



# CCHS *Laudatio*

4th March 2022

*Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow to think for themselves and act for others*

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Our students are quite wonderful. They have been working with our Global Citizenship Prefects and Mr Copper to pursue fundraising ideas for the humanitarian efforts to aid Ukraine. As our school community has always done, we will contribute, in the spirit of internationalism and friendship.

We were delighted to hold our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday, welcoming students, and their parents. This heralds an important and exciting moment for Year 9 students as they begin to personalise their programmes of study with their GCSE courses.

## Key Dates

Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th &  
Monday 14th March  
Year 9 Harry Potter Trip

Friday 11th March  
Year 9 HPV2 Vaccinations plus Year  
10/11 catch up

Thursday 17th March  
CCHS Institute: Lecture from CEO of  
the Institute of Physics

Monday 21st March & Friday 1st April  
Remote learning days - students to  
work from home. More details to  
follow.

A huge thank-you to the school community for the **£742.65** raised for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal this afternoon. It was a special moment to see so many students come together to support this humanitarian appeal. More opportunities to support this appeal are coming up, and do contact us, as Mr Lawlor has said, if you have any ideas.



# Student Achievements

Have you got some news to share?  
If so, please email Miss McGrath ([hmcgrath@cchs.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hmcgrath@cchs.essex.sch.uk))  
and attach a photo or logo, if applicable.



Daisy, 13AGO, Alex 13JLK & Rebecca, 11F

Massive congratulations to Daisy & Alex (Year 13), who achieved a Gold Award, and Rebecca (Year 11), who scored a Bronze, in the UK Linguistics Advanced Olympiad. We wish Daisy & Alex the very best of luck in the next round, where they compete for selection to the UK national team.



Kesia, 8F

Kesia in Year 8 has achieved so many medals over the last few weeks at the Essex Championships. Kesia won gold in 200m Butterfly, silver in 100m Butterfly, 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke. Huge congratulations from Miss Sales and Year 8! We are super proud of you. Keep up the hard work.



Last Saturday, Mr Sikora and Mr Copper had the absolute pleasure of supporting the English Department in taking twelve fantastically talented young women to the University of Kent, including two brilliant Year 13 helpers, for the Young Citizen's Bar Mock Trial Competition.

After an illustrious and powerful performance across four heated sessions, our group was victorious and won this regional final. Congratulations to our winning students: Taran, Oluwafunso, Imogen, Harriette, Iona, Alesha, Arianna, Amelia, Megan and Tara. Thank you to everybody involved, with particular thanks to Mr Summers, our parent supporter.





'A Career in Geology' by Chris Griffith -12:45PM,  
Monday 7th March, V2

Years 9-13 welcome

Chris Griffith attended CCHS 6th form before moving on to Cardiff University to complete a Geology Degree. After graduating in 2015 she started a position as Graduate Engineer for Provectus Remediation working on site investigation and remediation projects. In 2021 she moved to ByrneLooby as a Senior Engineer managing site investigation and landfill engineering projects.

Congratulations to Miss Stevens, a CCHS teacher of Art, on being awarded Best in Show for her exhibition at the Bluewater Shopping Centre.



# ≡ International Women's Day ≡



International Women's Day is on Tuesday 8th March, however we will be acknowledging the contribution of women in our world for the entire month of March with regular posts on our social media accounts and website:

News - Chelmsford County High School for Girls ([cchs.co.uk](http://cchs.co.uk))

Recent years have seen a real proliferation in the number of female authors reconceptualising the traditionally male-obsessed sphere of Ancient Myth. These women, providing a voice to mythic women, have reshaped narratives and opened up this material to audiences that might have previously felt excluded. This International Women's Month, why not have a read of one of their many works?

## FEMINIST REINTERPRETATIONS OF CLASSICAL MYTH



### Madeline Miller

- Debut novel 'Song of Achilles', written over a period of 10 years alongside a teaching career, engaged with the relationship between Achilles & Patroclus in a heartbreaking manner.
- Follow-up 'Circe' focuses on the witch Circe, from Homer's *Odyssey*, and is soon to be an HBO series.
- Her upcoming short story will be told from the perspective of Galatea, the statue created by Pygmalion.



### Natalie Haynes

- Describes herself as a 'reformed comedian', and brings her stand-up comedy skills to BBC Radio shows focusing on classical figures.
- First two novels 'Amber Fury' & 'Children of Jocasta' brought ancient concepts and tales into the modern world.
- 'A Thousand Ships' retells the Trojan War from the perspective of the women involved.
- A collection of non-fiction essays, 'Pandora's Jar' explores the corruption and 'monstering' of a host of ancient females, including Pandora & Medusa.



### Pat Barker

- Early novels (1982-88) focused on working class northern women.
- To avoid being pigeonholed, she then moved her subject to WW1 with the 'Regeneration Trilogy'.
- In another change of focus, 2018's 'The Silence Of The Girls' retells the narrative of Homer's *Iliad* from the perspective of Achilles' captive slavegirl, Briseis.
- The sequel, 'Women Of Troy' indebted to Euripides' *Trojan Women*, looks more closely at the aftermath of conflict, and its impact on women.



### Jennifer Saint

- Was always interested in Greek mythology, in particular the 'untold stories hidden within myths'.
- After 13 years as an English teacher, she wrote her debut novel 'Ariadne', exploring the myth of Theseus & the Minotaur from the perspective of the often sidelined female character.
- Her follow-up novel, 'Elektra', will examine the world of Greek tragedy, perhaps most famously told by Aeschylus' *Oresteia*, through the eyes of the daughter of the house.





# CCHS Sixth Form

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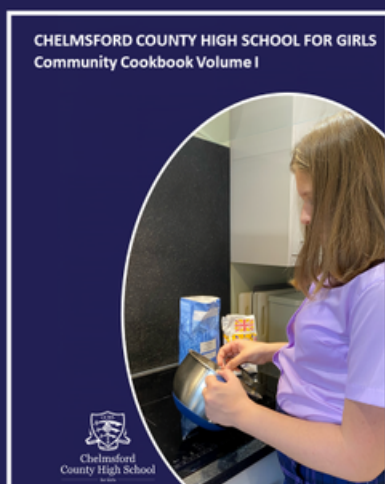
- CCHS has an enviable track record of success in the way in which its students are supported and guided through the UCAS process.
- We have an annual visit from Dr Sam Lucy, Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges and she offers students an excellent insight into the process and requirements for admissions to Cambridge and Oxford.
- Through its former students CCHS is well connected with a range of university departments across the country and we make excellent use of our alumnae and our other links to offer insight and guidance to those who are interested in similar courses or similar universities.
- CCHS students have an excellent track record of success in the various essay competitions run by universities. Each year students are well supported by staff in their work on these essays and they relish the opportunity to engage in really high level research and writing on some fascinating topics.
- Every student in Year 13 is offered the opportunity for a practice interview with knowledgeable and experienced members of the CCHS parent body; other specialist practice interviews are also offered.
- Our student societies also provide excellent opportunities for students to explore, debate and discuss subjects which they intend to study at university.



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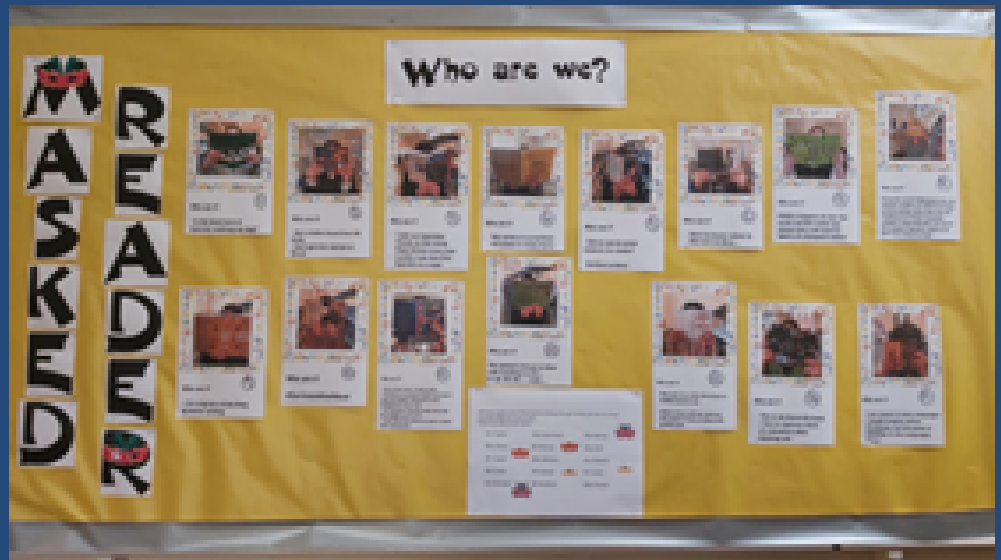
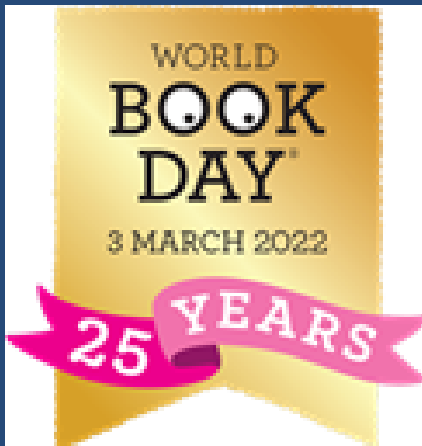
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On Thursday 3rd March we celebrated our love of reading with some World Book Day activities. All students have had the opportunity to take part in an emoji book title quiz and a Holly Smale quiz, and we also created the Masked Reader with the help of some of the teaching staff. We have been pleased to see so many students taking part in the competitions.



We had invited the author Holly Smale to visit and speak throughout the day but she unfortunately had to cancel due to ill health. However, we are very lucky that Mrs Barker has joined the staff in the English Department: she is the author of Showstopper and Showstealer, and she very kindly stepped in and delivered a wonderful talk and short reading during the lunch hour.



She spoke about her inspirations and writing process, and answered questions from the students about how she plans and develops her ideas and what it takes to become an author.



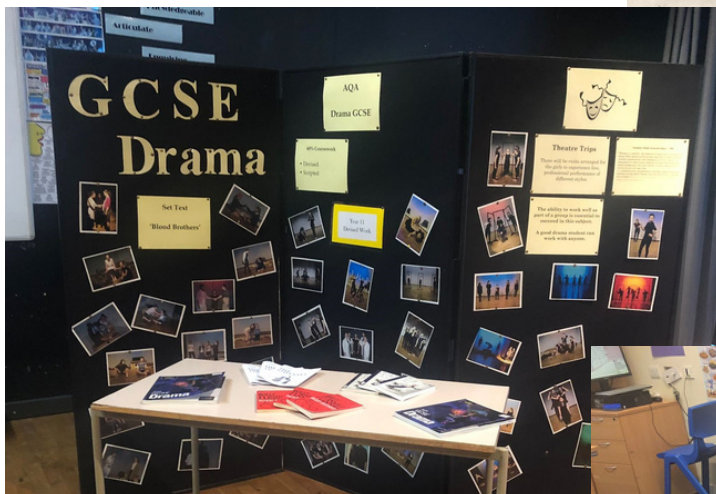
Thank you again to Mrs Barker, and thank you to the students who came along to listen to her. Her books are popular in the library, and those that haven't yet read them will be keen to get their hands on a copy!



# Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 3rd March 2022

The turnout on the Year 9 Options Evening was wonderful. The Prefects, along with the teachers, worked hard to make sure this event was a positive night. We are sure that many Year 9 students would agree and have realised the options for their future GCSE's. Those who worked hard deserve our appreciation for making this night a success.

*Article and photos by Year 10 Publicity Prefects*





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