



# Clacton County High School Weekly News

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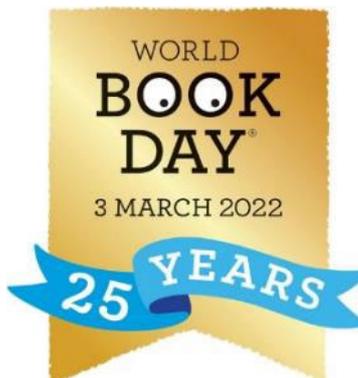
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## World Book Day – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Last Thursday, we helped celebrate a love of reading through World Book Day – the annual focus helps highlight the importance of authors, illustrators, books in general; fact or fiction, and, most importantly, is a celebration of just reading – you can still visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) for competitions and activities. Our Year 7 students also had a World Book Day 'Booknic' during their lunch break - relaxing, reading, eating and discussing books in our library. Every year our English department, dress up as book characters and teach their lessons all day in costume, once again, they did not disappoint!



Other staff join in and this year we

even had 'Mary Poppins' on gate duty, helping students arriving at school!

Other staff reincarnations were; the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland, Maleficent, Lady Macbeth, Dr Watson, a Hobbit, the Tic-Tok-Croc from Peter Pan, Belatrix the Strange, Professor Umbridge, Billionaire Boy, The Birds, Tracey Beaker, the three Witches from Macbeth and a couple of 'Greasers' from our Year 7 text, The Outsiders. They all looked fabulous!

## The New Sigma Sixth Tending Website

After the positive feedback about the new CCHS website that came on-line last June, we have recently launched a new sixth form website using the same platform. The new Sigma Sixth Tending website utilises the now familiar format used on the main school site and is optimised for both desktop and mobile devices. All of the pages from the former sixth form website have been updated and improved along with the addition of many new features. As with the CCHS website, the sixth form site includes its own responsive drop-down menu; each tab reveals different sixth form related choices.

On the mobile version, the menu is accessible at the top of the homepage or at the top left-hand corner of any other page by selecting the 'waffle'. The homepage features a rotating carousel highlighting the latest sixth form information with additional sixth form specific featured news items listed underneath. There is also a comprehensive search function to enable visitors to easily find information. We hope you like the new layout! [www.sigmasixth.org.uk/sigma-sixth-tending/](http://www.sigmasixth.org.uk/sigma-sixth-tending/)

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Discover Yourself, Define Your Future



Sigma Scholars

Our sixth form offers our most able students the opportunity to follow a Scholars programme which is designed to raise student aspirations and extend understanding of post-18 options.

Find out more about this initiative...



## Please Drive Slowly!

If you drop off or pick up students from either the front of the school or from the Leisure Centre car park at the rear of the school, can we please ask that you drive slowly, watch out and have care for other road users or pedestrians. The Leisure Centre car park and access road along with all the roads around the school are very congested at peak times and students, along with other pedestrians often behave unexpectedly or cross roads without regard to other road users.



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## Sixth Form Appeal for Ukraine

Last week our Sixth Form team sent out an email appeal to our Sigma Sixth students with details of a local firm that is transporting supplies to the people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Our wonderful young adults have jumped at the chance of being able to help in some way and within just a couple of days they have already created a growing pile of donations. They have brought in extras from shopping trips, tins and packets from the forgotten corners of kitchen cupboards and, with permission from parents, spare blankets and duvets (no longer needed at home). Well done to them all!



## SEND Roadshow – North East Essex



Essex County Council

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have any questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care?

Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please go along to one of the NHS /Essex County Council roadshows. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, Short Breaks, Team Around the Family Support Officer's Early Help, Health, as well as representatives from the Education Teams and SEND Navigation Leads.

**The next SEND Roadshow is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 9am to 11am at Alton Park Junior School (CO15 1DL)**



## A unique way to help 'Promote a Healthy Mind'



Last week, students in Years 7 to 10 were treated to a unique way of promoting a healthy mind. Over the course of the day, each year group watched a presentation focused on positive Mental Health, Body Image & Cyber Bullying. The event took on the form of a mini-concert performed by an up-and-coming popstar, 19-year old Nathan Gurd, who sang a number of his own songs along with a number of covers. These were interspersed with a number of important messages linked to his own experiences at school growing-up, relating to the bullying and negative social media. The event helped give everyone a lift after the difficulties faced by the students over the past couple of years and there was a real buzz around the school with students treating our external speaker and performer as an A-list celebrity! The key messages of the session in relation to mental health and wellbeing, cyber bullying and body image will be further explored, discussed and revisited in future assemblies and PROUD sessions to ensure that these invaluable learning points are not lost or forgotten by our students.

## 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.



**Word of the Week**

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

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

**Pronunciation:** CON-SENT

**Meaning:** permission for something to happen or agreement to do something

**Etymology:** from Latin 'consentire', ('con' meaning 'together' and 'sentire' meaning 'feel').

**In Use:** 'The legal age of consent in the UK is 16'



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