



Clacton County High School Sigma Sixth Tending Notices and Letters



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The weekly Notices & Letters is a 'one-stop shop' for home/school written communications and information. Please take the time to check through this mailing, particularly for your child's individual year group, there could be some very important information for you to be aware of.

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Whole School Notices

Student appointments and absence reporting can be made via email absence@cchs.school

Medical or similar appointments for your child should, wherever possible, be made outside of school hours. If this is not possible, an email should be sent in advance to absence@cchs.school. Students who need to sign out during the school day, must sign out at attendance and they will be provided with a 'Permission to be out of School' slip. They must sign back into school at the attendance office upon their return. This is vital for safeguarding purposes. *(it is helpful to give your child a note, to help them, and the class teacher, remember the appointment)*

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please email absence@cchs.school before 8.45am. Please refer to the CCHS website for further information on reporting student absence - [Click here](#)

Happy National Thank a Teacher Day! Wednesday, 19th June 2023

A nationwide celebration of all UK teaching and support staff can only mean one thing...National Thank a Teacher Day is back on Wednesday 19th June 2023! Don't miss the chance to say thank you and celebrate all the wonderful staff in your teaching community. **Say thank you to an amazing teacher – [Send your Free personalised Thank a Teacher card here](#)**



Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

This month

- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May - Start of Year 11 Exams
- Monday 20th May - Year 7 Start of Assessment week
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half Term Holiday

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- Wednesday 11th June – Year 12 Pathways Week
- Monday 17th June Start of Year 10 Mocks
- Thursday 20th June – PROM

Year 7

Advance notice:

- Year 7 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 20th May 2024
- Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 4th July 2024
- In the week starting Monday, 20th May our Year 7 students will sit a series of assessments in a range of subjects. The purpose of these assessments is to provide students with an exam experience so that as they progress through school towards their final year 11 examinations, they are ready and prepared and do not feel so daunted by the prospect. The Year 7 exams will:
 - Provide our students with insight into what it will feel like sitting exams within a specific time limit
 - Provide our students with revision strategies to prepare for assessments
 - For students who would not normally engage with revision, provide time for preparation through independent study sessions
 - Provide assessment data to give students feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement

Year 8

No notices specifically for year 8 this week.

Year 9

Year 9 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 7th May

Date	Subject	Key Stage 3 - Revision resources
Tuesday, 7th May	Science Assessment Start time: 1.55pm	Biology , Chemistry and Physics
Wednesday, 8th May	Maths Assessment Start time: 1.45pm Early Lunch @ 1pm	All topics . Students can also prepare for the test using the 'Independent Learning' tab on the Sparx Maths home screen. They can then select all KS3 topics from the drop-down menu.
Thursday, 9th May	English Assessment Start time: 1.45pm Early Lunch @ 1pm	Focus on Critical Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Please click [here](#) for a letter from Deputy Headteacher - Mrs K Loosley about Year 9 Assessments

Year 10

Year 10 Mocks – Commencing Monday, 17th June

Please read this important [letter](#) from Deputy Headteacher – Mrs K Loosley

Mock exams replicate exam conditions providing a glimpse into the pressure, time constraints and atmosphere of the actual GCSEs. Mocks won't affect final GCSE scores but they are still important because they identify areas of the subject students may need to work on. They are an excellent self-awareness tool for students as well as giving teachers a clearer idea of where students are in their learning.

Year 11

Year 11 Exams – Starting Tuesday, 7th May 2024

Exam Information Reminder:

All students need to attend in full school uniform. For the morning exams, we suggest that they are present at 8.45 am.

Essential exam equipment includes:

- Black pen x2
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighter pen for subjects such as English, history, geography, RE
- Scientific calculator for maths, science, and geography papers

If your child has trouble sourcing any of this equipment including a calculator, please let the school know as soon as possible so that one can be made available.

A Scientific calculator is a vital piece of equipment for the maths and physics exams. If your child doesn't have one or forgets to bring one they should speak with their teacher.

Recourses

[Year 11 Exam Timetable](#)

[Exam Booklet](#)

[Further exam information](#)

Year 11 Prom Thursday, 20th June 2024 - Please click [here](#) for Passport to Prom details

Dress 'Hire'

CCHS prom 'shop', students can 'hire' a dress free of charge. We have approximately ninety new and pre-loved prom dresses available for loan; many of which have never been worn at a prom before and have been donated by high street boutiques, some still with price tags still on. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Year 11 team by emailing admin@cchs.school to arrange a viewing of the dresses. Also, if you have a dress or suit that you feel would be suitable to donate, this would be greatly appreciated; again, please contact us using the email address above.

Free Prom clothing – Les Nicoll on Facebook

North Essex Support Team (NEST) is collecting, displaying, and giving away free of charge prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories. Local events include -

Saturday, 4th May - Elm Church, Clematis Way, Greenstead, Colchester, CO4 3PY at 09.30 am – 2.00 pm

Sunday, 19th May - Great Clacton Community Centre, 16 -26 Valley Road, Gt. Clacton, CO15 4AR

Sixth Form Notices

Advance notice:

Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2024 – Tuesday, 11th June – Friday, 14th June

Pathways Week provides a range of activities designed to support and inform students with post-18 choices. These will include information and guidance regarding higher education, apprenticeships, business skills, preparing for interviews, and the world of work. The week will include a huge amount of information that will be of benefit to all year 12 students regardless of their future pathway and forms an essential component of their sixth form education.

Click here to view a [letter](#) from Mrs Amanda Read – Careers and Destinations

Sixth form Summer exam timetable can be viewed [here](#)

Careers – All years

Year 13 Careers Information and Guidance - from Mrs. A Read - Careers Adviser & Year Manager 6th Form
Information on UCAS Applications, Student Finance, Apprenticeships/Employment/Alternative options, Extra/Super Curricular Activities, and Future Support can all be found [here](#)

Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

InterAct - funded Developing Resilience Courses for parents whose children are on the SEND register

Please click [here](#) for more information on local courses

Please click [here](#) for online courses

Adult Community Learning Essex (ACL)– Free Online courses for Parents

Community and Family Learning – Spring 2024 – [Link to all Courses](#)

Has your child missed their school vaccinations – Years 9 -11

Click [here](#) to see more about catch up clinics

Community Notices

Cannons Basketball - Junior National League Trials – Years 7 -13

Saturday 11th May - Click [here](#) for more information



Clacton Pier – Jurassic Half Term Saturday, 25th May – Sunday, 2nd June Meet life-sized Dinosaurs roaming. It will be 1 year since the launch of their Jurassic Pier attraction in May so no better way to celebrate than with a whole week full of prehistoric goodness 25th May - 2nd June.

Clacton Police Station Open Day on Saturday 11 May 2024 from 11am to 2pm.

Join the District Commander, Chief Inspector Ella Latham, and her team at our police station on Beatrice Road and meet the people who work to keep our community safe.

There will be lots of police-themed activities for the younger members of our community to get involved in as well as demonstrations from some of their specialist policing teams. The police will be giving an insight into their work and the type of equipment they use to protect people in Essex and catch criminals. And, of course, they will have different Essex Police vehicles on hand for people to get a closer look at, plus some police uniform to try on too.

The Police will be joined by colleagues including Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Tendring District Council, RNLI Clacton Lifeboat and Safer Essex Roads Partnership as well as several charitable organisations that they regularly work with such as Next Chapter, Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST), Neighbourhood Watch and Essex Search & Rescue.

No booking needed. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day, with all profits going to support local charities. Parking isn't available at the police station or on Beatrice Road, but there are several public car parks just a short walk from the station.

Please note the event will be taking place outside the front of Clacton Police Station, on Beatrice Road

Student Opportunity – 14 years and over. Do you want to be a volunteer to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge? [Click here for more information](#)

Career Opportunities at CCHS

This week there are new positions available: Click [here](#) for further information