



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

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Thank you and congratulations to all those, from across our school community, who have contributed to the success of the superb school production this week – with the final performance taking place this evening.

A host of colleagues, from administrative staff, the finance office and the site team ensured all was ready on each evening. Mr Selby's vision for the show has been brilliantly realised, with the support of Harley, Rhythm, Sam, Mr Lamberti, Ms Hutton, Mrs Broughton, Mr French, Mr Rowell, Dr Palmer and many colleagues who helped behind the scenes.

The cast and musicians have provided us with superb performances. What a privilege to witness such talent, energy and commitment. Like other grand occasions in the life of our school, this production encapsulates the nature and strength of our community.

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank and congratulate the 'Little Shop of Horrors' team for providing us with a reminder of what can be achieved through a shared purpose, hard work and great talent, with much laughter and joy along the way.



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On Saturday 28th January members of the senior leadership team worked with our school governors at their annual conference. School governors are one of the most numerous groups of volunteers in the country, giving hours of their time to support school communities nationwide.

We are fortunate indeed that the CCHS Governors contribute so much to our school. From Parent Governors to Associate Governors and Staff Governors, these dedicated colleagues work hard and with such commitment to the values and vision of our school. Please follow the link below to find out more about these wonderful colleagues, who are led by Mr Steve Miles, the Chair of Governors, and supported by Mrs Wendy Newton, the Clerk to the Governors.

<https://www.cchs.co.uk/about-us/governors/>

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The next Elevate Education parent webinar takes place on Tuesday 7th February at 6pm, and is on Memory and how parents can help their children improve memory retention.

If you would like to participate registration details are as follows

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar>



Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

**Tuesday 7th February @ 6:00pm (GMT)**

**How to Help Improve Your Child's Memory**

Click [here](#) to register for free

In this webinar Elevate will be showing parents how to:

- ✓ How memory actually works (and how it has nothing to do with brain capacity)
- ✓ The most effective environments to assist in memorisation
- ✓ 3 techniques you can implement overnight to improve revision

# SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on a dark blue background.

*Each week, a member of staff provides a brief outline of their work in the school in our 'Spotlight' feature. This will enable the CCHS community to appreciate the nature, importance and impact of the industrious and talented staff who work at our school. Allied with our wonderful students, encouraging parents and supportive governors, our school community is blessed with people who are committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.*

*Mr Lawlor*

As Head of Sixth Form it is a great privilege to work on so many activities which are vital to the success of our school and our students. I am fortunate to lead a great team which does so much to support the senior students in the school, working with them to develop their skills and knowledge and to rise to the challenges of A level study. The Sixth Form Team of Mrs Hiett, Mrs Connolly and I looks after the transition of Year 11 students to Year 12, the admission to the Sixth Form of the talented students who join us each year in Year 12, the support of all our students in the fast paced learning environment of Year 12 and Year 13 and also the guidance we provide to our students in terms of UCAS and Careers. UCAS is led by Mrs Hopkins and Careers by Dr Hiner and all our work is ably supported by Mrs Bernard. We are also fortunate to work with Mrs Carroll, our Alumnae Development Officer, who does so much to develop the school's links with its former students.

A key part of the school's work on leadership is the support we give to our students as they take on the leadership roles which do so much to contribute to the curricular and extra-curricular life of the school. I learn much each year from my work with the Senior Prefects and also much enjoy working with Miss Holt to support her leadership of the House System and Ms Porter to support her work with the Global Citizenship Prefects.

The Sixth Form House is always a busy and lively place to work; the ideas, commitment and enthusiasm of our Year 12 and Year 13 students mean that each term and each year are rewarding and thought provoking. We always look forward to really getting to know our students over the time in Year 12 and Year 13 and then hearing of their successes at university and thereafter.

Dr M Palmer

Assistant Headteacher; Head of Sixth Form





# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



A massive congratulations to all our students involved in this year's whole school production 'Little Shop of Horrors'. This production has brought together creatives from a variety of fields, including Drama, Music and Dance.

Thank you, also, to all those in the CCHS community who have supported us with two sold out performances on Wednesday and Thursday, with a final sold out performance to follow this evening. Please enjoy a selection of photos from this year's production.

# Bar Mock Competition

On Saturday, I had the privilege of leading fifteen amazing Year 12 students into the Bar Mock Competition at Ipswich County Court, in which we competed against five other schools.

In the run up to the competition, we were given two mock cases: one about drug possession, and one about alleged assault. Over the last few months, we all worked incredibly hard on drafting and practicing our speeches, chiefs, and cross examinations.

On the day, despite having to wake up at 5:30, it all went amazingly well! Each and every person on the team had so much fun, and performed excellently, and I'm very proud to share that we finished as Regional Finalists- despite the very tough competition! A huge thank you must go to Mr. Summers KC and Mr. Carter for supporting us throughout these last few months, as well as the English teachers who supervised our rehearsals, and to the Year 13s who gave up their time to help with the audition process.

To those who are reading this, I strongly encourage you to one day participate in this competition. Whether you love English, Politics, Law, and Drama- or whether you're STEM oriented with no prior interaction with Law, the competition is open to everyone, and is a great opportunity to enhance your public speaking skills, work in a team, and make new friends!

Matilda (12JPO)







# Student Achievements

Have you got some news to share?  
If so, please email Mrs Gross ([jgross@cchs.co.uk](mailto:jgross@cchs.co.uk)) and attach a photo or logo, if applicable.



Sushee (8F), participated in a Tamil Thai Pongal event, conducted by Chelmsford Tamil Association, performing a traditional dance.

Well done!



## CCHS Athlete of the Week

Caitlin (7G) is our CCHS athlete of the week this week

Caitlin took part in an amazing, but grueling, four events in the Indoor Athletics (4 x 1 relay, shot put, long jump, 2 lap individual race and 4 x 2 relay).

Later that week, Caitlin helped the Year 7 and 8 football team win their match, scoring 3 goals to later win the game 7-0.

Very well done!!



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

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



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ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Grace, Year 13, for her interactive mixed media piece.

Well done!



Please check School Posts for messages from Mrs Sheldon regarding your child's medication.

Thank you.

# Got a degree you're not really using? Thinking about becoming a teacher?



Robert, former School Direct trainee

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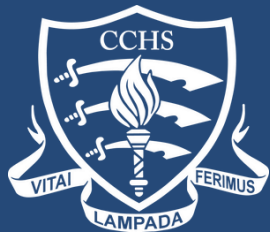
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# CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The PA are pleased to announce that the winners of the Wishlist Lottery are:

For January:

1st Prize £50 Mrs P.Shivakumar

2nd Prize £25 Mr W.Yap

3rd Prize £25 Mr S.R.George

For February:

1st Prize £50 Mr and Mrs A.Kerr

2nd Prize £25 Mr K.D.Ellis

3rd Prize £25 Mrs S.Graines

Cheques will be given out at school.

## CCHS PA NEWS

### THE BIG PA QUIZ OF 2023



QUIZ MASTER IAN IN ACTION

A FANTASTIC 106 TICKETS SOLD MADE FOR SOME STIFF QUIZZING COMPETITION, INCLUDING THE TEACHER'S TABLE DEFENDING THEIR TITLE. AFTER 2 VERY TIGHT ROUNDS, THEY WERE ULTIMATELY DEFEATED BY THE INGENUOUSLY NAMED TEAM "WE THOUGHT IT WAS A DISCO".

THANKS TO THE PA TEAM AND OUR SIXTH FORM PA PREFECTS FOR RUNNING THIS EVENT, WHICH RAISED **OVER £1200** TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL IN THEIR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.



CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNING TEAM "WE THOUGHT IT WAS A DISCO", WORTHY WINNERS OF THE WORLD'S SMALLEST TROPHY AND LARGEST BAG OF CHOCOLATE.