



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

I use my remarks in our weekly bulletin to share a reflection on how education and schools are viewed and treated. "Education, education, education" an echo from 1996 - just to have it said loud and proud once by one of our many Education Secretaries in the last year and more would have been a welcome start. On Tuesday 25th October we learnt that Gillian Keegan is to be our new Secretary of State for Education. We were informed of this appointment after the 'great offices of state' had been announced, as is the way of it in our political culture. The expression, 'children should be seen and not heard' seems decidedly progressive compared to how young people are continually relegated in the national policy hierarchy. Gillian Keegan is the fifth Secretary of State for Education in four months, the sixth in fourteen months and the tenth since 2010.

I am aghast at the unvarnished disregard and disrespect shown towards children, their families, school staff, and their families, through this political turmoil and ministerial anarchy. My question is this: when will education actually become the national priority that it clearly is and should always be? Politicians are quick to invoke "our children and our grandchildren" when they wish to convince us of their humanity and sincerity about any number of policy decisions. And yet the most genuine way our high politicians could achieve this is to put education and schools at the centre of national life and policy initiatives.

Children are deserving of the very best, now, and always. Education is always the answer. Schools should be palaces. And the position of Secretary of State for Education should be revered as the great office of state. I do hope that Gillian Keegan is given both the time to articulate a vision for education in our country and then the resources to deliver on it.

We can but hope. In the meantime, we will continue to work as a community to support, encourage and inspire the wonderful students who grace our school. On a local level, we are fortunate indeed to have an engaged, informed and attentive constituency MP: Vicky Ford.

Perhaps we look back to the wisdom of Edmund Burke, who noted the bonds within a local community are a vital source of civic strength: "To be attached to the subdivision, to love the little platoon we belong to in society, is the first principle (the germ as it were) of public affections." Beyond my own reflection, I read with interest an article by James Kirkup, Director of the Social Market Foundation, in The Sunday Times on 30th October, titled: 'There's a deafening silence on education from both parties.'

As a school community, we will remain resolutely committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment, in the knowledge that we are the guardians of a significant educational, and wider social, inheritance from 1907.



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And speaking of excellence – we were blessed with our student organised Black Excellence Fest on Thursday afternoon. Martha, in Year 12, planned, led and hosted this magnificent event.

Students arranged refreshments, read poetry, performed music and dance. Each performance was an inspiration in itself. As an overall cultural experience for us, students and staff, it was life-affirming.

What a privilege it was for us to witness such outstanding talent, intellect, passion and ambition. What a wonderful way to welcome the second part of the Autumn Term. And what a testament to young people and all that they provide within and beyond their school community.



## Student Achievements

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### CCHS Athlete of the Week

CCHS Athlete of the week goes to Frankie (7S) for her efforts in the cross country season so far.

The PE Department are very proud of you!



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Theia, 9S, is a regular co-host of Girlguiding's local radio show, GENE Radio.

She has recorded a special show on Local Radio Day, to celebrate how radio - and Girlguiding - give girls in Essex a voice.

The show features music, news and chat, and next airs 10-12 on Sunday 6th November, on Chelmsford Community Radio 104.4FM, online at [chelmsfordcommunityradio.com](http://chelmsfordcommunityradio.com), on your smart speaker or from the CCR app.

Download here: [onelink.to/ccr104.4fm](https://onelink.to/ccr104.4fm)

Well done Theia!

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Sarah (9A) has passed and received her silver medal in Vault at the British Gymnastics Advanced Proficiency level.

Congratulations Sarah!







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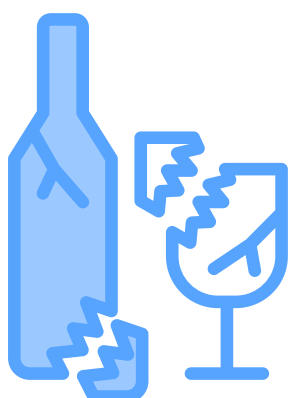
Sophia 10H, received an offer from the National Children's Orchestra to join as a flautist in the main orchestra for the 2023 UK concerts.

It was a very competitive audition, with only six flautists were chosen in the UK.

Sophia also passed the DipABRSM with Distinction on Piano.

The DipABRSM distinction is awarded to about 3-5% of candidates in each year.

Congratulations Sophia!



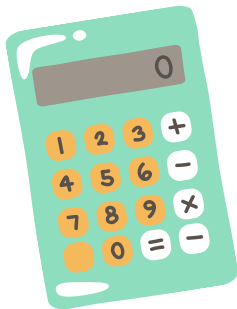
For safety reasons please ensure that students do not bring glass bottles or containers with them to school.

Thank you.



## *ARTIST OF THE WEEK*

Anna, in Year 11, for this great take on a traditional painting.



## **MATHS DROP-IN CLINIC FOR YEARS 7 TO 10**

A number of year 12 Maths students are running a Maths drop-in clinic for Years 7 to 10 on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm in B7.

This session will be open to anyone who would like assistance with the KS3 or KS4 curriculum, either catching up lessons that you've missed, helping with homework tasks or just for general help. Further into the term we can structure the sessions to suit any exam revision or topics that multiple people would like help with.

Come along if you would like to solidify your understanding of a difficult concept or just for a chat, we'll be happy to answer any questions related to GCSE or A-level Maths and Further Maths as well!.

We look forward to seeing you there.





# STEM Roadshow

CCHS was delighted to welcome the UK's longest running STEM roadshow for the first time.

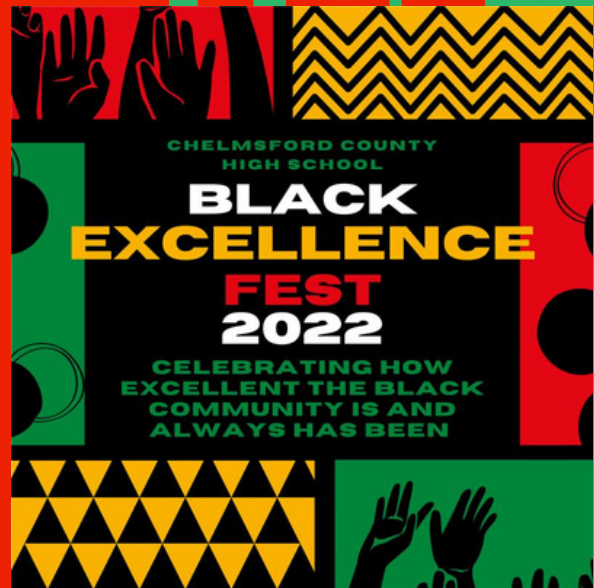
The event led by a theatre company Mark Greenop Associates Ltd, was sponsored by BAE in partnership with the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy.

Based on the theme magnetism, the road show explored a wide range of applications of electromagnets including healthcare, transport and electricity generation, in a highly entertaining and informative way.

The presentation also emphasised the value of STEM subjects in the wider world and the diverse range of careers and opportunities that can be achieved from studying these subjects. A real treat for our Years 7 and 8 students!

Thank you to Mrs Kurian for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students.







# The Physics of Safe Food

An IOP / CSES lecture for the public, presented by  
Dr Tim Kelf, Bühler UK Ltd

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, starting at 7pm  
Refreshments available before the talk from 6.30pm



Have you ever noticed there are never any bad grains in a bag of rice, or any snails mixed in with your frozen peas?

Invented 75 years ago in east London, the optical sorter has become an integral part of food processing lines all over the world, ensuring everything we eat is clean and healthy. Using high speed cameras and powerful data processors, the sorters require expertise spanning multiple fields of physics and engineering.

In this talk Dr Kelf will summarise the areas of current development, as we push the machines to meet ever greater challenges.

Location : MAB221, Anglia Ruskin University,  
Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ

Attendance is free and open to all – no reservation required  
For further information please contact: [david.d.hall@physics.org](mailto:david.d.hall@physics.org)





# CCHS PA Winter Fayre 2022

11-2pm Saturday November 26th

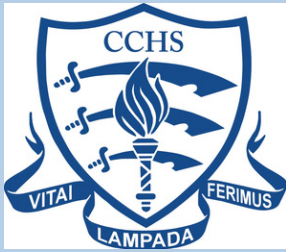


Hot Food  
Fun Fayre stalls  
Gifts & Crafts  
games  
chocolate tombola  
Cakes and sandwiches  
Raffles

Adults: £1  
Children free, tickets on door

\*please Bring cash/coins, card machine available for larger amounts





# CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our PA has lots of events lined up for the winter term. We have the Winter Fayre, Xmas concerts, Grammaticus concert and various parent evenings. If you would like to get involved, maybe as a volunteer, then please get in touch.

The next event we need helpers at the Year 12 Parents Evening on 17/11/22 - 4:30-7:30pm. We would like some help to make tea and coffee and supervise the prefects to deliver them to the teachers, and other activities.

You can nominate which even you can help using the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/0Fcyc6PKTJ>

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