



## Chelmsford County High School for Girls A Grammar School with Academy Status



### Appointment

## Examinations Officer

Required from April 2021

Term Time only, plus 4 weeks

**Salary:** Scale 7 - £23,946 - £26,945 (pending any April pay award)





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Dear Prospective Applicant

**Appointment of: Examinations and Data Officer**

Thank you for requesting information about the post. Should you decide to apply and be successful you will be joining a school which, from your first visit, will strike you as vibrant, bursting with energy and enthusiasm, and above all a very happy school that celebrated its Centenary Year in 2007. You will also find it useful to visit the school website [www.cchs.co.uk](http://www.cchs.co.uk).

We are rated as an “outstanding” school, a badge we are proud to hold and which applies to all areas of the School’s activities.

Chelmsford County High School for Girls has been a single academy trust since 2011. The status offers us a range of opportunities to pursue academic goals whilst running the school as a limited company. The School expanded to 5 forms of entry in 2015 in response to increasing demand for grammar school places in the area, over 1,300 girls sit our entrance test each year. Expansion will be completed by 2020, we expect our Sixth Form to grow as a result.

The School has been awarded a substantial grant to expand by an additional form of entry from September 2020. This is conditional to the School developing its existing strategies of working with local primary schools to encourage and support girls from disadvantaged backgrounds sitting our entrance test and securing a place. To that effect we have amended our admissions policy and committed to reserving up to 30 places for girls in receipt of Pupil Premium and Free School meals whose results fall within the top two bands.

Our school is led by a strong team of senior staff and governors who are constantly striving for excellence, seizing all opportunities for the benefit of our students and our staff.

We are seeking to appoint a person with the skills, knowledge and experience to complement the team of teachers and leaders. Above all, we are looking for a committed individual with a genuine interest in providing the highest quality in every aspect of the role. Our students deserve the very best we can provide. We believe in the importance of a collaborative approach and a commitment to the team. The successful applicant will benefit from a wide range of experience at our school and above all enjoy working with us.

Thank you for your interest. If you feel that Chelmsford County High School for Girls can provide the challenges and opportunities you are looking for then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Lawlor  
Headteacher



## STUDENTS

Chelmsford County High School is a great place to work with a caring ethos – our students are motivated, pleasant, courteous, well-behaved and enormous fun! They like school, and enjoy learning, achievement is high, and almost all the students go on to Higher Education at the most competitive universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

## THE SCHOOL

Chelmsford County High School was founded in 1906 as one of the first girls' secondary schools in Essex. In an area where most other schools are all-ability comprehensives, it is a selective grammar school with academy status.

In September 2015, we expanded our intake for Year 7 and Year 12 admitting 150 students per year groups. Most of our students in Year 11 return for the Sixth Form, and some 30-40 students join Year 12 from other schools. Entry at Year 7 is highly competitive: according to our admissions policy we offer places to the 150 girls who meet our criteria, out of the 1,300 or more who sit the entrance test. The School has a large number of "feeder" primary schools, around 80 in any one-year group! Entry into the Sixth Form is determined by a strong performance at GCSE, which suggests good potential in the subjects chosen for A Level. At present, there are 987 students on roll with 222 in the Sixth Form. Our students follow a broad curriculum with equal value attached to each subject area. We are working towards an Artsmark Gold Award, which celebrates the emphasis we put on creativity across the curriculum.

This is not a complacent school. We regularly review our practice, and ensure that classroom methodology is appropriate to the needs of our students. All staff have the opportunity to contribute to whole school planning for improvement through their subject and year teams as well as focus groups, each led by a member of the Senior or Middle Leadership Team.

This is a very busy school, which places a strong emphasis on enrichment activities. There is a fine tradition of musical performance, and most students play at least one instrument. There are many orchestras, choirs and ensembles. Drama is also an important enrichment activity,





with clubs, and major school productions involving many students. Our sports teams are very successful, as are our individual sportswomen. Our students are lively and talented, as well as being academically able, and we try to provide plenty of opportunities for them. They also run a wide range of clubs or societies such as the Law society and Medical society where they invite speakers or present papers themselves. House activities include some distinctly less serious events, which nonetheless challenge student ingenuity. As a girls' school we challenge gender stereotypes and place great importance in presenting our students with a wide range of opportunities beyond the taught curriculum, this includes involvement in many STEM activities and competitions.

In terms of resources and buildings, we have a fine mixture of "traditional", provided by the original main building, and a variety of buildings dating back to different decades of the last century together with some excellent modern facilities, such as the Music and Languages Centres. There is good computer provision, including interactive whiteboards in every classroom. We have some dedicated Sixth Form facilities, a dance/drama studio, and all-weather artificial pitch. We recently created a lecture room where we run a programme of academic lectures.

Governors are highly committed individuals who are generous with their time and the expertise they bring to the School. Parents are very supportive individually or through the Parents' Association, and have, obviously, very high expectations of the School. We have a strong school community, which is friendly and welcoming. We trust our students to behave well, and the atmosphere in the School reflects our high expectations of them in this respect.

### STAFF

- ❖ The School currently has a **teaching establishment** of 43 full-time and 25 part-time staff.
- ❖ There is a **non-teaching establishment** of 34 Support Staff most of whom are part-time, who support teaching and learning in various capacities.
- ❖ **New Staff Induction Programme** - new colleagues benefit from a comprehensive programme of support and guidance from their Department, Faculty and Pastoral teams.
- ❖ **Professional qualifications** - we offer teaching staff the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of education by offering a contribution to the cost of a Master's degree or an NPQ course.
- ❖ **Continuing Professional Development** - we have well-established Professional Development Groups and School Development Groups, which provide staff with focused and personalised development programmes.
- ❖ **Leadership development** - we have devised and run the 'CCHS Leadership Programme' to enable colleagues to secure leadership experience, as well as develop their existing practice, to facilitate career progression.
- ❖ **Wellbeing** - we have a staff wellbeing group as part of a whole-school commitment to ensuring that all staff thrive in their professional roles.



## The Senior Leadership Team

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- ❖ **Headteacher: Mr Stephen Lawlor**
- ❖ **Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum - Mrs Emma Ledwidge**
- ❖ **Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral - Miss Fiona Harrison**
- ❖ **Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form - Dr Michael Palmer**
- ❖ **Assistant Head Teaching & Learning and Staff Development - Mrs Jo Cross**
- ❖ **Business Manager - Mrs Melissa Mulgrew**



## PURPOSE OF JOB

- To act as Examinations Officer and be responsible for the co-ordination and administration of all functions associated with internal and external examinations.
- To ensure that the school's systems for examinations and assessment are efficient and effective.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The post holder will be expected to:

### EXAMINATIONS

- To work closely with the School SenCo in the preparation of exams.
- Collect departmental requirements for internal examinations for all year groups.
- Collect and enter public examination entries for all year groups ensuring that the correct specification, tier and modules / units are entered as instructed by Subject Leaders.
- Construct and distribute examination timetables including the allocation of rooms, seating plans and the display of correct notices.
- Liaise with the Premises staff to arrange the layout and setting up of examination venues.
- Produce letters to parents regarding examinations.
- Communicate instructions regarding rules and regulations covering both internal and external exams in the form of 'in-house' notices / memos to staff and students. The delivery of exam assemblies to students, the production of an Invigilator Booklet and the compilation and distribution of the Exams Information Booklet to all students and staff.
- Collect recommendations from staff and make applications to the Boards regarding special arrangements and special consideration for students.
- Liaise with the Senior Leadership Team, Year Leaders and Subject Leaders to oversee the entry and exit of students during examinations.
- To oversee the arrangements for and conduct of invigilators for all examinations, including the advertising and recruitment and appropriate training of external invigilators.
- Order specifications, past papers and support materials as requested by departments.
- Distribute Exam Board Non Exam Assessment (NEA) forms to staff and return to Board/moderator by due date.
- Liaise with Subject Leaders regarding Non Exam Assessment deadlines
- Resolve examination date clashes, making application to Boards where necessary. Ensure that students affected are aware of the procedure and kept informed. Arrange the supervision of students affected by clashes of examinations.
- Construct examination packages – papers, stationery, candidate numbers, packing materials etc.
- Arrange examination re-sits as required and collect fees where applicable.
- Print and distribute individual student examination timetables, Statement of Entry and individual Warning to Candidates and Notice to Candidates.
- Ensure the security of examination papers.
- Despatch completed examination papers and registers to Exam Boards.
- Download results electronically and analyse data providing copies for the Senior Leadership Team, Year Leaders and Subject Leaders.
- Upload exam results to external reporting providers for analysis.
- Oversee the distribution of student results and deal with any enquiries about results applications.
- Keep up-to-date with Board requirements, attending training sessions and meetings as required.



## DATA MANAGEMENT

- Oversees the completion and distribution of internal assessment data to parents from the SIMS Assessment Manager module and the SIMS Parent App.

## SUPERVISORY

- To supervise the Assistant Examinations and a team of invigilators.

## GENERAL DUTIES

- Undertake general administrative duties associated with examinations.
- Undertake invigilator duties for internal and external examinations as required.
- Actively participate in the annual performance management process.
- Participate in team meetings, line management meetings and staff meetings.
- Participate in staff training and development sessions.
- Comply with any reasonable request from a manager to undertake work of a similar level that is not specified in this job description.

Whilst every effort has been made to set down the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task to be undertaken may not be identified. This job description is current at the date shown, but, in consultation with you, may be changed by the Headteacher to reflect or anticipate changes in the job commensurate with the grade and job title.

The post-holder will be expected to work flexibly and carry out all duties in compliance with the School policies.



## Person Specification

The post –holder will need to possess the following:

<b>Qualifications &amp; Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office software, especially excel and Outlook</li> <li>• Experience of maintaining and developing electronic and manual records and data.</li> <li>• Good working knowledge of SIMS especially Assessment Manager module and Profile is desirable.</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful data management experience preferably in an educational environment.</li> <li>• Experience of managing examinations procedures in an educational context</li> <li>• Experience of managing and analysing data preferably in an educational context</li> <li>• Experience of managing a small number of staff</li> </ul>
<b>Skills &amp; Abilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to maintain confidentiality.</li> <li>• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.</li> <li>• The ability to work with a wide range of different staff to effectively manage projects</li> <li>• The ability to assimilate information quickly and respond appropriately.</li> <li>• The ability to negotiate effectively with staff at all levels within the school.</li> <li>• The ability to present information in a professional and appropriate format.</li> <li>• Excellent time management skills and the ability to balance competing priorities and achieve deadlines.</li> </ul>
<b>Commitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to professional development and training.</li> <li>• An interest in educational matters and a desire to learn more.</li> <li>• Commitment to the development of systems and procedures for the benefit of the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Personal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to work both independently and as part of a team, working co-operatively and sensitively with others.</li> <li>• Positive, proactive, professional and enthusiastic in attitude.</li> <li>• Flexible and be able to adapt to changes in working methods and approaches.</li> <li>• Ability to exercise judgement and know when to seek advice.</li> <li>• Ability to work on own initiative and deliver a high level of service without requiring precise direction at every stage.</li> <li>• Ability to display a calm, tactful and responsible attitude.</li> </ul>
<b>Working with children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and implement the school’s behaviour management policy</li> <li>• Understand and support the differences in children and adults and respond appropriately</li> <li>• Understand the learning experience provided by the school in relation to the role</li> <li>• Show Understanding of the way in which children develop in relation to the role</li> <li>• Understand the importance of physical and emotional wellbeing and support children who may be unwell</li> <li>• Basic understanding of Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>• Understand and implement child protection procedures</li> </ul>



## Application Process

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To apply for this role, please submit a completed application form supported by a letter addressed to Mr Stephen Lawlor, Headteacher, outlining what you would bring to the post, addressing the Person Specification and the Role Description.

Please give the names, positions, organisations and telephone contact numbers of two referees, one of whom must be your current or most recent headteacher. Referees will be contacted prior to interview, unless you specifically state otherwise.

Please also complete and return the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form, which is included with the Application Form. This will help us to follow the recommendations of the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Disability Rights Commission that employers should monitor selection decisions to assess whether equality of opportunity is being achieved. The information on this form will be treated as confidential and used for statistical purposes only. This form will not be treated as part of your application, and will not be seen by anyone involved in the selection process.

Finally, please ensure that you have included work, mobile and home telephone contact numbers and an e-mail address. Please also indicate any dates when you will not be available for interview.

Applications should be emailed to Mrs Hazel Bates, **for the attention of Mr Lawlor:**  
[hbates@cchs.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hbates@cchs.essex.sch.uk)



## About Chelmsford

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Situated just 30 miles northeast of London, Chelmsford is the perfect base, with excellent road, rail and air communications. The A12 runs to the east of the town, meeting the M25 near Brentwood, with London's Liverpool Street railway station, and Stansted Airport 30 minutes away, respectively. From a bustling town centre with excellent shopping and eating facilities, to tranquil villages, unspoilt countryside and coast, Chelmsford is the perfect combination of city and country.

Chelmsford took the top spot in the 2018 Sunday Times Best Places to Live guide. In the guide, which ranks towns on factors including jobs, broadband speed, culture, community spirit and local shops, Chelmsford ranked Best Place to live in the East as it is also home to several excellent state schools, and the Anglia Ruskin University.

Despite redevelopment in the past 30 years, Chelmsford retains many glimpses of its past. It was awarded City status in 2012. Mentioned in the Census of 1086 as two settlements beside the River Can, later joined by a bridge, it became the County town in 1250. The Blackwater and Chelmer Navigation Canal opened in 1797, linking the town to the coast, and the railway came in 1843. Chelmsford is the renowned birthplace of radio; Marconi began broadcasting in 1895, and the city has attracted major names in the business world ever since.

The town centre benefitted from some investment recently with John Lewis, and many more high-class shops located in the new Bond Street.





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The role requires someone who pays meticulous attention to detail, has energy, enthusiasm, the ability to prioritise and a calm manner. You will be approachable, have strong people skills and a 'can do' attitude. Experience of working in an educational environment would be extremely valuable as would a good working knowledge of SIMS modules. The successful candidate would ideally be able to demonstrate excellent line management and organisational skills.

- For an application pack and form please visit [www.cchs.co.uk](http://www.cchs.co.uk)
- Please email completed applications to: Mrs Hazel Bates: [hbates@cchs.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hbates@cchs.essex.sch.uk)
- **Closing Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**
- **Interview Date: TBA**

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share in this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS Clearance.