further information](#)



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/. 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. You can also contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on freephone 0800 448 8234, or by email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk. They can help you to complete the survey, or address any questions you have about the survey.

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.](#)

Community Notices

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.

[Click here for further information](#)

Clacton Pier - National Lottery Big Days Out - [Click here for further information](#)

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

Thu 17th to Mon 28th 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.

