



# Key Stage 5 Newsletter

## Media Studies - Chelmsford Community Radio

On 21st January 2026, Michelle from Chelmsford Community Radio visited Thriftwood alongside Chelmsford College students who volunteer at the station and study Broadcasting. They delivered an engaging workshop for our KS5 Media Studies students, offering valuable insight into working in the radio industry. Students took part in a Q&A session with Michelle and learned how to plan an hour-long radio show, including where to schedule news, traffic and weather updates, as well as how much time should be allocated to music and presenting. The session concluded with students recording their own song introductions, which were broadcast on Chelmsford College Community Radio on the morning of 29 January 2026.



## Year 12 Work Experience

It's been a very positive two weeks for our Year 12 students. Our young people have settled in well, growing in confidence and working with increasing independence across a variety of placements, including leisure centres, cafés, animal-care settings, schools, and charity shops. It's been especially encouraging to hear such warm feedback, with one young person described as the most polite teen the team had ever met, and others clearly thriving in their roles and daily routines. Overall, it's wonderful to see so much progress from all these students.

# DESIGN AND MAKE INDUSTRY VISITS

The KS5 Design and Make option group has been out and about this half term visiting different industries as part of their careers focus. They have visited B&Q in Chelmsford, to explore and see the different job opportunities available in the store. The Design Studios at Hylands Park where they were invited in to see the 3D print studio and ask the owner different questions and then finally the group went to Chandlers builders merchants where they were given a tour of the site, saw behind the scenes and had an opportunity to ask questions about the jobs that they saw the employees doing. The group were very interested to see how the skills that they learn in College can be applied in the real world.



## Maths Department

The Maths department is placing a strong focus on times tables, as these skills form the foundation for much of the maths students learning and are also important in everyday life, from handling money to measuring and problem-solving. Building confidence and fluency in times tables makes a real difference across many areas of the subject. Here are some links students can access at home to help them practise and build their confidence.

[Timestable.co.uk](https://www.timestable.co.uk)

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## College

### ENRICH Code

E- Enterprise

N- Nurture

R- Respect

I- Integrity

C- Compassion

H- Honesty

## IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Day- Monday 23rd February 2026

Open Mic Night - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Summer Ball - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Leavers Assembly -Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Leavers Last Day- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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