



Clacton County High School

Sigma Sixth Tending

Notices and Letters



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Please take the time to check through this mailing, particularly for your child's individual year group as there could be some important information for you to be aware of.

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Whole School Notices

Final Reminder - Autism Anglia Coffee Morning - Monday, 28th April at 10am at CCHS.

If you would like to attend, please email us via admin@cchs.school – A diagnosis of autism is not required.

[Autism Anglia website](#)

Who Autism Anglia Support

Children and young people under 25 and their families

How Autism Anglia Makes a Difference

Guiding families through the autism support process and teach the community about autism

- Personal advice and support
- A friendly team that listens and gives advice based on your needs
- Drop-in sessions

What They Can Help With

- Assessment and diagnosis of Autism and ADHD
- Moving between schools or big life changes
- Support with meltdowns and shutdowns
- Getting help at school or college
- Behaviours that may be hard to manage
- Training for families and schools
- Explaining other services and how to get help
- Our Autism Alert Card to help you feel safe while you're out and about



Thank a Teacher

You, or your child, can now go online and write a free card to Thank a Teacher. These will then be passed on to staff at the school. Staff get a huge lift if they receive a card so do consider completing the form using this link to show your appreciation for a teacher(s) or any member of staff at the school.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>



Update - Cashless cards

From Monday, 22nd April, Fingerprint purchasing in Clouds restaurant at CCHS (biometric fingerprint recognition) was successfully replaced with cashless cards. Each student will have received a card linked to their Arbor account, Students are responsible for keeping the card safe and having it at hand should they wish to purchase refreshments at school. The cashless cards work like bank cards, and students can tap and pay at the card readers in Clouds.

Lost cards

Should your child forget/lose their card, they will need to go to the student services desk (in Clouds) between 08.20 am – 08.45 am or 1.15 pm – 1.45 pm to be given their unique PIN to enter into the PIN pad at the till to make a purchase. Student services will also be able to inform students of dinner money account balances before approaching the tills with a purchase.

Replacement cards

If your child requires a replacement card, they are charged at £1 and can be purchased via Arbor (School shop section) and collected from the IT office or the student services desk.

My child did not receive a card

Students should speak to their form tutors in the first instance

Free school meals

There will be no changes to Arbor dinner money accounts or current Free School Meal allowances (FSM). Dinner money accounts can be topped up in advance, as usual, in the same way, and FSM allowances will also be accessible to spend using the cashless card.

A reminder for road works around the school

Cadent have commenced work to replace gas pipework in the vicinity of the school. These works may cause delays on the roads around the school during peak times, and we advise that you factor extra time into your journeys or arrange to pick students up from a different location away from the works. **These works will run from 7th April to 2nd June.** Please drive carefully, leaving extra time for the school run. Please remember that **drop off and pick up in the school car park is not permitted** without prior agreement.



Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

This month

- Monday 28th April – Year 7 Assessment week

Later

- Monday 12th May – Year 8 Assessment week
- Monday 2nd June – Start of Year 10 Mock Examinations
- Thursday 19th June – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 20th June – Sixth Form Farewell Pizza Party
- Monday 31st June – Year 10 Futures Week
- Thursday 3rd July - Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 14th August – A level/L3 Results Day
- Thursday 21st August 2025 – GCSE/L2 Results Day

Year 7

Year 7 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 28th April 2025.

[Letter](#) from Mr A Martin – Assistant Headteacher

Advance notice:

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 19th June 2025

An overview of the Year 7 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Year 8

Advance notice:

Year 8 Assessment Week - w/b Monday 12th May 2025.

[Letter](#) from Mr A Martin – Assistant Headteacher

An overview of the Year 8 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Year 9

An overview of the Year 9 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Year 10

Year 10 Future's week - Monday, 31st June – Friday, 4th July 2025

More details can be seen in this [Letter](#) from Assistant Headteacher – Mr A Cooke

Careers Futures Week includes opportunities for work shadowing, work placements, and visits to the University of Essex and local national companies. One-day workplace visits are organised in partnership with exciting local and national businesses to give students an insight into the world of work.

Careers Work Shadowing involves students attending a place of work with either a parent, another family member, or another responsible adult to help them gain a true sense of a work-life experience. Please click here to access the [booking form](#)

Year 10 career interviews. Students will receive a one-on-one interview with a career's advisor to help them explore future career options based on their interests, skills, and qualifications. We encourage you to explore our careers website, [Unifrog](#), which offers quality resources, including career options, webinars and advice to assist with future plans.

Year 10 - continued

To make the most of their interview session, please encourage your child to prepare by considering the following five key steps, which will be discussed during the interview:

1. **Interests and Strengths** – What subjects or activities do you enjoy and excel in?
2. **Career Aspirations** – What jobs or industries interest you?
3. **Qualifications and Skills** – What qualifications do you need for your chosen career?
4. **Post-16 Pathways** – Do you want to pursue A-levels, vocational courses, an apprenticeship, or another route?
5. **Action Plan** – What are your next steps to achieve your goals?

Taking time to reflect on these points will help ensure a productive and meaningful discussion about their future.

An overview of the Year 10 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Year 11

Revision Resources – Available for purchase

Revision materials and exam equipment, such as scientific calculators and revision guides, are available to purchase on Arbor (school shop section) all purchased items can be collected from the main office.

Revision guides and flash cards: Science: Combined, Higher and Foundation. Physics, Biology and Chemistry

Revision guides: Maths: Higher and foundation, Geography, Business and Spanish. English Language. English Literature: A Christmas Carol, Power and Conflict, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls

Revision packs (pictured) containing a Calculator, Black Pens, Pencils, Eraser, Highlighter, Ruler, Protractor, and a few extra goodies are also available for purchase at £11.20



Exam Information Reminder:

- [Year 11 Summer Exam & Revision Timetable 2025](#)
- [Exam Day Checklist](#)

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 maths and physics exams. If your child doesn't have one or forgets to bring one they should speak with their teacher.**

Revision sessions

Morning pre-exam revision will either be held in the main hall or in year 11 tutor rooms, notices will alert students of the location on the day. Morning revision sessions start at 8.15 am. Students may enter through the main reception doors from 8.10 am.

Up to and including Friday, 6th June

Students are expected to attend normal lessons if not in revision or an exam up to and including Friday, 6th June. If they have finished a subject (exam has been taken), they will need to bring in revision materials to revise independently for upcoming exams in the normal lesson time.

Year 11 - Continued

From Monday, 9th June - Study Leave

Students are expected to be in school for pre-exam revision and exams only. This is known as Study Leave.

Uniform

All students are expected to be in full uniform whilst on the school site for all of their exams

Revision at home?

If a student is unable to access online revision at home, they are welcome to book a computer at school. Click [here](#) to book.

Exam Stress Management

Many thanks to all those parents who attended our Exam Stress Management Workshop this week, we hope that you found the evening informative and useful in assisting students through their exams this summer. Thanks also to Peter Banes from NELFT, Mrs Austin and Miss Dom for delivering the workshop. Those unable to attend can find a copy of the presentation [here](#) to help with your child's stress management over the exam period.

Year 11 School Photographs

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRXBTKWCG
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Year 11 Hoodies

Six colours to choose from.

Price - £21.60 Inc. VAT.

Delivery - All orders will be delivered to the school for collection even if you provide Printing on Sea an alternative delivery address.

Personalising – If your child wants to add their name to the back of the hoodie, this can be done just during checkout, using the section **Order Notes**. Enter only the name. All names will be printed in capital letters. Only real names will be allowed. Please order [here](#)

An overview of the Year 11 curriculum can be seen [here](#)

Sixth Form Notices

Sixth Form Exam and Revision

[KS5 exam and revision timetable](#).

Year 13 lessons will continue until students have completed their last exam in that subject. Their final day with us is officially Friday, 20th June. We will celebrate their time with us at our annual pizza party between 12 noon-1 pm on that day.

Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2025, Tuesday, 10th June – Friday, 13th 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.

Year 12 - Careers information, advice and guidance (CIAG) – [Letter](#) from Mrs M Read

Careers Guidance Updates

NEXT -MEDIC – Information session for Years 8 – 11 – [click here](#) for more information

Ipswich: Saturday, 3rd May, Colchester: Saturday, 10th May

Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

FREE Family Learning Sessions / Courses with ACL

ACL appreciate that children and teens face immense pressure from various sources, including transitions, exams, online, peer pressure and daily life.

ACL offer Parents & Carers, FREE sessions designed to help them understand and support their child/teen manage their stress, anxiety, or other emotions. ACL aim to create with you a healthier, happier environment for our young, and not-so-young, ones. Click [here](#) for more information.

Please email aclfamilylearning@essex.gov.uk, you cannot find the course/session you are looking for, have questions, etc.

Community Notices

St Helena – Pier to Pier 2025 – Sunday, 18th May 10.00 am

St Helena Hospice's 40th anniversary. Walk 7 or 14 miles between Clacton and Walton piers for St Helena. Participation in this special occasion will allow more people to access the St Helena Hospice services that they need. You may also take this chance to honour and remember your loved ones. The walk is the perfect time to reflect on the special moments and memories you and your loved ones shared. Pier to Pier is open to all ages, plus the route is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. **Sign up required** - click [here](#) for more information. A lot of CCHS students and staff will be taking part.

Career Opportunities

Career Opportunities at CCHS

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