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The Insights of an Author



We were delighted to welcome local author Sam Scott, back to CCHS recently for another of her talks about writing fiction and her journey in becoming a writer. She kindly spoke to a number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who were invited to attend the special event as a reward for their excellent work on Sparx Reader throughout this year. As part of her visit, Sam shared her writing experiences and gave the students an insight into the publishing industry. The students loved



listening to excerpts from one of Sam's books: *'Murder is not a Game'* and accompanied the author on her writing journey as she read her Young Adult Thriller! To conclude the workshop, Sam answered some fascinating questions posed by the audience about the book and her route into writing novels. As a bonus, each of the students was gifted a copy of the book, so that they can enjoy reading the whole story and find out if the main character Toby Shaw, solves the mystery behind the dastardly deaths occurring in a remote village on Bodmin Moor. To the students' delight, Sam kindly agreed to sign her books for them, which was a great end to a wonderful experience.

Studying Business at University

Our Year 12 Business students recently had the opportunity to visit the Essex Business School at the University of Essex to experience what life is like as an undergraduate Business student on their campus. Students had a thoroughly enjoyable day and had the chance to take part in a Finance lecture and a Marketing challenge where they won some wonderful prizes provided by the University. There was also an opportunity to join a tour of their amazing facilities, including their fully sustainable Essex Business School building. Many thanks to the University of Essex for offering this opportunity to our students, most of whom are aspiring to study Business once they have finished their A Levels at Sigma Sixth Form.



Sigma Sixth Experience Day

As part of our recent 'Futures Week' (see the article below), our Year 10 students spent a day at our sixth form college for a Sigma Sixth experience day. This provided an ideal opportunity for them to visit our sixth form campus and gain an understanding of Key Stage 5 study. They attending a number of taster lessons in a variety of subjects, toured the fantastic facilities at our Sigma Sixth College and became sixth form students for the day. Very soon, these young adults will be considering their next steps following their GCSE exams next year. For more information on our Sigma Sixth Tending sixth form, please visit our [sixth form website](#).



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Recognising Individuals – Jack Petchey ‘Outstanding Achievement’ Awards

Talented and dedicated individuals from across the Tendring District were celebrated at a special Jack Petchey Foundation awards evening this week. Among those who were acknowledged were a number of CCHS students and staff - Congratulations to Lucy, Coby, Seth, Serena, Karina, Kenna-Rose, Lucy, Stanley, Charlotte along with Mrs Granger and Mr Dorléans.



Lucy won her award for her dedication to supporting multiple extra-curricular sporting activities, along with excelling in her Table Tennis outside of school, where she was crowned as the Colchester Table Tennis Junior Singles Champion 2024.

takes an active lead within practical settings.



Coby always Contributes 100% in his lessons and goes above and beyond in everything that he does. He is a role model to others in science lessons, and

Seth has showed great determination and resilience whilst taking on the lead role within this year's summer production - Billy Elliot. He always contributes 100% effort in all that he does and has learnt new skills, specifically around dance, ready for the show, whilst balancing the demanding rehearsal schedule with his normal school day.

Serena is a passionate student leader who always has an outstanding attitude towards anything she does. She goes above and beyond every day, helping others and supporting staff, all whilst have a smile on her face. She represents the ethos of the school, helps with interviews, open evenings and various school events.



Karina is an exemplary sporting student both in her PE lessons and extra-curricular sports clubs. She is a role model to others, represents her school in multiple sports and regularly helps support staff and her peers. Her attitude is infectious and only impacts others in a positive manner.

Kenna-Rose is an outstanding all-round sports person. She has represented the school in numerous sports teams and helps support at school sports events for other year groups. Kenna is dedicated and hardworking in all her studies and has recently been accepted by Colchester United as a talented footballer.



Lucy was awarded for her commitment when volunteering within the community and supporting a range of people, as part a St John Ambulance cadet. Late last year, Lucy was one of five cadets from the Eastern region who being invited to the annual St John Ambulance Young Achievers reception, in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal.

Stanley joined CCHS in Year 7 last September and has showed outstanding bravery in the transition from primary to secondary school. He has adapted to secondary school, and the CCHS way, showing resilience in all that he does, showing independence and always has a smile on his face.



Charlotte is an incredible student. She challenges herself especially within the performing arts, attending drama club to support younger students, especially those in Year 7. Charlotte shows great dedication during school productions working hard during rehearsals, supporting younger more vulnerable students and constantly looking to develop her skillset in this area. Charlotte is developing her voice through regular singing lessons and is one the lead students in choir rehearsals, often working with small groups to help develop their singing. She is recognized by many staff as a model student, who is constantly seeking opportunities to support or help in any way she can.

Mrs Granger goes above and beyond for helping support students across the school. She is named by so many of them as someone they feel comfortable and safe speaking to when they are heightened or feeling low. She is enthusiastic about improving her knowledge through various courses to enable her to help students further. She is recognised for her incredible work within the pastoral team and with the students of this school.



Mr Dorléans' contribution to the wider ethos of the school is exemplary. He is lead for the school's Duke of Edinburgh Award programme; he runs the school chess club and takes students to competitions; Mr Dorléans also helps lead on the school STEM club, taking students to races and competitions. He regularly gives up his time to help better any student he comes across, giving students as many opportunities as he can, developing student's confidence and leadership qualities.

He has built lots of positive relationships with students, all of which speak so highly of him.



Year 10 Futures Week – Experiencing the World of Work

Our Year 10 students spent last 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, over 100 students took part in these special work experiences including - **Bartech Marine Engineering** – an engineering company in Colchester that service and maintain engines and power generators across the world; predominately marine based engines in cargo ships and cruise liners but also land based generator sets in Africa. At the **Galloper Windfarm** Headquarters in Harwich students 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. Whilst at **Rose Builders** students had the opportunity to tour a working building site in Manningtree. During the tour they saw some of the hundreds of new homes in various stages of construction and learnt about the numerous trades required to build a house. **Porsche UK** hosted students at the local Porsche dealership where they learnt about the Porsche organisation, toured the showroom and undertook a number of challenges to discover the diverse cars and the variety of features available. Their hosts were former CCHS students Joe Buckman and Taryn Barella, who spoke to students about their time at CCHS and explained about the career pathway they each followed to lead them into working for Porsche. Other visits included an **NHS experience** at Clacton Hospital, Petro-Chemical organisation, **Halterman Carless** and book printers and distributors, **Penguin Books UK**.



During the week there was also 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 home-organised work shadowing experiences which took place during the week, which covered a wide range of careers. 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. We are indebted to all the companies who allowed students to visit their workplaces, along with the virtual career placements, including the Met Office and Galloper Windfarms.



In addition, a number of Year 10 students recently 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.

We hope that the opportunities offered to our Year 10 students during the CCHS Futures Week, has 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.

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

Thomas Beere, Ronnie Childerhouse, Samira Chowdhury, Abbie Earl, Philip Kassim, Roxy Marshal, Elsie Pingram, Finnley Reynolds, Sophie Sturt, Quint Taylor, Poppie Willis and Marija Zirdzina



Year 8

Sophie Baird, Drew Davies, Kyle Edwards, Konnie Flynn, Harry Green, George Jarman, Edna Lee, Victor Madro, Mollie Palmer, Freddie Wigfall, Isabelle Wilden and Owen Woollard



Year 9

Brandon Baylis, Neave Cassidy, Owen Clark, Andriela Denny, Leo Goldstein, Mason Holmes, Frankie Millar, Amelia Norris, Chloe Pearce and Keira Stevens



Year 10

Lillie Argent, Joshua Arnold, Scarlett Brooks, Joshua Day, Erin Feagan, Lexie Grint, Evie Holland, Aisha Njane, Thomas Stacey, Noah Stuttle and Oliver Wicks

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Freya Anderson, Evie Brown, Flynn Carter, Sophie Chapman, Tilly Luton, Roxy Marshal, Riley Mason, Stanley Newman, Summer Rye and Finley Ward

Winner – Flynn

Year 8

Kacey Calder, Taylor Douglas-Grant, Codie Forman, Lucas Jiang, Adam Siroki-Szabo, Kaedyn Stanton and Jayden Wolstencroft

Winner – Taylor

Year 9

Joseph Cartwright, Cryrodge Chitiza, Aiden Denwood, Oakley Kerridge, Darin Kruze, Zen-Marie Machin, Isabelle Partridge and Laura Warlow

Winner – Zen-Marie

Year 10

Faye Burford, Reggie Calder, Ben Headford, Chloe Hill, Ben McInally, Aisha Njane, Archie Shaw, Mia Slim, Sophie Townsend and Phoebe Winteridge

Winner – Mia

