



Clarity Independent School

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Headteachers Newsletter

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our families for all your support, as well as the staff team for all their hard work, and of course the pupils for working with us and allowing us to be part of their journeys. It has been a joy to see our pupils learn, grow and shine in so many ways.

Events and Activities

This term has certainly been a busy one, with our pupils working incredibly hard throughout the examination period and showing resilience, determination, and a positive attitude. As the term ended, we made sure to balance all that hard work with plenty of fun and memorable activities. Pupils enjoyed getting creative making slime, relaxing with movie sessions, and cooling down by making their own delicious ice lollies. The highlight for many, however, was our annual Water Play Day, which was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of splashes! It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun together and celebrating a successful year.

Children's Progress

This term, all pupils have made fantastic progress and should be incredibly proud of their achievements. We are especially pleased to celebrate those who have successfully completed courses such as ASDAN and NCFE Art, demonstrating their hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning. We would also like to extend a special congratulations to the following pupils who have received Headteacher Awards for their outstanding efforts and achievements:

Daisy: Awarded for her detailed Artist research and her in-depth PSHE work

Martha: Awarded for her hard work and amazing artistic skills in her NCFE course

Lexie: Awarded for her outstanding development in her artwork and the completion of her NCFE course

Harry: Awarded for his hard work and dedication in Science

Iris: Awarded for her well written and presented newsletter report in English

Summer: Awarded for her interesting and in-depth artist research and response in Art

Well done to everyone for a wonderful term – keep up the fantastic work!



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Attendance

Eight pupils achieved attendance of over 90% for the Summer Term with two of those maintaining a fantastic 100% record. As the pupils were mentally (and I'm sure physically) winding down in the heat ready for the summer break, nine pupils still managed to maintain 100% attendance in the final week.

We have welcomed several new children to Clarity across this academic year, with some joining us just before the summer break. We continue to maintain a policy of facilitating a settling in timetable for those pupils who have been out of school for some time and who might have strong anxiety about attendance. Our approach has demonstrated that working collaboratively with the pupil and parent to build up attending hours at a comfortable pace strengthens the longevity of the placement by helping the pupils to discover gradually that being at Clarity is a fantastic opportunity, and unlike any other school they might have experienced before. We wholeheartedly thank the parents who are able to support this by transporting their child in this interim period before funded transport can take over.

School Trips

This half-term, our school trips have been full of excitement, adventure, and valuable learning experiences. Pupils have enjoyed taking part in a visit to Police Headquarters, an energetic day at AirHop, a careers event, and our end-of-year summer trip to Call of the Wild. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed each experience, finding them engaging, enriching, and memorable. It is always wonderful to see our pupils having fun, building confidence, and creating lasting memories whilst learning outside the classroom. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities in the future!

Exam and Course Accreditations at Clarity

This half-term has been a busy exam period, and we would like to say a huge well done to all the pupils who took part. Pupils have worked incredibly hard and completed a range of assessments, including Maths GCSEs, Science exams, Speaking and Listening, Maths Functional Skills Entry Level 3, and English Functional Skills Entry Levels 1 and 2. We are very proud of the effort, determination, and resilience shown by everyone throughout the examination period. Well done to all involved for giving their very best! Exam results will be posted to families during the summer holidays.

Staff News

This term, we have had to say a heartfelt goodbye to three valued members of our team: Mrs Kidd from Stingrays, Mrs Goodchild from Horses and Sue O'Sullivan, our Wellbeing Counsellor. All have made a positive impact on our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for all their hard work, dedication, and support. We would like to thank them for everything they have done for our pupils and staff, and we wish them all the very best of luck on their next adventures. You will all be greatly missed!

Pupil News

This term, we have been delighted to welcome Izzy to our school community, and we look forward to welcoming more new pupils into our classes next term. As we look ahead, we also have to say a heartfelt goodbye to our Year 11 pupils who will be leaving us this year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us and wish them every success for the future. A special well done goes to Summer, Daisy, Boedy and Lexie for all their hard work and achievements. We wish you the very best of luck on your next adventure—you will be greatly missed!



Message from Essex County Council: Essex County Council

Looking for things to do this summer?

*Please see the attached (bottom) **Mid Essex Summer Activities Resource**, highlighting a wide range of free and low-cost activities for children, young people and families across Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon.*

We encourage families to take a few minutes to look through the resource together and choose a couple of activities to try during the holidays.

Find even more activities and updates online:

www.activeessex.org/mid-essex-summer-events

Please also see the **Essex County Council Local Offer** for all services they provide:

More details of everything on offer from Essex County Council can be found on the Essex Local Offer website: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>. (Click the purple box 'Search for Support Groups and Activities'.)

Next Term

We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back for the new term and school year. To help ensure a smooth transition, pupils will initially return to their previous classes and then gradually spend time in their new classes with their new teachers as the week progresses. This approach will allow pupils to settle back into school routines, build confidence, and become familiar with their new learning environments.

Upcoming dates for your diary (more details to follow):

Monday 7th September: Staff return to school

Thursday 10th September: Pupils return to school

Thursday 8th October: Parents' evening

Thursday 22nd October: Pupils break up for half term

Friday 23rd October: INSET Day, pupils not in school

Monday 9th November: Pupils and staff return to school

Tuesday 15th December: Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

Wednesday 16th December: Staff INSET day

Please find attached the school A4 Calendar of term dates for the next academic year.

I have also attached our Uniform Policy to remind parents and caregivers in time for September's return.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our pupils, parents, carers, and staff. It has been an amazing year filled with growth, achievements, new experiences, and many memorable moments. We are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have accomplished and grateful for the continued support from our families and dedicated team. Thank you all for being part of our school community. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and are excited to see what the next school year will bring!

Thank you 

Yours sincerely,



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