



# 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**

#### **Main Reception**

To all of our CCHS and Sigma Sixth families, we wish you all a very sunny and safe summer holiday. Please note that reception is closed for the duration of the summer break with the exception of Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August for exam results only. The admin and attendance email inboxes are not monitored and phone lines are not active, please do not leave messages. The reception and office will open fully on Tuesday, 2nd September. Please refer to our [website](#) for all general information and for emergency situations – please see below. Best wishes from all @ CCHS

#### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

We have been advised by Essex County Council that the supplier account through which the school issues supermarket vouchers has been affected by a phishing scam.

As a precautionary measure the Council have had to freeze all school accounts to prevent fraud. Whilst CCHS has issued all its vouchers, some may not be accessible. The Council is working with the voucher supplier to find a quick solution. We realise that with the holidays upon us the timing of this situation is not ideal, but we will be liaising with the Council and as soon as we receive instructions from them we will act to ensure you receive and can access your voucher as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for further communications.

#### **Concerns over the holidays**

If you or your child have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays then they should be reported to the Family Operations Hub at Essex County Council. They can be reached during office hours on 0345 603 7627 and ask for the Family Operations Hub. Out of office hours: 0345 606 1212.

## On return to school – September ready



Please make sure your child's Arbor account has up to date contact information, please check and consent to school agreements, and top up dinner money accounts ready for a smooth start in September.

## CCHS School Uniform 2025/2026



The CCHS school uniform is fundamental to our identity and standing within the community. Importantly, wearing a school uniform helps students focus on their education by promoting a distraction-free environment. It can also help reduce anxiety about appearance and promote self-confidence through a feeling of belonging.

Everything you need to know about CCHS uniform expectations can be found via the school's website which you can access [here](#). We have included picture guides on acceptable trousers and shoes and details on rules regarding hair, makeup, false eyelashes, and fingernails.

**We understand that not all families are in a position to afford a school uniform.** With this in mind, we have limited the number of school-branded items, these include the blazer, tie, and PE rugby shirt / PE sweatshirt. Branded items can be purchased from our uniform supplier [Anglia Sports and Schoolwear Ltd](#). All other items can be obtained from regular clothing outlets. Check out [MoneySavingExpert](#) for current and upcoming deals on school uniforms. If you feel you need support and are in significant financial difficulty, we can, in some cases, support the provision of certain items, please contact the school via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school). We thank all our parents and carers for their continued collaboration and support.

## Staying safe around water

We are lucky enough to live close to the sea and when the weather is good, many of us head to the beach, especially young people who use the area to meet and be with friends. Please encourage your child to use beaches patrolled with a full-time lifeguard, advise them to be wary of swimming out of their depth and the use of inflatables with the risk of drifting out to sea. Ask them to heed the warning signs about jumping off rocks etc, they are there for a reason. Very importantly locally – not to swim close to or under Clacton pier the currents here are very dangerous.

### General Safety Tips:

#### Supervision

Never leave children unattended near water, even for a moment, [Essex County Fire and Rescue Service](#) and [Essex Safeguarding Children Board](#). Drowning can occur quickly and silently.

#### Never Swim Alone

Always swim with a buddy, especially in open water, [Essex Safeguarding Children Board](#).

#### Be Water Aware

Pay attention to local warning signs and flags, and check the safety arrangements of any water-based activities, [Essex County Fire and Rescue Service](#).

#### Alcohol and Water

Never enter the water after drinking alcohol, as it impairs judgment and swimming ability, [Essex County Fire and Rescue Service](#).

#### Tides and Currents

At the beach, be aware of tides and potential rip currents, [Essex County Fire and Rescue Service](#)

#### Emergency

If you find yourself unexpectedly in the water, don't panic. Extend your arms and legs and float on your back until the effects of cold-water shock pass. Never enter the water to try and rescue someone; call 999 and ask for the Fire Service if inland or the Coastguard if at the coast.

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



### Whole School Letters

[End of term letter](#) from Mr C Taylor – Head of School

[End of term letter](#) from Mrs S McKarry – Head of Sigma Sixth College

### Dates for your Diary

#### Later

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August – A-level/L3 Results Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – GCSE/L2 Results Day
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Non-Pupil Day
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Years 7 and 12 first day of school/college at 8:45am.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - All years return to school/college at 8:45am.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Autism Anglia Coffee Morning

### Year 7

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

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

### Year 8

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

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### Year 9

#### Pathways / Options

Year 9 students received confirmation of their Year 10 & 11 Pathway choices during form time on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is absent from school on Monday, their letter will be sent home. If your child does not receive a letter, please contact us via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

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

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### Year 10

#### Mock results, reports, reflections and moving forward

Today, your child collected their "mock examination results envelope." Immediately following this, they were asked to complete a Google Form designed to encourage reflection on their results, their report, their preparation for these mocks, and what steps they can take to improve moving forward. A copy of their completed form will be automatically emailed to them for their reference.

Our staff have already commenced providing personalised feedback and are adapting learning to address weaker areas, and will continue to do so throughout Year 11. We firmly believe that, along with attending every lesson and opting in, a key part of academic success is having strong motivation to achieve, together with effective independent revision.

As a parent, your support is invaluable in guiding your child through this important period. Here are some ways you can assist your child to help them prepare for and navigate Year 11;

#### During the holidays:

- Make time to sit down with your child and discuss their responses on the Google Form. If your child did not complete the [form](#), ask them to log into their Google account and complete it.
- Discuss with them their next steps in order to motivate them and visit open days/evenings for post-16 providers to show them the opportunities available. **Our Sigma Sixth event is on Thursday 9th October 2025.**
- Encourage and support independent revision at home. Your child has access to a dedicated [website](#) via their Google accounts, which provides valuable resources. A good starting point would be to help them create a revision timetable focusing on their top three priority subjects, as identified in their Google Form reflection.

#### From September:

- Ensure they attend school and their lessons every day as [attendance matters](#)
- Encourage them to attend after school revision sessions which start the week commencing 8th September - a timetable will be sent out in September.
- We invite you to attend our **parents' evening** with your child which is on **Thursday 2nd October 2025**.

Should you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs K Loosley via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

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### Year 11

**GCSE Results Day - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August** - this is held at CCHS 09.00 -12.00

If you are unable to collect your results in person, you will need to:

- Nominate someone to collect the results for you. The nominated person should bring proof of identification along with a signed note from you providing permission.
- Send in a stamped addressed envelope and we will post them to you.
- Email [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) in from your personal email address and request for results to be emailed.

### Sixth Form Notices

**A Level Results Day - Thursday, 14th August** - this is held at Sigma Sixth College 09.00 -12.00

If you are unable to collect your results in person, you will need to:

- Nominate someone to collect the results for you. The nominated person should bring proof of identification along with a signed note from you providing permission.
- Send in a stamped addressed envelope and we will post them to you.
- Email [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school) in from your personal email address and request for results to be emailed.

### Careers Guidance Updates

The CCHS Careers Hub micro-website is continually being updated with information on all different types of careers and much, much more.

[Please take a look at our Careers Hub Here.](#)

**Get My First Job** - The Newsletter that helps you support your child's future - Career Advice straight to you Inbox - join the parents already receiving valuable career insights. Click [here](#) for more information.

## SEND Football Camps this Summer Holiday period with Colchester United

Colchester United will be running Inclusive U's Football Camps, specifically for children and young people aged 5-16 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

### Camp details



Shrub End Community and Sports Centre (CO2 9BG)



10am–2pm (with early drop-off and late pick-up available)

### Dates:

- Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th & Friday 25th July.
- Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th August.
- Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th August.

These camps offer a supportive, fun environment where participants can develop their football skills, make new friends, and even meet Colchester United players and our mascot. Sessions are led by qualified coaches experienced in working with young people with SEND.

**Free places** are available for children in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact us for details on how to book these spaces. Click [here](#) for more information

## Autism Anglia Coffee Morning - Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at CCHS.



- If you would like to attend, please email us via [admin@cchs.school](mailto: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



## Community Notices

### MEETMOVEPLAY2 – A Free Family Event at Coppins Community Centre

Inclusion Ventures Website: <https://inclusionventures.org.uk/>

Coppins Hall Community Centre Facebook page: <https://inclusionventures.org.uk/>

### 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.

Adult Community Learning - Summer Fun 2025 - Click [here](#) for further information.

**#MEETMOVEPLAY2**  
**FREE COMMUNITY**  
**FAMILY SPORTS DAY**  
LIVE MUSIC WITH JAYWICK PERFORMING ARTS  
& RAPPER JIIM AND ARTISTS  
PANNA BOSS YOUTH FOOTBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
SECONDS OUT YOUTH ACADEMY  
IV BIKE KITCHEN  
ESSEX PEDAL POWER SMOOTHIE CHALLENGE  
FREE SKATE SESSIONS WITH THE DRY SKATE  
PROJECT  
PLANT ROOTS COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB  
BBQ WITH CLLR. BERNIE + MORE  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2025 1PM-3PM**  
**COPPINS HALL COMMUNITY**  
**CENTRE CO16 7PA**

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**Looking for something fun and active to do this school break?**



**Join our Academy**  
**Clacton Indoor Bowls Club**

**To learn a skilful, tactical game for free**

**Coaching from experienced, friendly players**  
**For ages 11-18 • Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm**

**To book your place contact Russell**  
**07565427896**  
**[russelljsurrey.cibc@gmail.com](mailto:russelljsurrey.cibc@gmail.com)**

## Career Opportunities

### Career Opportunities at CCHS

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

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