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## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

On the final day of the Autumn Term, I shared the following moment of reflection during our Christmas Assemblies. I note it here by way of welcoming the new term, drawing attention to members of the CCHS community and their contributions to our school as we progress our plans and ambitions at the start of the Spring Term.

*Thank you to students for all that you have contributed to our school community, both individually and collectively, this term...*

- *for working hard and well, participating in clubs & societies*
- *enjoying House events and enrichment activities*
- *for looking out for each other and helping your friends.*

*Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and commitment...*

- *for their work in the classrooms*
- *in the Library*
- *in student and school services offices*
- *the Site Team, the cleaning staff, and the kitchen staff*

*Thank you to CCHS families, for the care, support and encouragement they provide to us all.*

*And thank you to our Governors, for their dedication and wisdom.*



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# Student Achievements

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Congratulations to Lauren (7C) and Olivia (7H) for their achievement in attaining their Gold Level Ecole du Ski badge, showing their skiing skills in all forms on challenging terrains and completing a Giant Slalom race in less than 33 seconds. Olivia is going to continue race training with ESF.



## CCHS Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week is Grace (9S) for her brilliant performance in hockey and the outstanding progress she is showing alongside great commitment to training.



Please follow our CCHS PE Department Twitter account to keep up to date with our sporting news

[@CCHS4GPE](https://twitter.com/CCHS4GPE)



Please follow our PE Instagram account for everything PE & Sport.

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Fatimah (7S) was the winner in the 11-15 age category of the annual Story in Nature writing competition, in 'The Week Junior', and also in partnership with The Tree Council.

Fatimah wrote a poem called 'Standing in Awe' and the judges were impressed by her originality and connection with nature.

Standing in awe

I stand in awe

I stand completely fixated

My fingers do groan

My fruits, my jewels to carry all day long

Whispers from my Godmother who sent me along

The soil, my foundations where I was taught

My khaki hair streams in the wind

A tiny pale fingered figure appears

In an apple-red coat

Her cheeks rosy, mine wrinkled

Her legs move, mine rooted

She stands in awe

Her arms wrap around my trunk, my waist

Similar and different. Are we?

Then all is silent, all is calm

We both stand in awe

By Fatimah







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Ríona (7A) was featured in the Essex Chronicle with an article about her many successes in Latin and ballroom dancing during 2022.

Well Done, Ríona.

22 CHRONICLE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

## YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS



### Dancer Ríona takes UK title to add to her trophy haul

RÍONA NÍBHRÁIN, 11, a champion latin and ballroom dancer from Chelmsford, is celebrating winning the prestigious title of UK Closed Solo Champion at the Bournemouth Dance Festival.

She collected 12 trophies to add to her shelf-bending burgeoning silverware collection, after winning so many awards of this year's Dance Promoters Association (DPA) National League as well.

Ríona's successful dancing career started at the age of four, and has gone from strength to strength ever since.

Lacking a suitable dance school

locally, her main teachers are at the Essex Academy of Dance in Southend, Ipswich School of Dance and Sway Dance Club in Saffron Walden.

Having the right teachers for the right dance is key to optimising her technique, but requires regular sessions with specialist teachers at each far-flung location, dotted throughout the week, coupled with a hectic competition calendar, plus the odd visit to her Carvey-based dress sponsor, Prima Dance, thrown in for good measure.

Most weekends Ríona has been competing at a variety of locations

around the UK, such as Holmes Chapel, Birmingham, Hackpool, Leatherhead, Bournemouth, Gillingham, Stoke and many more.

Invariably this involves working through the usual Saturday lessons ritual, followed by a drive to location for the following day's competition, before making the return journey on a Sunday night.

Competitions can make for a long day. In one such recent occasion, she competed in nine events, with 72 individual dances in 37 visits to the dance floor over 11 hours, with up to 30 competitors in each event (thus multiple heats). She collected first prize in all nine.

Naturally, being ready for school on Monday morning is not merely a chore, and Ríona has worked hard to ensure her spot among the top

students at Hadow Hall Junior School, and to gain a place at the prestigious Chelmsford County High School for Girls, which she recently started, after squeezing much study and preparation into an already bustling schedule.

Whilst the Covid-induced lockdown was difficult for so many, it provided opportunities for Ríona. A garage conversion to a dance studio gave the space to have more frequent lessons without the commute, plus home schooling gave more flexibility to include the challenging 11+ content.

When due to face dancing recommenced in 2021 it was common practice for Ríona to complete her daily exam papers whilst 'on the road'. It's this level of dedication that helps in everything she does, and to

achieve what she has.

Ríona is part of a dancing family, where her mother and younger sister also participate. Naturally a little sibling rivalry helps to spur both on, but it's her mother's commitment that provides the basis for it all, managing the schedule, not to mention preparing shoes and dresses, hair and make-up, while her non-dancing dad helps with logistics and transportation.

After dedicating herself to coming top as solo U12, Ríona is now competing in the 12 to 15 years 'junior' category, a move her enthusiastic competitors have longed for, and she is already off to a winning start.

Ríona would love to, one day, be on Strictly Come Dancing, but meanwhile needs to concentrate on her studies.

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[communitynews@essexchronicle.co.uk](mailto:communitynews@essexchronicle.co.uk)



ARTIST OF THE  
WEEK

Our 1st ARTIST OF THE WEEK for 2023 is this mixed media piece by Christina in Year 11.



## West Ham United Foundation football camp

Barracudas will be running the West Ham United Foundation football camp at Chelmsford County High School during their Summer Camp, for the week 7th – 11th August only. This a week-long stand-alone course for 7-12 year olds, run by the official West Ham United Foundation coaches. Here's the link for more information:



<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/camps/chelmsford-official-west-ham-united-foundation-camp/>

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## Updating Medical Information



As we start a new calendar year, should your child have any changes to their health or medical needs that the school should be made aware of please email [asheldon@cchs.co.uk](mailto:asheldon@cchs.co.uk). or call the school to speak with Mrs Sheldon.

You are also able to update these in the SIMS app.

# मेरी ह दि की यात्रा - My Educational Hindi Trip To India!

Arya 10G

Earlier this year, I found out that I was selected from across Europe along with five other people to go on an educational Hindi trip to India; this was because I won a previous Hindi speech competition held across students of multiple centre in UK and Europe. I also did well in my recent Hindi Exam. I was the first person from my Hindi centre to go on this trip, I was a bit nervous since it was me by myself without my parents and people, I didn't know very well for around 12 days. However after this trip, I can confidently say I am very happy to have taken the opportunity to go and improve my Hindi moreover make memories that will last a lifetime.

My trip consisted of 5 main cities which were Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, Varanasi/Banaras and Ghaziabad, all of which were my first time visiting. In the first part of my trip, we got a private tour around The Rashtrapathi Bhavan which is the Indian president's house and government office in New Delhi. I got to see all the state rooms, and the prestigious Darbar Hall, which is where the most prominent and highest ranked awards are given such as the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan; the new prime minister is also appointed here in an important ceremony. The highlight of visiting the Rashtrapathi Bhavan was certainly finding out where Donald Trump sat at the dinner table and seeing the different ornaments gifted by other countries to India.



The Rashtrapathi Bhavan in New Delhi



Us in one of the newspapers

Whilst my time in India, I also gave speeches to many universities, colleges and schools and was also part of a talk show and an interview on the radio. The radio interview and talk show took place in film city, called Marwah Studios, owned by Anil Kapoor's (a famous Bollywood actor) brother-in-law. Here we met Mr Marwah and had a small chat with him, he also gave us a certificate for visiting the studio. Along with this I was also in many newspapers and on a news channel to share my experience about Hindi and why I'm learning it.



One of the universities I was lucky to go to was The Banaras Hindu University, one of the oldest and most ancient universities in India; I gave a speech there about my journey of learning Hindi and met different students who were doing further education in Hindi. We were also welcomed grandly by the schools and colleges we visited through the traditional Indian culture of playing the dhol ( a big Indian drum), garlands of flowers and a tika as we entered. Furthermore, they also had cultural programs for us including dances, singing and poetry ; me and my two of my friends also performed a dance. As well as giving speeches, I had the privilege of exploring the religious and historic landmarks of India some of which are The Kashi Vishwanath Temple, The Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and The Ganga River (where I also got to see the very holy Hindu Ganga Aarti) and many other places. I enjoyed each part of the trip but my favourite was spectating the Ganga Aarti being conducted (a holy ritual in Hinduism).

Although it was very crowded, watching the elegant movements of the fire and the incense sticks bought a blend of energy and serenity. In the duration of the trip, I was very fortunate to have a great set of people with me, from my extremely caring teachers to my supportive friends moreover the chance to connect with Indian history and culture, and most importantly the Hindi language. From seeing where Donald Trump sat at the dinner table in the Rashtrapathi Bhavan and meeting Anil Kapoor's brother-in-law to watching monkeys fight on the top of canopies and bargaining for the best deal at the market in Hindi, it was all part of an unforgettable experience.

Arya 10G



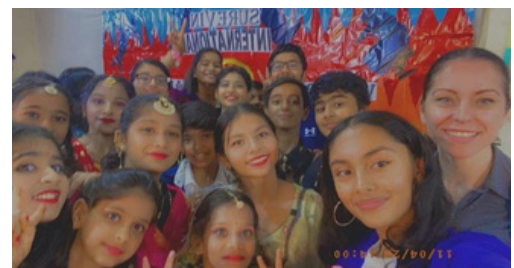
The mementos I got as memory



One of the schools I visited for underprivileged kids in Varanasi



The Ganga Aarti in Varanasi



Students I met at a boarding school



## EPQ Results

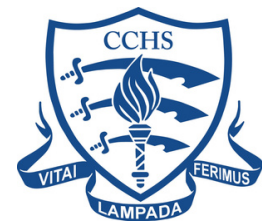
We are delighted to be celebrating an absolutely excellent set of Extended Project Qualification results achieved by our Year 13 students. 37 students in Year 13 completed EPQ projects during their Year 12 and these were submitted to the examination board for final moderation in November. All of the students achieved A\*, A or B grades. These outstanding grades are evidence of their consistent hard work, their success in devising fascinating research questions and their talent for independent study. The EPQ requires students either to research and write an essay of 5000 words on a topic of their choice or to research for and create an 'artefact' and a written report. The project work allows students to pursue their own academic interests beyond their A level subjects and to develop their skills in research and academic writing. Equivalent to half an A level, the EPQ is much valued by universities and is extremely useful preparation for the challenges of further study.

We thank Mrs Ellen and Mrs Hopkins for their leadership of our EPQ work and also thank those staff who supervised and supported EPQ students last year. Our Year 12 EPQ students are currently writing their draft projects and we look forward to celebrating their results in due course.

Dr Palmer  
Assistant Headteacher; Head of Sixth Form



## Grammaticus Christmas Concert 2022



Our sincere thanks to members of CCHS/KEGS alumni choir, Grammaticus, who entertained a delighted crowd in our Main Hall, raising over £1160 for CCHS PA in the process.

Thank you all for your music and contribution to our schools over the years.

Bravi tutti!





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# Manufacturing A Better World

A FREE CSES talk for the public by Professor Tim Minshall, the Dr. John C Taylor Professor of Innovation at the University of Cambridge.



Look around your house and, with the exception of the contents of your fridge or the fruit bowl, just about everything you see will have been manufactured! But have you ever thought about how all of these things we see every day got here, or where they came from? How many miles have the components of your phone travelled before they reach you? How many parts are there in the car you drive? and how do they all end up in the right place at the right time? How can we continue to have the things we want and need without using up the World's finite resources?

"Manufacturing A Better World" has been adopted as the vision of the University of Cambridge's Institute For Manufacturing. From supply chains, to 3D printing, to electric aeroplanes this presentation by Tim Minshall will highlight the role that engineers will play in solving the many future challenges we face on Earth, and beyond.

Tim Minshall is the inaugural Dr John C Taylor Professor of Innovation at the University of Cambridge, Head of the Institute for Manufacturing (IfM) and Head of the IfM's [Centre for Technology Management \(CTM\)](#). He is also a renowned "communicator" of the benefits that engineering and science can bring to the World. His research, teaching and engagement activities are focused on the links between manufacturing and innovation.

Since joining the University of Cambridge in 2002, Tim has played a very active role in the development of innovation and technology management activities across the University and with companies in the Cambridge cluster, one of the largest and most successful technology clusters in Europe.

Refreshments will be available from 30 minutes before the advertised start time.



To book your FREE place, please click [Register Now](#) from the event page on our website. Alternatively, just turn up!

When	25 January 2023 from 19:00 to 21:00
Location	Anglia Ruskin University (Room QUE 101) Queen's Building Bishop Hall Lane Chelmsford Essex CM1 1SQ

# CCHS PA QUIZ 2023

7:30PM FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY



7PM FOR 7:30PM START, CCHS MAIN HALL  
LICENSED BAR - WINE AND BEER  
DRINKS, FOOD AND SNACKS AVAILABLE TO BUY

TICKETS ON PARENTPAY:  
£10 ADULTS £8 STUDENTS/CONCESSION

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