



# 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

**Collaboration between home and school** – What are the benefits and how can parents and carers support the school? We believe that strong communication and collaboration between school and home is essential. We know that education works best when schools and families work closely together. Your support plays a vital role in your child's success, and we value the partnership between home and school. We ask that you support the school's policies and expectations, particularly around attendance, uniform, behaviour, and learning. Together, we can create the best conditions for your child to thrive.

### There are three things that we ask of our parents

- Ensure your child is in school every day and on time by 8.45am each day
- Ensure they attend with the correct equipment and are ready to learn
- Ensure you follow support the school with behaviour decisions to enable the school to run smoothly

### Why collaborate?

**Trust and Respect:** Positive relationships between families and educators create a more welcoming and respectful school atmosphere.

**Collaboration Over Conflict:** Issues are more likely to be resolved constructively when there's a foundation of mutual respect.

**Supportive Environment:** When families and schools work together, students are more likely to succeed academically and socially.

**Informed Decision-Making:** Parents who work closely with schools understand more about curriculum, assessments, and school policies.

**Improved Attendance and Behaviour:** Collaboration often leads to better attendance, higher motivation, and fewer disciplinary issues.

**Shared Goals:** Parents and teachers can align their efforts when they understand each other's expectations and strategies.

**Early Intervention:** Open communication helps identify and address academic or behavioural concerns early on.

**Understanding Student Needs:** When teachers and families share insights, instruction can be better tailored to the student's learning style and background.

**Cultural Awareness:** Family input helps schools respect and integrate cultural diversity in the classroom.

## Uniform in warmer weather – Through until end of term!

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.

### Important to note: Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not allowed to be out and visible during the school day. If your child opts out of wearing a blazer their mobile phone must be kept in a school bag along with their water bottle and pencil case and other school equipment.

### 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).

## Adjusted timings of the school day

This week we began trialling different timings within the school day. The day now starts at 8:45 and finishes 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 now have 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. They manage it when they want to e.g. at the cinema.

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

## 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 as these will be used as spares next year
- **Our PE Department would be grateful for any donations of our PE kit**

## Whole School Letters

No whole school letters this week

## Dates for your Diary

### This month

- 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

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

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



The poster features the Sigma Sixth Tending Campus logo on the left, which includes a stylized blue and purple 'S' and the text 'SIGMA SIXTH TENDING CAMPUS'. Below the logo is the tagline 'Discover Yourself, Define Your Future'. The main text in the center reads 'Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm Thursday 9th October 2025' in red and black, followed by 'We look forward to welcoming you!' in blue. The address 'Tending Education Centre - Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8BE' and the website 'countyhigh.org.uk/sixthform' are listed at the bottom. On the right side of the poster is a photograph of three students sitting on the grass in front of a modern school building.

### Year 10 Mock examinations – Continue

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

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

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



## 3-Day Summer Film School Harwich 2025

**Join Signals for filmmaking fun at the  
Electric Palace Harwich.**

In teams, you'll work against the clock to plan, act and shoot your original short film. Whether you're behind the camera or in front of it, you'll learn lots of filmmaking skills in this fast-paced 3-day challenge.

No experience needed - just your imagination.

**Free Lunch provided**

**Suitable for ages 10 - 16**

**6th, 7th & 8th August - 10am - 3pm**

**Harwich Electric Place, King's Quay St, Harwich CO12 3ER**



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PALACE**  
— HARWICH —

**For more info and to book visit**

[www.signals.org.uk](http://www.signals.org.uk)  
email: [info@signals.org.uk](mailto:info@signals.org.uk)  
call 01206 580950 or scan the QR code







### [What You Need to Know about: Nintendo Switch 2](#)

## Community Notices

### Holiday Activities - Summer 2025

Our Cultural Capital Group have compiled a [map of summer activities](#) for students and their parents/carers. The guide contains numerous ideas of days-out and activities to encourage families to get out-and-about, visiting places and engaging in activities to help enhance their cultural capital.

- Many are free and cover various activities.
- Many are also close-by or easily accessible.
- There has been a lot of research and networking completed to make this as accessible as possible for different households.

### [CCHS Map of Cultural Summer Activities](#)

### 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.

### Accessibility

If you need any of our published or website information in an alternative accessible format please contact us via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) or on 01255 424266 or by making an in-person request to our main reception on Walton Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 6DZ