



# 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

**Music & Dance Concert – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May –  
Fundraising for this year's CCHS Production of  
'Oliver!'**

**THE CCHS SUMMER MUSICAL 2025 Oliver!  
SAVE THE DATE**



**[Concert Tickets on sale NOW!](#)**



## **Performances:**

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July -7pm**

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July - 7pm**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm and 7pm**

For those unfamiliar with the story "Oliver Twist" follows the journey of an orphaned boy in Victorian England who is raised in a workhouse, then becomes a victim of the criminal underworld, before ultimately discovering his true parentage and a more prosperous future.

**[Oliver Tickets on sale soon!](#)**

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Assessment week
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May Half Term Holiday

#### **Later**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Start of Year 10 Mock Examinations
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 12 Pathway week
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sixth Form Farewell Pizza Party
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Futures Week
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August – A-level/L3 Results Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – GCSE/L2 Results Day

## **Year 7**

### **Advance notice:**

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

See our [Curriculum Microsite](#) for comprehensive information about our curriculum

## **Year 8**

**Year 8 Assessment Week - w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Year 8 Revision** – Students should visit the school's [Revision Microsite](#) for all the revision material for the Year 8 Assessments – they must be signed into their school Google account to access the revision material.

## Year 8 - Continued

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.

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## Year 9

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## Year 10

### Year 10 Mock examinations will start w/c Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> July to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (Booking form) *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.

## Year 10 - Continued

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wednesday 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
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 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 the most from this experience.

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

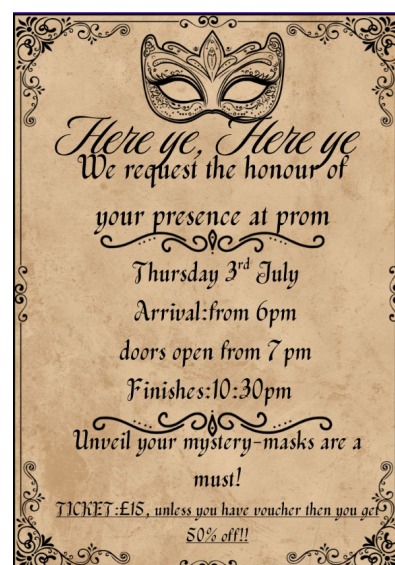
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## Year 11

### Year 11 PROM - Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

Parents may already be considering transport arrangements for the evening and the following information will help with your planning:

- Students will start arriving at 6pm for doors to open at 7pm
- Cars to arrive from 6pm
- Prom group photo will be taken at 7pm
- Spectators are welcome to watch students arrive. Please note that spaces are limited and spectators must remain in the designated areas.
- Student spectators must behave according to school policies



## Year 11 - Continued

### Exam contingency days – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Some of our families will be hoping to plan and book holidays for summer 2025, however, it is important to note that Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 is a contingency day set by Ofqual. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until, and including Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates, in all schools, we thank you for your understanding. Contingency days are designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations

### Year 11 attendance in the exam period

#### Up to and including Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June

Students are expected to attend normal lessons if not in revision or an exam up to and including Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## Sixth Form Notices

### Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Week 2025, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

[Key Stage 5 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> May

## Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing



### Help you child beat exam stress – Watch for signs of stress

Tests and exams can be a challenging part of school life for children and young people and their parents or carers. But there are ways to ease the stress.

Click [here](#) for more information

### 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](mailto: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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.