



# Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Weekly News



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## Summer Term 2024

As we start the final term of this academic year, we hope that this will be the start of a great summer for everyone. We congratulate all of our students who are continuing to 'opt in' to their lessons – arriving punctually, fully equipped and ready to learn. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, who are about to take exams, the very best of luck. Students in Year 11 are now into the final few weeks before their GCSE written exams, which commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, although the exam season is about to start ramping up with various language speaking and other practical exams starting next week. Our Year 13 students are also nearing the conclusion of their Sixth Form education as they sit their A2 exams, starting with practical exams next week and continuing until the middle of June.

## Student Leadership Easter Egg Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who helped us ensure local children woke up on Easter Sunday to see that the Easter Bunny had left an Easter egg for them! Our Student Leadership Charity Appeal collected over forty chocolate eggs which were delivered to the Clacton Food Bank on the last day of the spring term. Many thanks to senior Student Leaders Laura and Serena for helping deliver the eggs to the Food Bank – the Food Bank volunteers were exceedingly grateful for the school's donations.



## Rewarding Outstanding Commitment

During the final week before the Easter holiday, we were delighted to reward over three hundred and fifty students from Years 7 to 10 for their outstanding commitment to their punctuality and positive attitude to their learning throughout the spring term. Students with excellent attendance and behaviour, qualified for the reward trip to Clacton Pier.



Students enjoyed playing tenpin bowling, riding the bumper cars and challenging themselves to a game of adventure golf. A fantastic time was had by all; the treat was a fitting, and a well-deserved reward for all the students' hard work throughout the term. Well done to all those students who were invited and enjoyed their reward.



Each term, we reward our students for their exemplary attendance and behaviour, dedication to their school work and determination to succeed. As we start a new term, students can continue to 'opt in' and focus on being one of the top students in their year group, helping ensure that their exemplary attendance and behaviour enables them to take part and enjoy the next student rewards trip. This term, we will be rewarding students with a trip to the cinema, before we finish for the summer holiday.

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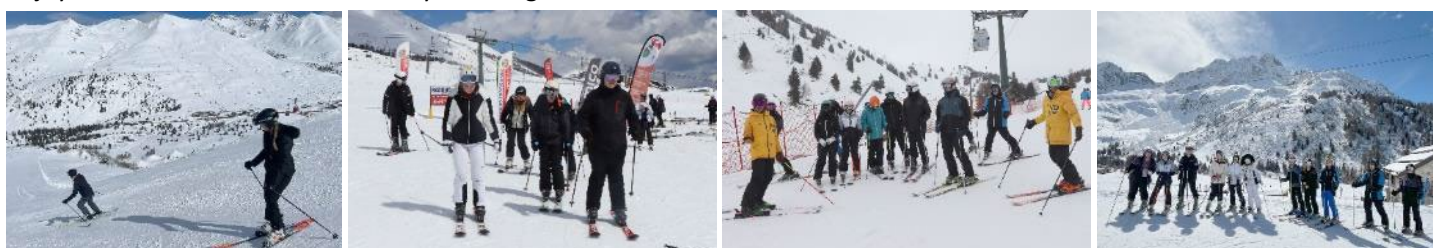
## CCHS Ski Team – Tonale, Italy, Easter 2024



On the first day of the Easter holiday, thirty-nine excited Year 10 students, along with five intrepid staff, boarded a luxury coach bound for Italy – 1000 miles drive, over 24 hours, through six countries! The thought of the long drive through the night was softened with the expectations of the great week skiing that lay ahead. Upon arrival, skis, boots and helmets were collected, before students had a chance to settle in to their rooms at Hotel Iscla, which the group took over for the week! Only two students had ever previously experienced a winter holiday, so the first morning on the slopes was, to say the least, interesting, especially as the weather wasn't playing ball, with wet snow all day long dampening the proceedings! Great hilarity ensued with tumbles, uncontrolled backwards skiing and the odd domino effect on lines of waiting skiers. That said, by the end of the day, everybody had spent more time vertical than horizontal and had accomplished a drag-lift or chair lift – some better than others!



Each day the CCHS ski team made a coach journey up the mountain to the main nursery slopes and then back again at the end of the day. This also entailed loading and unloading the coach with over forty pairs of skis, boots and poles; a mammoth task for our fantastic coach drivers, who looked after the group all week. Once everyone had mastered the nursery slopes, the ski groups started to venture further afield, as the ski instructors were able to show their ski groups more of the wonderful ski area, whilst continuing to improve their techniques. Despite being the end of the ski season, there was plenty of snow all week. After the damp start to the week, the sun came out to reveal some stunning views from the Presena Glacier, where the groups enjoyed their final runs of the holiday at a height of 3000m.



As the week progressed, the improvement made from the students' first trepid slips and slides on the first day, was astounding. Many faced their fears, pushed their boundaries and jumped right out of their comfort zone – all of which were rewarded through their accomplishments and the praise and encouragement from the instructors, our teachers and, more importantly, their peers. The week was not without its challenges – from various injuries to a sickness bug that swept through the group, along with other testing situations, including a double break-down on the return journey which resulted in a nine-hour plus delay in arriving home. Despite the set-backs, it was heartening to witness how the entire group enjoyed each other's company throughout the trip – be it on the coach, in the hotel or out on the slopes – they are a great bunch of young people, of whom the teachers on the trip were exceedingly proud. We are sure some lasting friendships and lifelong memories were made by the CCHS Ski Team 2024. Students embraced the task of mastering new skills, showed some outstanding resilience to everything that was thrown at them and were a pleasure to take skiing for the week. [More photos and videos are available on our website.](#)



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