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Learning Languages - Helps 'Open Doors' throughout Life

Before half-term, our Year 9 Spanish students had an inspiring day, both in the classroom and on the AstroTurf pitch, honing their vocabulary and language skills through the medium of football. We welcomed former Arsenal Football coach, Steve Eadon, who spent the day in school working with our students to help raise their aspirations of learning another language. As with many students, Steve disliked being made to learn another language when he was at school, little did he know how important that necessity would become. He embraced the requirement 'imposed' upon him and actually went onto study languages before putting them to great use by combining them with his passion of football.

Steve started the day with a presentation to the whole year group discussing his career with Arsenal Football Club, highlighting the invaluable role of linguistic knowledge in various industries, from player care to travel management. He emphasized the broader advantages of learning foreign languages, illustrating how it can enhance a person's life and provide a competitive advantage in diverse contexts. Steve's presentation broadened students' perspectives on language learning, highlighting its benefits, beyond mere vocabulary and grammar acquisition.



Following the presentation, a number of students engaged in a classroom session, which resulted in pupils creating football match reports in Spanish, showcasing their language skills. Later in the day, other students participated in a football training sessions, applying the vocabulary they had learned on the pitch. The day proved highly enjoyable and productive, effortlessly integrating sports, real-world careers and foreign language learning.



Young Reporters Breaking into Journalism

A number of our upper-school students have been launched into the world of journalism as part of the Young Reporter Scheme, organised in partnership with Newsquest Media. The scheme, launched over sixteen years ago, has helped promote journalism and the world of the media as a potential career path to hundreds of students across the country. Students sign-up to write eight articles over an eight-month period - they are given deadlines to work to and categories to write within. Over the past years, CCHS and Sigma Sixth Tending young reporters have covered various press events such as Immersive Gamebox and Backyard Cinema. This year, our students have already written articles about Crochet, Shakespeare and the recent music concert at CCHS. All of their articles are published online and have a potential global readership of several million! Congratulations to Michael Armstrong in Year 10; Emily Bryden, Eloise Carter, Robyn Hillier, Ella-Rose McDougall, Felicity Ransley, Bethany Wretham and Amy Young in Year 11 and sixth-form students Rebecca Fairclough, Olivia Harman, Kayleigh Jenkins, Maisie Moseley and Jasmine Pearce.

Beth has already written four of her eight articles! – [‘Shakespeare's Folio: 400 Anniversary’](#); [‘The Future of Bowls’](#); [‘The Comeback of Crochet’](#); and [‘Benefits of Casual Badminton’](#); along with Olivia – [‘The Rights of Hospitality Workers’](#) and Eloise – [‘CCHS Hosts another Hit Show’](#) and [‘Fraser Morgan's 1000th Gig’](#).

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Year 9 Subject Pathways – Key Stage 4 Study – Important Decisions to Make

The Year 9 Pathways process for 2024 is now underway as students start considering their preferred subjects, and the Key Stage 4 study pathway, they would like to follow in Year 10 from September. This is an exciting, but important new chapter in our Year 9 students' school life as they progress into GCSE and BTEC study.

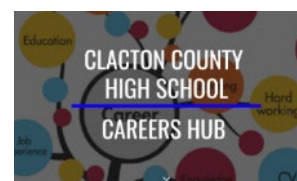
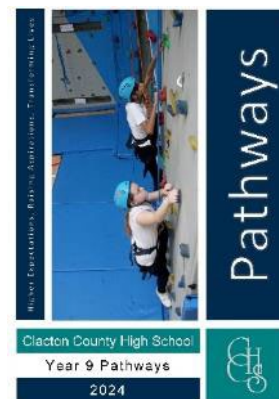
Students attended the launch event this week and the Pathways letters have now been distributed today– please ensure that you and your child take time to read this information and this year's Pathways booklet; each letter is specific to an individual student and provides information about subject options via their pathway. Details about the Pathways process can be found on our website by following this link - [Year 9 Pathways](#).

The Year 9 Pathways Subject Fair and Parents' Evening takes place next week on Thursday, 7th March – 3.45pm until 6.45pm

We strongly advise Year 9 students and their parents to attend this very important evening. During the fair there will be an opportunity to tour the subject stands, meet with subject leaders and gain subject specific information on course content to help with these important decisions. Information gained from this event will assist when making final preferred subject choices, these will be submitted through a Google Form – the link to this form will be sent to students, via their school email account. **Please explore all your child's options with them before completing this form.** If required, subject choices can be altered up to Thursday 28th March – please visit the [Year 9 Pathways webpage](#) for full details.

Our [Careers Hub website](#) is also an ideal source of information and guidance on which options would be relevant for future aspirations. Our careers team also offer personal guidance, students can make an appointment via the booking form link on the Careers Hub home page. Following the subject fair, if parents require further help or clarification, please feel free to contact your child's Form Tutor or the Subject Leader as detailed in the Pathways booklet.

Full details of this special evening are contained in the Pathways letters sent to parents. If you did not receive your child's Pathways letter please contact our Communications team to arrange a replacement – admin@cchs.school



Sporting Activities Help Inspire Friendly Competition



This year's new-look Interform Sports Competition was launched just before half-term, with our Year 7 and Year 8 form groups competing against each other in a variety of sports and activities. The new format saw every student 'Opting In' to the competition, taking part in one of the team games or individually, to earn points for their form during one of their PE lessons. Each form fielded teams in the football, netball, indoor cricket and bench-ball competitions, whilst others took on a special fitness challenge, scoring points for their participation and achievements in the school fitness suite.



It was fantastic to see all the students enjoying sport, in one way or another, with some fantastic games and sportsmanship on display throughout. This is the first of a number of similar competitions, that will take place throughout the rest of the academic year, with forms continuing to accumulate points. In the Year 7 interform competition it is 7y6 (Miss Goldsmith) who are currently in the lead, with 7y5 (Miss Cox) hot on their heels, followed by 7x2 (Miss Bailey) and 7x3 (Mrs Feighery) who are drawn on points; in fact, the top four teams are separated by just six points. Top of the Year 8 Interform league is 8x1 (Mr Bartlett), followed by 8y5 (Miss Moss) and 8y4 (Miss McCrossan) in second and third positions respectively.



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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

Olivia Blyth-Rotchell, Sophie Chapman, Jason Chauhan, Milo Evans, Oliver Fraser, Lilly Howden, Nathan Joseph, Poppy Prior-Davies, Reggie Rendell, Scarlett Russell, Quint Taylor and Haydn Wright



Year 8

Matthew Abraham, Alfie Colwill, Ben Cox, George Dunn, Jack Gavrilovic, Jessica Hall, Emily Munden, Maisie Pryke, Caleb Round, Harrison Rudanec, Colbie Smith and Michael Stacey



Year 9

Neave Cassidy, Brandon Dunne, Finley Higgins, Amelia-Jane Ford, Joseph Johnson, Dolcie Lay, Harrie Morris, Amelia Norris, George Smith, Harrison Straight and Xavier Tucker



Year 10

Harrison Bolt, Ben Brading, Taylor Browne, Faith Bunce, Jess Day, Chloe Hill, Dominic Jarrett, Laci Kill, Evie Link, Amelie Sambridge and Kevin Senel



Year 11

Golden Tickets return next week

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Archie Ball, Abigail Bird, Gabby Cantrell, Kayla Griffiths, Millie Hipkin, Tilly Luton, Frankie McDougall, Frankie Metcalfe, Dulcie-Mae Miller and Emily White

Winner – Tilly

Year 8

Angel San Jose, Lucas Jiang, Oliver Shove, Finley Gooding, Zac Russell, Kyron Garner, Harrison Fox, Ava Donaghy, Erin Stevenson, Ruby Carter, Sienna Daniels, Freya Wakeling-Glasgow, Tinashe Jayden Chandiwana, Jessica Levy and Adam Siroki-Szabo

Winner - Harrison

Year 9

Chloe Abraham, Bonnie Busby, Jacob Fowler, Kane Gower, Alexis Hunt, Tilly Jarmain, Demi Merrick, Ellis Pearson, Precious Smith, Finley Turner, Princess White and Maia Williams

Winner - Chloe

Year 10

Cameron Boon, Sky Crofts, Alfie Day, Hayden Edwards, Callum Goss, George McDougall, Angel McMahon, Damilola Shola, Alfie Soames and Mason Worwood

Winner – Alfie

Year 11

PROUD+ PROM points return next week