



HEADTEACHER, MR STEPHEN LAWLOR

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Our Year 11 students have started their mock MFL orals and they will begin their written papers across their subjects from Monday. We wish them all the very best with these assessments. Students have worked hard and the mocks offer an opportunity for students to receive important and helpful feedback from their teachers to support their studies moving forward.

Many of our CCHS students and their families have been marking and celebrating Diwali this week. Please read below a wonderful insight from Arushi, which first appeared in our Autumn Term change@cchs update, which was published before the half-term break and is available on our website.



Diwali, takes place on 4th November this year and is a celebration enjoyed by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. Although the celebration holds different meaning for each faith, Diwali's celebrations and promise of a better tomorrow and are shared by all. The festival of lights is indeed the most awaited and celebrated festivals of India. This wonderful festival is the celebration of five days.

On the first day (Dhanteras), people clean their houses and buy kitchen utensils or gold and silver as a sign of good fortune. On the second day (Choti Diwali), colourful decorations and clay lamps are furnished. Day three, the main day of Diwali brings families together for Lakshmi pooja, during which they praise the Goddess Lakshmi and host grand dinners. The same festivities continue on day 4 (Govardhan Puja), which signifies the day where Lord Krishna saved the people of Gokul from the wrath of Lord Indra by lifting the Govardhan mountain, and day 5 (Bhai Dooj) which is associated with the strong bond of love between a brother and a sister. Exchange of gifts also occur these last two days, and families and friends are welcomed into homes.

In my family, 2 weeks before the celebration of Diwali, we start cleaning our house to welcome the much-anticipated feeling of the wonderful festival and buy new items which we decorate the whole house with. On Dhanteras, we worship the god and goddess of wealth (Dhan) and we buy new clothes and silver coins. In the following days, we visit our cousins' place to exchange delectable, mouth-watering Indian sweets (my personal favourite being Kaju Katli- a fudge-like dessert made from cashews!) and place diyas (lamps of light) around the whole house to celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

On the main day of Diwali, my sister and I love to make colourful rangolis in the morning (traditional Indian art made from coloured sand) which we decorate the floor with. In the evening, I wear a new beautiful traditional dress and get ready to worship Goddess Lakshmi with my family.

After eating a wonderful grand dinner cooked by my wonderful mum, we get together in our back garden to enjoy some fireworks.

Beautiful flashes of pink, gold, red, blue, of different shapes and sizes shoot up into the sky, ending the day by filling us up with joy as my sister and I stare in awe and film them. Here's a fun experience of mine to end-- last Diwali, I tried to actually light a firework myself for the first time and indeed it was a bit scary at first, but it turned out to be the most beautiful one of the nights which made me feel really special!

Happy Diwali everyone!





CCHS AND KEGS DRAMA SOCIETY

Yesterday afterschool saw the first weekly session of the CCHS and KEGS Drama Society held over at KEGS. The Drama Society brings together a collection of Year 8 students from both schools, taking part in a variety of Drama games, practical improvisations, and scripted scenarios.

Our first session acted as a getting to know you session for all students involved, where Mrs Garnish (Head of Drama at KEGS) and Mr Selby led a variety of collaborative tasks aimed at getting all students up on their feet and interacting with each other. The Drama Society will primarily be led by

Sixth Form students from both schools, so this also acted as an opportunity for them to get together, and get planning what the next term has in store for the society.

The first session was a real success with Year 8 and Sixth Form students from both school having a great time, and demonstrating a great passion and flair for Drama.

We look forward to what the next year has to hold.



HUGE well done to our Year 8 students receiving there certificate from The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Year 8, we are extremely proud of you all!



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5TH NOVEMBER 2021



The PE Department took 34 students over to Hylands Park for the District Cross Country race on Wednesday 3rd November. All the students who represented CCHS did the school proud and all ran brilliantly. Lottie (8G) WON the junior girls' race. What an achievement and a huge well done!



We were delighted to receive so many letters from our German Exchange school, Gymnasium in der Taus in Backnang, as part of our pen friend project - Wir sind total begeistert!



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ELEVATE EDUCATION PARENT WEBINARS

Tuesday 16th November at 6:00pm:
Improving Your Memory for Tests & Exams

Tuesday 30th November at 6:00pm:
Getting Ready for Exams



Over the 2 webinars colleagues will be discussing:

- ◆ Why students forget information in exams and how this can be prevented;
- ◆ 3 easy-to-use memory techniques parents can teach their children so they're able to memorise faster and retain information for longer;
- ◆ Elevate's simple 3-step process for revision;
- ◆ How students should be managing their time in the lead-up to exams.

If you would like to participate registration details are as follows: [Webinar Registration](#) | [UK \(elevatecoaching.info\)](#)

Student Survey

We recently invited all students to take part in a student survey, asking for feedback on a number of areas which included: the quality of education, level of academic challenge, learning enjoyment, support provided, communication with teachers, and standards of behaviour. Detailed results from the survey were shared in our recent staff meeting .

Of our 1116 students, 853 students responded; all year groups were represented.

96% of students said they enjoy learning here at CCHS

93% of students said they were confident or very confident in the quality of education at CCHS

These results are outstanding and celebrate all the hard work and effort that everyone puts in to supporting our students and providing a positive environment in which they can learn. The written feedback provided by students was also exceptional, with all subjects and areas of the school highlighted for praise.

Thank you to you all for your continued hard work and to the Year Leaders and Form Tutors who shared the survey with our students.

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