



Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

OPEN EVENING AT CLACTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

INVITATION TO NON-FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

PARENTS & YEAR 6 STUDENTS

5.30PM – 7.00PM

THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

We hope that you all had a good summer. Now that your son/daughter is back and in year 6 it is time to consider your choice of secondary school for next September. It always seems to be very early, but necessary to ensure you have every opportunity to choose the right school for your child.

This year, we are delighted that we are able to host our **OPEN EVENING ON THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER commencing at 4.00pm until 7.00pm.** With applications for secondary places needing to be made to County Hall by the 31st October at the latest, it is important that you meet this deadline to state your child's school of preference. To assist with this decision our open evening gives an opportunity to see the school, meet staff and students and hear presentations about our school.

As a school, we continue to make every effort to keep our entire community safe; staff, students and visitors. To endeavour to avoid congestion points coming into school, we have decided to make some adjustments to our usual arrangements and stagger the start times of the evening for all of our primary schools.

For the parents and children of our non-feeder primary schools, the start time is 5.30pm.

As always, there will still be presentations in the hall from senior members of staff, but these will be shorter; lasting between 10 and 15 minutes, and numbers in the hall restricted. We would ask for all visitors to consider wearing masks in crowded areas.

There will be four presentations throughout the evening: **for the parents and students of our non-feeder primary schools, you are invited to a presentation at 5.45pm prior to commencing a tour of the school.**

It would be very helpful to ease any over-crowding if each prospective student from year 6 was accompanied by a maximum of 2 adults. If possible, this should include any additional family members, as well as siblings. We hope that we can rely on your support regarding this matter.

Sanitizing stations are positioned around the school and we would ask for everyone to use these as appropriate to mitigate the opportunity for any spread of the COVID-19 virus via possible surface contact. Presently, in school, staff and students are self-testing using LFD testing kits twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays, therefore it would be very beneficial if all family members attending also consider completing LFD tests on the Wednesday evening or on Thursday.

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It is important to note that parking on the school site is extremely limited, this includes disabled spaces. Therefore, please can we ask you to park in the Leisure Centre car park and enter the school by the new student entrance, a member of staff will be available to direct you through the gate adjacent to the sports pavilion, or park in the Walton Road area and come in through the front entrance. The school is situated in a residential area and visitors are requested to be mindful of restricting any access to our neighbours' properties.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and prospective students to showcase the success of our students, both academically and via extra-curricular activities and although, throughout society, we are almost back to normal, we want everyone to remain safe and well. With this in mind, we have put into place the aforementioned precautions and would like to thank you in advance for supporting our efforts.

Finally, if you are unable to attend, but would like additional information or to discuss any concerns you might have about your child starting secondary school, please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@cchs.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible. There is also a wealth of information on our school website including a copy of our new prospectus for you to download.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday, 23rd September.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headteacher



CHRIS TAYLOR
Head of School