



PRESS STATEMENT

14th July 2020

Stephen Lawlor, Headteacher of Chelmsford County High School for Girls (CCHS), said:

“Any allegations of racism at CCHS would be taken extremely seriously. Complaints of this nature would be vigorously investigated by the School. Like any school or organisation, we acknowledge that we still have work to do in educating and empowering our students when it comes to fighting racism.

We are one of the most diverse schools in the area and we are very proud of this. We know that we are responsible for educating the leaders of tomorrow during their seven-year journey at the School and we take this duty very seriously. CCHS is a safe space and community for students.

We have always been proud of our progressive and inclusive culture and since the death of George Floyd we have launched our change@cchs initiative (<http://www.cchs.co.uk/about-us/change-at-cchs/>). This is an initiative which involves the whole School community. A programme of work is already underway and the School has engaged with experts to create a framework of activity that will include external speakers, training, reviewing our curriculum and PSHE provision.

We have had a great response to our change@cchs initiative, with people reaching out to share their experiences, their insights and their suggestions of things we could be doing. This engagement has come from students, staff, parents, governors and alumnae.

We are grateful to everyone who has engaged so far and encourage people to follow this work through our updates, which will appear on our School website and Facebook pages.”