



Clarity Independent School

18th July 2024

Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Headteachers Newsletter

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

Events and Activities

Alongside their usual weekly activities at the school, the children have continued enjoying their sessions with their Football/PE Coach, Louis Dunne, 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 swimming lessons at Chelmsford County High School (CCHS) with their new swimming instructor Andy Grose. I hope the children look forward to these lessons again in the summer term, 2025.

Children's Progress

We have awarded several children our Headteacher's Awards this term to celebrate their outstanding work in different areas, from personal achievements relating to their SEND, or achieving excellence in academic work. These will also be displayed in the entrance hall and on our website:

- Awards for overcoming personal challenges have been awarded to Ariya and Harry B.
- Personal achievement award for being an outstanding role model to other children has been awarded to Dan.
- Excellent work awards for Art have been awarded to Lexie and Harry G.
- Excellent work awards for English have been awarded to Lexie and Reggie.

All the staff at Clarity send a huge congratulations to all the children for their hard work and progress this term, both in their academic learning and their progress made overcoming various challenges relating to their SEND. We encourage you to keep going!

Exam and Course Accreditations at Clarity

We wish to congratulate Dan and Jack on achieving their Pearson Digital Functional Skills at Level 1: PASS. We are very proud of their success, as a result of their hard work this year.

Staff News

As announced in my emails recently, sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Yasruddin, our English teacher, Mr Constantinides and Miss Louise, (our HLTAs, support staff) at the end of this term. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the children and whole school. We will miss them lots in September and wish them all the very best of success in their new ventures!

In September, we will be welcoming two new members of staff; Mrs Faulks (English Teacher) and Ms Howe (HLTA support staff.) We are excited to welcome them on board our team, and to work with them in September. More information can be found on our website soon (including photos to familiarize the children with them before our return in September). We will continue to recruit the third staff member over the summer holidays in time for September, and keep you updated on any news.

New pupils

I would also like to thank you as parents, and the children themselves, for being so warm and welcoming to our newest pupils at Clarity, who have started throughout the last few months. Our roll now stands at 13 pupils, this means we are at full capacity! We look forward to the pupils returning in September to get to know them more. Thank you for encouraging your children to be welcoming and help them settle in and make friends.

Days out

Clarity was very lucky to be invited back to attend the Essex Police Headquarters Roadshow in June, which hearing feedback from the pupils, they absolutely loved it and had such an enjoyable day. They managed to see so much, ranging from the Police dogs, drones and were even allowed to sit on the Police motorbikes!

Our last trip to end a brilliant school year was to Colchester Zoo last week. Again, the pupils had a great time, and we thank them & yourselves for their behaviour, they were all a pleasure to take out.

Next term, in September, we look forward to welcoming back our specialists:

- Wellbeing – Sue O’Sullivan, Mondays (all day) & Wednesday mornings
- Occupational Health – Jenna Seibolt
- SALT – Amber Vincent
- PE coach – Louis Dunn, CCFC
- Guitar teacher – Kevin, Essex Music Supplies
- Careers – Louise Brazier, Directions

Also in September, the pupils are back to Danbury Outdoors for a variety of activities & bushcraft every Tuesday afternoon.

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

Monday 9th September: Pupils return to school

Thursday 10th October: Parents’ and Carers’ afternoon / evening

Thursday 12th December: Whole-school Christmas trip to the Pantomime, Chelmsford Theatre.

Friday 13th December: Half day – pupils break up for Christmas break.

Tuesday 7th January 2025: Pupils return to school.

Information from the Local Authority:

1. Essex Activate!

Funded by Department of Education, across Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon there are over 14,800+ spaces delivered by 43 organisations across 50 clubs welcoming children to enjoy so many fun activities. Please also see the attached flyers regarding this **FREE opportunity for families on Benefit Based Free school meals** and more information about how to book.

2. Please share this link with your children and talk about the choices they may like to explore over the holidays: A Selection of Self-Care ideas for better mental health over the summer (Anna Freud).

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/self-care/>. Also,



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please see more ideas on this self-care plan you can download
<https://d1uw1dikibnh8j.cloudfront.net/media/15030/my-self-care-plan-secondary.pdf>

3.

Autism Central online summer support groups

Autism Central will be available to support parent and carers over the summer holidays.

They will be providing a variety of informal online summer support groups for parent and carers to connect with each other, share successes and seek advice. There will also be targeted sessions focussing on things to do in your area.

Please visit the [autism central website](#) to book.

This is a free, all age, service which does not require a diagnosis to access.

4. **Free Summer Swimming Pass for Children Receiving Free School Meals** for All Schools Places Leisure are offering a '**Free Summer Swimming Pass**' for children receiving free school meals at Blackwater Leisure Centre, plus a **free pair of Zoggs goggles**. Schools can contact Jamie Hynard to activate this offer for their students (jamiehynard@pfpleisure.org).
5. In addition, to draw your attention to the Essex Careers Magazine which Mrs Ailara sent out recently. Here you can share the magazine with your children and discuss options they might like to explore further with Louise, our careers mentor.
<https://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/essex-careers-magazine/>
6. **More details of everything on offer during the summer holidays and beyond, on the Essex Local Offer website:** <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>. (Click the purple box 'Search for Support Groups and Activities'.)

Thank you 🌸

As always, we couldn't undertake this venture 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.

From all at Clarity, we wish you and your families a well-earned summer break and we look forward to welcoming all the pupils back Monday 9th September. 🌻



Yours sincerely,

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ACTIVate

Free activity clubs across Essex and Thurrock for eligible primary and secondary school children that also offer:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Physical, enrichment and food activities
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, locally trusted organisations
- ✓ Family support
- ✓ Resources and guidance

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How can Essex ActivAte support me?

Not only do we offer fun-filled activity clubs, but Essex ActivAte want to further support families and young people by offering free resources and guidance to help make term times a little easier. Our family support hub offers activities, videos, tips and inspiration for affordable family days out!



How can I book onto an Essex ActivAte club?

A few weeks ahead of each half term and holiday programme, we will post on our social media pages when clubs are available to view and book.

Holiday Programmes (HAF)

- If your child is eligible for benefit based free school meals, you will be emailed or text a Holiday Activities voucher code from your school to book onto a local club
- If you are still waiting for your voucher code, please contact your school
- Limited spaces are available for young people who are not eligible for benefits based free school meals, but are from 'low-income' working families, may be vulnerable and/ or experience inactivity and social isolation
- To book on, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher code, and you will need to contact the club directly from the Essex ActivAte website

Half Term Books

- To book onto a half term club, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher
- You will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website
- Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided - depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly



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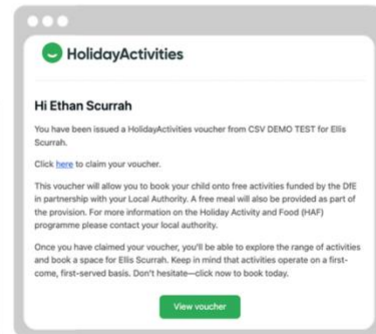
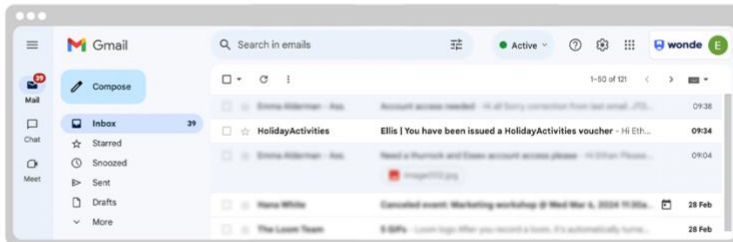


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

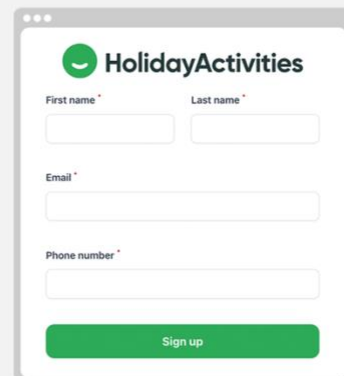
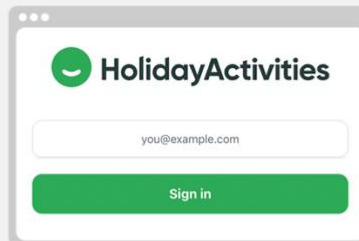
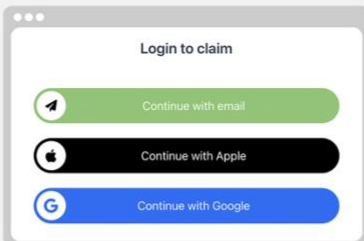
Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 - Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

