



Clacton County High School Weekly News

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Passport to the Prom – Notice for Year 11 Parents

We are delighted to announce; after 2 year's absence due to circumstances beyond our control, the return of the "Passport to the Prom"!

For those of you who may not remember what this means, the Passport acts as an incentive to students and encourages them to make the most of the support opportunities offered by their teachers in the lead up to the summer examinations. Having the school Prom is so important to many of our Year 11 students and defines a transitional moment in their lives as they move from mainstream school to Post-16 studies, hopefully at our Sigma Sixth college; a real stepping stone towards adulthood.

The Prom marks the end of a very intense few months as the students have completed their GCSE examination period and can look forward to a great summer and, then in August, receiving the examination results that they have worked so hard for. It is also the very last time that this Year 11 cohort will have the opportunity to be together as a whole.

To qualify for their "Passport to the Prom", students need to attend a number of revision sessions across their subject areas over the next nine weeks in the lead up to the exams. Staff at CCHS are totally committed to ensuring each student is able to fulfil their potential and are willing to give up so much of their time, even at weekends, to ensure this happens. Students should discuss the revision sessions with their teachers and work out a plan that works for them as an individual student, both to maximise their revision opportunities and to qualify for the Passport; a copy of all the revision sessions are listed on the [Extra-Curricular Activities](#) page of our website and within our [Revision Microsite](#).

The idea is to really focus their revision efforts with definite rewards at the end; excellent results, entry into a prize draw and, of course, the Prom!

Parents, as ever, you are vitally important to the success of this initiative. Any support and encouragement you are able to give from home to attend revision opportunities will be greatly appreciated. Our aim is the same, to ensure our students, your children, can achieve their absolute best.

Exams Summer 2022 - Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form Students & Parents

The timetable for next summer's GCSE, BTEC and A-Level examinations is now available on the [Exams page of our website](#). In addition, all of the 'Information for Candidates' sheets, supplied to us by the exam boards have been updated; please take your time to review this important information.

NB. The second round of Year 11 Mocks will start w/c 7th March – the timetable for these exams is now also available on the [Exams webpage](#).

Year 11 Prom Dress 'Hire'

This year's end of school prom for Year 11 is scheduled for Wednesday 29th June. Last year, Miss Townsend started a school prom 'shop', in which students can 'hire' a dress free of charge. We have approximately ninety dresses available this year; none of which have been worn at a prom before and have all been donated by high street boutiques, most still with price tags still on. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Miss Townsend by emailing admin@cchs.school to arrange a viewing of the dresses. Also, if you have a dress or suit which you feel would be suitable to donate, this also would be greatly appreciated and again please contact us using the email address above.



COVID-19 Testing

Since the announcement by the Government earlier this week, we confirm that asymptomatic testing for students and staff has now stopped. Students should only now test if they have one of the main 3 symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell). Some suggested ways to help reduce the risks of catching and passing on Covid-19 are: Getting vaccinated; Letting fresh air in; Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. Lateral Flow Tests can still be ordered free of charge until 1st April – please contact the school by emailing admin@cchs.school if you require additional testing kits.



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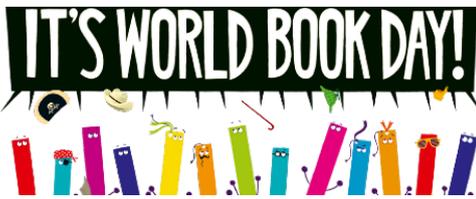
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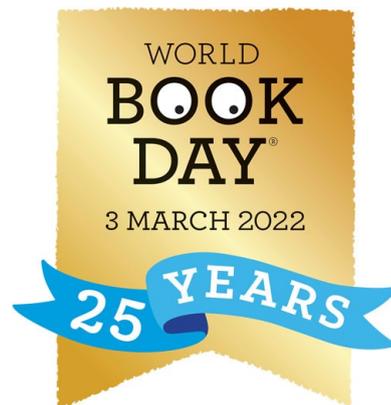
World Book Day Take Over!



Next Thursday, 3rd March, is World Book Day 2022 and the rest of Weekly News is devoted to promoting literacy and reading. World Book Day is always an exciting day of celebrating authors, books and the joy of reading here at CCHS and this year that is

especially true as World Book Day marks its 25th anniversary!

Reading for pleasure is at the heart of World Book Day. We know that reading is hugely beneficial for our students' academic achievements but we also recognise the positive impact of reading for their wellbeing. Three in Five young people said that reading makes them feel better (National Literacy Trust), which shows just how important it is to encourage your children to read for pleasure.



CCHS Virtual and On-Site Library

We know how important it is for our students to have access to free books and CCHS provides this through our school library which operates on a 'book swap' basis as well as our online library where pupils can browse a catalogue of over 2000 titles via the Sora App, which they can explore [here](#), they simply need to select our school 'Clacton County High School' and then log in using their usual Google account credentials.

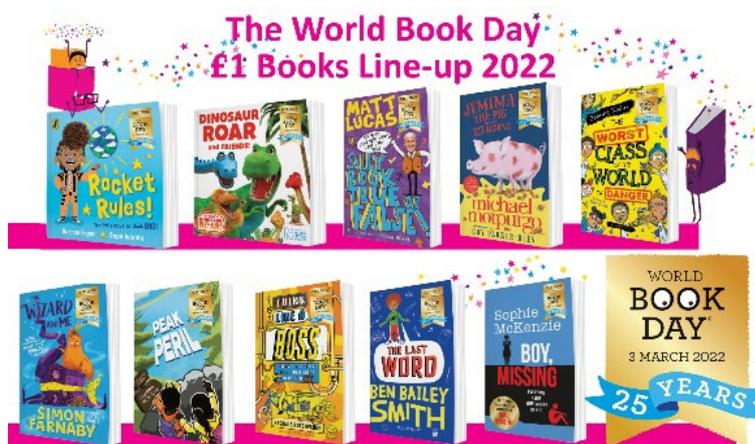
The catalogue includes audio books as well as eBooks, the option to select 'dyslexia font', and 'high contrast' formatting for students with a visual impairment. Students can also explore recommended titles within the following categories:

- LGBTQ+
- 'The Future is Female' female author titles
- Books in Spanish – a great way to develop their confidence and fluency in Spanish!
- Titles exploring diversity
- Bibliotherapy (fiction and non-fiction that will help you cope with difficult situations, take care of yourself and develop empathy for the difficulties others face). GCSE English Literature exam texts ...and many more!



World Book Day - £1 Books

Students can collect their £1 book voucher from the school library which can be exchanged for one of the exclusive, new £1 books (see the full line-up at worldbookday.com/books/) OR for getting £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops and supermarkets.



Year 7 pupils and tutors are invited to join our WBD 'Booknic' in the library at lunchtime on World Book Day, next Thursday.

Year 7 students are invited to bring their lunch to read, relax, eat and discuss books together.

World Book Day - CCHS Staff Recommended Reads

In honour of World Book Day we wanted to share what your teachers having been reading – why not pick a title from their recommendations so that you can brag about books with them.....



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Ms V Bailey

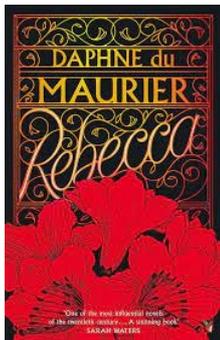
My book recommendation for Key Stage 3 is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. It is written in verse and is about twin brothers who play basketball.

WINNER OF THE NEWBERY MEDAL & THE CORETTA SCOTT KING HONOR AWARD



Miss Ballard

My book recommendation is *'Rebecca'* by Daphne Du Maurier. This book is probably best suited for KS4. I recommend this novel as it is a thrilling story which always keeps you guessing and on-the-edge - not your average romance novel. Du Maurier's classic story has not aged and still creates a psychological suspense.



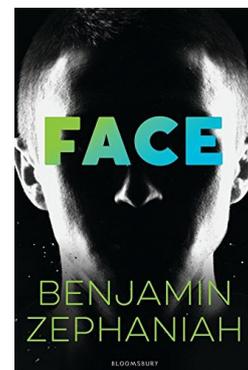
Mr Blanes

I love reading and am still up to about 1 book a week. Mostly on audible now as I listen while I'm on my bike. My genre is fantasy and sci-fi although I throw the odd thriller in sometimes. Some books I love a lot and some not so much, but they still prompt discussion and much delight.



Miss Bracey

I am really enjoying *Face* by Benjamin Zephaniah that's perfect for KS3 students. It shows you how easily accidents can happen and the dangers of peer pressure.



Miss Robinson

I am a big fan of anything from Jewell Parker Rhodes – her KS3 texts are always really thought-provoking and I become emotionally invested in her characters very quickly

Most recently I read *'Black Brother, Black Brother'* which is based on two brothers growing up in America and learning the sport of fencing. With a black mother and white father, the two brothers have different skin colours and are treated incredibly differently because of it. To me, this felt like the new *'Karate Kid'* with a political twist – I highly recommend!



Mrs Morgan

'Love, Rosie' by Cecelia Ahern for Key Stage 4. *Love Rosie* is about two childhood best friends who fall in love, but are forced to move to separate places. The pair plan to reunite in the future, but a series of events mean that their love is swept to one side. The story is structured as emails, letters and notes between the two characters and explores how their relationship develops in the following years of their lives. A laugh-out-loud text which is also heart-warming.



The English Department -

Team's Recommended Read:

These are available to borrow from the English department.



The CCHS 'Word of the Week'

In the Weekly News every Friday, we are publishing the featured word for the following week, its definition, origins and an example of its use in a sentence.

[Click here for details about the CCHS 'Word of the Week' initiative.](#)



Next week's 'Word of the Week' is **Phobia**

Pronunciation: FOE-BEE-A

Meaning: an extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something

Etymology: from Greek 'phobos' meaning 'fear' or 'aversion'

In Use: often used as a suffix – e.g. homophobia, fear or dislike of homosexuality; xenophobia, fear or dislike of foreigners.



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