

CCHS *LAUDATIO*

24TH SEPTEMBER 2021



HEADTEACHER, MR STEPHEN LAWLOR



MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We were delighted to see so many parents of our Year 7 students at our New Parents' Welcome Evening yesterday. Thank you for your support, as we start our work together to take your daughters on an amazing seven-year journey of learning, friendships and opportunities.

Credit to Miss Pocock, the Geography Department and all the colleagues who supported the GCSE Geography fieldtrip to North Wales this week. Our Year 11 Geographers were out from Monday to Thursday – the first residential school trip since the disruption caused by the pandemic.

Mrs Ledwidge spoke to all students during assemblies this week about the wide range of enrichment activities that we have planned – lots of opportunities across each year group.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Well done to Aliza in Year 11 for this great upside down self portrait. Just fantastic!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Sophia in Year 13, who recently competed in the Dressage Nationals, alongside some of the best riders in the country!

Sophia finished mid way though her class and is now back training for the next level.

We are extremely proud of you Sophia!

MOVING FORWARD - SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

We are fortunate indeed to have a team of senior middle leaders here at CCHS, who bring with them a wealth of leadership experience, as well as excellent classroom practice. This group of colleagues, alongside their Subject Leadership roles, now also function as a team of School Development Leaders, working closely with Mrs Cross (Assistant Headteacher): Mr Carter, Mr Harvey, Mr Lodge, Miss Pocock and Mr Rowell. An important aspect of their work this year will involve each of them leading on a particular project, working alongside students and staff.

Two of these projects are focussed on supporting change@cchs with Miss Pocock looking at Diversity and the Curriculum and Mr Harvey leading work on Inclusion, LGBTQ+ and our Fair Access Plan. Mr Rowell is researching meta-memory and knowledge retrieval and how we can optimise our teaching to support student learning. The essential area of academic resilience and high challenge, high achievement is being led by Mr Carter and Mr Lodge is conducting a full review of our teaching standards and how we can best support each other to positively impact our classroom practice.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT - FUTURE FEST

At the start of this significant academic year, with students, staff, parents and alumnae ready to embrace new opportunities and fresh starts, our collective minds are fixed on what could/should be.

With this progressive focus and ambitious energy, I think we should look to a new community project: **Future Fest**.

You are invited to reflect and share your thoughts, hopes and dreams for the future, in the service of energising and inspiring our community with a will to optimism and a call to action. Let us look to the days, weeks and months ahead with imagination, ambition and verve.

What are you looking forward to this year?

What will you relish, given the disruption and compromises of the past months?

What will you dedicate yourself to in order to realise an ambition?

What will you do to help others?

What issue/cause will you contribute your energy, heart and intellect to?

See attached Future Fest document for further information.

CCHS Parents' Association

As a parent of a CCHS student you are automatically a member of the PA but our committee is always glad to hear from anyone who can give a little time to help us organise these events.

Our meetings take place on the first Friday of each half term at 1pm, and are currently happening virtually via Microsoft Teams. Please contact pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk to be added to our meeting link, or if you'd like to have a chat with a member of our friendly team.

PA Secretary Required

We are looking for a new Secretary to the PA. This voluntary role involves preparing the agendas and minutes

for PA meetings, holding and updating contact details for PA committee members, and communicating with the PA and the school. An ability to use Word documents and email, an enthusiasm for supporting the school, and a couple of hours of spare time a week are all that's required!

PA Volunteer Coordinator Required

We would also like to recruit a Volunteer Coordinator to our team. This would involve emailing our list of PA volunteers and asking for helpers at any PA events held at school, e.g. the quiz, Christmas Fayre, serving refreshments at parents' evenings, Summer Festival etc.

Please contact <u>pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk</u> if you have any questions or would like to discuss the above roles informally.



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