



# 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

##### Thank you!

Thank a Teacher Day was Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

We would like to thank all the parents and students who completed a Thank a Teacher card. These messages mean so much to teachers, letting them know they are valued as both educators and individuals. Thank you for celebrating their year-round dedication and highlighting them, as people, through your messages.

proud to celebrate



##### Uniform in warmer weather

In response to the warmer weather, the following will apply:

##### Blazers

- Bringing school blazers to school will be optional.
- Jumpers are not to be worn as a replacement.
- Ties must still be worn.
- Please make sure that **dinner cards, pens and other school equipment** usually carried in blazers are packed into school bags.

##### Water Bottles

- Please ensure your child brings to school a refillable water bottle - this is now part of the expected school equipment list.
- Water bottles are to be refilled during breaks and lesson changeover, and never during lesson time.

If you have any questions, please contact the school via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school). This is to be reviewed on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025, and any further changes will be communicated.

### **Donate unwanted uniform**

Spare uniform in school ensures that all students have access to appropriate attire regardless of their family's financial situation. We are keen to receive any school uniform items (clean and in good condition) that your child has outgrown, including PE kit from all year groups. **Please drop off your items at our main reception from 08.15 - 16.45 Monday-Friday during term time**

### **Year 11 students**

- We would like to receive Year 11 ties.
- **Our PE Department would be grateful for any donations of our PE kit**

### **Are you a Military Service Family?**

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service Pupil Premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant.

State schools, academies, and free schools in England that have children of service families in school years Reception to Year 11 can receive the SPP funding. It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need.

Therefore, if your child is eligible, please can you confirm your service status by contacting us on 01255 424266 or emailing [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

### **'Pupils are eligible for SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:**

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service).
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years (see below the 'DfE's ever 6 service child measure').
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.
- One of their parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England.

We also have the Ever 6 measure for service children so any Ex-service personnel that left the service within the last 6 years should also let us know as they will also be eligible for the extra funding.

### **Important to record – Student First Language**

CCHS is proud to have a diverse and multicultural student population and recognise that many of our students will use more than one language. The DfE requires us as a school to collect information regarding the first language of our students. This information should be recorded on the Arbor app which can be done by navigating to the Student profile, and clicking on 'Add information', and 'Add Another Spoken Language'. Please ensure you tick 'First language'. Alternatively, you can email the data team on [datateam@cchs.school](mailto:datateam@cchs.school) to inform us of your child's first language.

**Importantly;** The DfE defines a student's first language as being '*where the pupil has been exposed to a language other than English during early development and continues to be exposed to this language in the home or in the community*'.

### **Adjusted timings of the school day**

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we will be trialling different timings within the school day. The day will still start at 8:45 and finish at 3:15pm with 4 x 1hr 15min lessons plus tutor time. Students have stated that the 5min changeover is sometimes a bit rushed if they want to use the toilet, fill up a water bottle, and get across the school. As a result, we will be trialling a single break with a 10 min changeover when two lessons are next to each other. This will allow time to get to the toilet (if necessary), fill up water bottles and get across the school to a different lesson. I am sure you will agree that students should all be able to manage 1hr 15mins in class without any need for disturbance.

08:45-09:00	Form time
09:05-10:20	Period 1
10:20-10:30	10 min changeover
10:30-11:45	Period 2
11:45-12:05	Break
12:05-13:20	Period 3
13:20-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:15	Period 4

## Important Water Safety Message – Drowning Prevention Week

This week was 'Drowning Prevention Week', the annual National Water Safety Awareness campaign promoted by the Royal Life Saving Society. Their aim is to reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents that occur in the UK every year by showing people how to be safe near water. In the UK, accidental drowning causes more than 400 deaths every year, and many more lives are affected by near-drowning. Drowning is the third-highest cause of death in children and teenagers and claims the lives of nearly half a million people worldwide each year. Knowing how to stay safe when you are on, in, or near water is extremely important, especially as we live on the coast. Every year the Coastguard, the Lifeboat, and the local Beach Patrol deal with numerous incidents, which could have easily been avoided had those involved known how to stay safe around water.



Remembering some basic tips can ensure you, your family, and the people around you are kept safe near water this summer:

- If you find yourself struggling in the water unexpectedly, your instincts tell you to swim hard. But cold-water shock could make you gasp uncontrollably and breathe in water – instead 'Float to Live'.  
**Tilt your head back with ears submerged; Relax and try to breathe normally; Move your hands to help you stay afloat; It's OK if your legs sink, we all float differently; Spread your arms and legs to improve stability**
- Don't use inflatable toys or boats on open water unless they are tethered with a rope to the bank or beach.
- Don't PLAY on or SWIM around breakwaters or the rock 'fishtail' sea defences on Clacton beach. These are usually covered in slippery seaweed and strong currents around such structures can easily pull even strong swimmers underwater.
- Children and adults need to know not to enter the water if someone else is in danger. Throwing a buoyant aid, using a stick, a piece of clothing or whatever is at hand is the safest way to help rescue a conscious person.
- If you see someone in trouble, stay calm and try shouting for help. If no one comes and you cannot reach the person, call the emergency services.

### Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

### Dates for your Diary

#### This month

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Induction day
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 10 Futures Week

#### Later

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 11 Prom
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July - "Oliver"
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - End of term (school finishes at 12pm)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August – A-level/L3 Results Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – GCSE/L2 Results Day

### Year 7

#### PSHE and RSHE

Please find [here](#) a letter from Assistant Head teacher – Mrs F Cook regarding the delivery of PSHE/RSHE lessons to Years 7, 8 & 9 in this final term of this academic year. Details on this provision at CCHS can be viewed on our [website](#).

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

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

## Year 8

### PSHE and RSHE

Please find [here](#) a letter from Assistant Headteacher – Mrs F Cook regarding the delivery of PSHE/RSHE lessons to Years 7, 8 & 9 in this final term of this academic year. Details on this provision at CCHS can be viewed on our [website](#).

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

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## Year 9

### PSHE and RSHE

Please find [here](#) a letter from Assistant Head teacher – Mrs F Cook regarding the delivery of PSHE/RSHE lessons to Years 7, 8 & 9 in this final term of this academic year. Details on this provision at CCHS can be viewed on our [website](#).

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

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## Year 10

### Sigma Sixth Open Evening Day – Reserve the date - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

A promotional poster for the Sigma Sixth Open Evening Day. The left side has a light blue background with the Sigma Sixth logo (a stylized 'S' made of blue and purple geometric shapes) and the text 'SIGMA SIXTH TENDRING CAMPUS' and 'Discover Yourself, Define Your Future'. Below this, it says 'Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm Thursday 9th October 2025' in red and orange, followed by 'We look forward to welcoming you!' in blue. At the bottom left, it lists the location: 'Tendring Education Centre - Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8BE' and the website 'countyhigh.org.uk/sixthform'. The right side of the poster features a photograph of three students (two girls and one boy) sitting on the grass in front of a modern building with large windows.

### Year 10 Mock examinations – Continue

Please find [here](#) a letter from Deputy Headteacher Mrs K Loosley

### Reminder - Year 10 Futures week - Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July

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 Tendring Experience Day (Invite only) College Preparation Day (students <u>not</u> attending Sigma)

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 – 7pm to 10pm

For some CCHS students, Prom is a chance to dress up and have a fun night with friends. For others, it's an opportunity to create lasting memories before parting ways with classmates and entering adulthood. No matter the significance, Prom is a special event that marks an important milestone in many people's lives. We understand the Prom experience will not appeal to, or be an option for, all of our students. We hope that those not wanting to attend, or not able to attend, find a positive way to mark this special milestone. Tickets (if eligible) are available via Arbor (Arbor Shop) and can be collected from the main reception at CCHS. Tickets can also be purchased by card payment at the door on Prom day.

#### Student arrival

Students arrive for a red-carpet experience from 6pm, the doors will open at 7pm.

#### Prom Group Photo

Prom group photographs will be taken at 7pm.

#### Prom 2025 attractions

These include a disco, live band, photo 360, Prom King & Queen awards, refreshments, food/drinks, ice creams all included in the ticket price. **The theme** is Masquerade so masks are allowed.

#### Student spectators

Student spectators must behave according to school policies.

#### Parking

There is no parking on the school site. Please avoid parking in the roads close to the school so that student arrivals can be made with no difficulties. We recommend parking at the Leisure centre (1st section at no cost)

### Sigma Sixth Induction Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Our Sixth Form Induction Day for Year 11 students, joining us in September, will be on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. We are very excited to welcome the new cohort to Sigma Sixth for the day and have some exciting activities planned which we hope students will find both informative and enjoyable.



The day begins with an introductory talk on life in the college and the expectations of being a Sigma Sixth student. Students will then participate in activities that will help them prepare for their studies in September and will be introduced to their subject assignments which they are expected to complete over the summer holiday

The afternoon session will focus on team building. We have invited The Problem-Solving Company into college to provide a range of team building and problem-solving activities to develop a bond with the new cohort through collaborative working and promote critical thinking in preparation for post-16 study.

Letters have been sent to applicants, parents and carers but if you have not received this or require further information please contact the sixth form team: [sixthform@cchs.school](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

## Sixth Form Notices

No sixth form notices this week



## Careers Guidance Updates

Civil Service Career Launch Apprenticeship – 16 and over. [Civil Service Careers](#)  
Click [here](#) for more information

## Safeguarding, SEND, and Wellbeing

### FACE - Family Advice-Communication-Education

gives practical, accessible, and affordable support to parents and professionals who support children and teenagers. 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. On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, you should have received an email from Mr Taylor introducing **FACE** (Family Advice-Communication-Education) parent talks which included the code. If you did not receive the email, please contact us via [admin@cchs.school](mailto: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](http://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.

### [Summer Timetable 2025](#)

**\*\*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




## JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page




Schools can purchase a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**  
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**




**Supporting Healthy Screen Use**  
Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available




**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Facing Defiance**  
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Anxiety Based School Avoidance**  
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.  
Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)      [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## Community Notices

### Adventure Golf at the Greensward Café, Clacton

Enjoy a game of Adventure Golf! The whole family will be able to try out their skill on this nine hole adventure golf course. Adjacent to the Greensward cafe, open seven days a week from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Closing later on busy days during the school holidays [Click here](#).



### CCHS Summer Musical 2025



**Tickets are still available!**

Click [here](#)

#### **Performances:**

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

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

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

#### **Summer Musical – Oliver!**

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.

## Career Opportunities

### Career Opportunities at CCHS

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

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