



Clarity Independent School

1st April 2024

Happy Easter! 🌻 😊 🐣

Dear parents and care-givers,

By now, hopefully you are enjoying some family time with your children on their well-deserved Easter holiday from school.

Events and Activities

Alongside their usual plentiful weekly activities at the school, the children have begun enjoying their sessions with their new Football / PE Coach, Louis Dunn, from Chelmsford City Football Club, both at the school and Sandon playing fields. This has given them more opportunities to explore 'Big PE' and a range of larger scope activities than we can provide on the school premises. They have also enjoyed:

- Archery, Zipwire and an Obstacle course at Danbury Outdoors
- Careers counselling
- End of term Easter activities, including lots of Easter cookery activities!

Children's Progress

This term, I have awarded two headteacher's personal achievement awards for:

- Harry - bravery (at overcoming heights (whilst being a brand new pupil at the school) and persevering to challenge oneself further)
- Lexie - being a good friend (supporting the new pupil and encouraging others to cheer them on).

The relevant children are to be commended for their bravery and caring skills respectively.

Swimming Summer Term

A reminder that swimming lessons start next term, in the afternoon of Wednesday 17th April. Please prepare your children to become familiar with their costume / shorts and kit, and ensure they can change independently before lessons start. The children will be taken through a social story (plus venue photos) on the first / second day back after Easter, which will explain everything they need to know, and give chance to explore any questions they may have, but it is always helpful to have parent support in this reassurance as well. **If you have not completed and sent back your confirmation of consent for this trip, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.**



Approved Assessments for
Disabled Students'
Allowance



Guild Member
Assessment Practising
Certificate Holder



INPP
Practitioner



AMBDA Status

No more OFSTED!

I am delighted to share the brilliant news that the Department for Education have now officially confirmed that we have moved across to a different inspectorate than OFSTED. We will now be inspected by the **Independent Schools Inspectorate** instead of OFSTED, for all inspections from now on. I am especially pleased to report this, because whilst retaining the same very high standards and robust scrutiny to ensure that the school is meeting all the required standards, the ISI use *far more useful, supportive, investigative methods* than OFSTED, which is more valuable and successful in driving school improvements. Please visit their website <https://www.isi.net> for more information.

Exam and Course Accreditation at Clarity

I am also pleased to announce that following our successful accreditation with the JCQ to conduct formal examinations (GCSE etc.) on site, we have been successful in achieving our accreditation with Pearson Edexcel to provide their GCSEs, Functional Skills Entry Levels, Entry Level Certificates and BTECHs. In addition to this, we have been successful in gaining accreditation for our cookery course with the NCFE, which means our young people can achieve their NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Food and Cookery. We have also gained accreditation to deliver certified ASDAN awards, through which the children are enjoying studying more personalised learning programmes linked to interests, employment skills and vocational aspirations.

Health and Safety Audit – 100% for the second year in a row!

I am delighted to announce that we held an external audit for health and safety with Peninsula, on 19th March 2024, and again we received 100% access at meeting every one of the 96 items.

School Development Plan

Our school development plan has been updated and is now on our website for all to see. We will be completing a more parent friendly version and sending this out in the new term.

New pupils

I would also like to thank you as parents, and the children themselves, for being so warm and welcoming to our newest pupil in Horses, who started just after February half term. Our roll now stands at 11 pupils, with two more places to fill. After the Easter break, we will welcome these two new pupils; firstly to Horses, in year 7, and a second to Tigers in year 10. Thank you for encouraging your children to be welcoming and help them settle in and make friends.

As always, we couldn't do this without each other so I would like to thank everyone, all the staff and pupils for all their hard work, and yourselves as parents and care-givers, for all your support, to make this learning journey the best possible for the children.

I wish you a lovely restful and fun Easter break and time to be refreshed and ready for the new term, hopefully we will get some sunshine! 🌞 😊 🍷

Yours sincerely,



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