



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

FACE - Family Advice-Communication-Education

On Wednesday, 30th April, you should have received an email from Mr Taylor introducing **FACE** (Family Advice-Communication-Education) parent talks. FACE gives practical, accessible and affordable support to parents and professionals who support children and teenagers, and the school currently subscribes to ensure CCHS parents can access these talks for free.

How to access

To access the provision, you will need a CCHS code, provided in the April 30th email. (If you did not receive the email, please contact us via admin@cchs.school)

This code grants all CCHS parents and staff unlimited access to all FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each) for 12 months (up to Jan 2026 for our school).

The talks are on a four-week rotation and are available as morning sessions (10:00-11:30) and evening sessions (19:00-20:30).

The code cannot be used for any other FACE services or shared with parents or staff from another school.

How to Use the Code:

Visit the PARENTS page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) to view the 16 regular talks for parents. Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

At the payment stage of booking, enter the code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0.

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****Note:**** Links to recordings of the talks are available for 48 hours after the session. If you cannot make a live session, book on and then email to request the recording link.

Important:

- Please avoid booking the FREE sessions for parents, as these are for parents from schools that have not purchased the discount code. They are shortened versions of the regular talks, which you now have free access to.
- The code can only be used for Parent Talks and cannot be shared with parents from different schools. Improper use can result in immediate code cancellation for the whole school

Thank a Teacher

Thank you to those parents/students who have already completed a Thank a Teacher card. These have been gratefully received.

You, or your child, can now go online and write a free card to Thank a Teacher. These are not exclusively for "teachers" and can be sent to any member of school staff. 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/>



Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

Dates for Your Diary

This month

- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday (closed)
- Monday 12th May – Year 8 Assessment week
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May Half Term Holiday

Later

- Monday 2nd June – Start of Year 10 Mock Examinations
- Tuesday 10th June – Friday 13th June Year 12 Pathway week
- Thursday 19th June – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 20th June – Sixth Form Farewell Pizza Party
- Monday 30th 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

Advance notice:

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 19th June 2025

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

Year 8

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

Why are assessments important and what are they used for?

1. **Tracking Progress:** They help teachers, students, and parents understand how well a student is progressing through Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9). This informs whether students are on track or need additional support.
2. **Setting Targets:** Results from Year 8 assessments often influence target-setting for Year 9 and may even play a role in early decisions about GCSE subject options.
3. **Identifying Strengths and Weaknesses:** They highlight areas where a student is doing well and where improvement is needed, allowing for more tailored teaching.
4. **Building Exam Skills:** Regular assessments help students become familiar with formal testing environments and build skills like time management, revision strategies, and resilience.
5. **School Performance Monitoring:** Schools use Year 8 data to monitor the effectiveness of their curriculum and teaching methods, which can influence internal planning and resource allocation.

Further information on the upcoming year 8 assessments can be seen [here](#) in a letter from Mr A Martin – Assistant Headteacher. Please support your child with revision at home.

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 Futures week - Includes work experience/shadowing and Career interviews

- Your child's work experience arrangements must be recorded on this [Booking form](#)
- Pre interview information must be recorded [here](#)

From **Tuesday 1st July to Thursday 3rd July**, all Year 10 students are expected to be engaged in a work experience placement and will not attend school. Students can attend a place of work with a parent, family member, or another responsible adult (with parental consent). This workplace experience (Work Shadowing) aims to provide insight into the world of work. Once a placement has been found for your child please complete the work placement consent form above. *Please note: students attending agreed placements in childcare do not need to complete the form.*

If your child is unable to secure a placement with a family member or friend, they will participate in a series of workplace visits, alongside virtual experiences, coordinated by CCHS staff.

Monday, 30th June – Friday, 4th July 2025

| Monday 30th June | Tuesday 1st July | Wednesday 2nd July | Thursday 3rd July | Friday 4th July |
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| Lessons will be targeted to prepare students for their work experience placements. | Workplace experience | Workplace experience | Workplace experience | Sigma Sixth Tending Experience Day (Invite only) College Preparation Day (students <u>not</u> attending Sigma) |

Year 10 - Continued

Year 10 Mock examinations will start w/c Monday, 2nd June

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.

When is my child's interview?

Students are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire found [here](#), after which an appointment day and time will be allocated

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.

We encourage you to explore our careers website, [Unifrog](#), which offers quality resources, including career options, webinars and advice to assist with future plans to help get most from this experience.

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

Year 11

Year 11 attendance in the exam period

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.

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.

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

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.

Morning pre-exam revision

These 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.

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.

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 Resources – Available for purchase from school reception.

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. You can also purchase these items directly at reception and pay by card.

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

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

Sixth Form Notices

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

Please find [here](#) a letter from Career Support - Mrs A Read

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.

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.

Careers Guidance Updates

NEXT -MEDIC – Information session for Years 8 – 11 – [click here](#) for more information
Colchester: Saturday, 10th May

Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

Tendring Families First

Tendring Families First is a local charity providing support helping hundreds of families struggling with multiple complex issues including poverty, family breakdown, isolation, mental health and behavioural challenges. Click [here](#) for more information on how they can help.

Extra

EXTRA – Support for Families (EXTRA) will help anyone caring for children in the Tendring district to meet the challenges of parenting. They offer local opportunities for parents/carers to meet at workshops, informal parent peer support groups, and a range of programmes and courses. Click [here](#) for more information on how they can help.

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.