



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

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Last week we held our Speech Day at Chelmsford Cathedral to celebrate the work and achievements of our senior students vis-à-vis their GCSE, A level and broader successes. It was a privilege to mark the ambition of our school community, exemplified by our guest speaker and CCHS alumna, Dr Melissa Uchida, who is a lecturer in high energy physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge.

Yesterday we welcomed families to our Open Evening. It was wonderful to begin the process that will bring another cohort of 180 girls to CCHS. Indeed, this year we celebrate the 116th year anniversary of the opening of CCHS. These recent events are a testament to our particular place in the local area and beyond, given our commitment to excellence in girls' education and empowerment. Attention on and recognition for the important role that girls' schools play in our national life is vital.

There was an interesting article on the BBC News website a few days ago about the history of Edge Hill College, Liverpool, which was the first non-denominational teacher training college for women, founded in 1885. We provide the text and photos from this article as another example of a chapter in the development of education and opportunities for girls and women.

Theatre history of all-female teaching college on display  
BBC News website, Saturday 22nd April 2023



IMAGE SOURCE,EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

A production of King Lear took place at the college in 1892

The history of theatre and performance at England's first non-denominational teacher training college for women has gone on display.

The exhibition at Edge Hill University showcases material from performances by all-female casts dating back to the 1890s. Handwritten programmes, photographs and recreations of costumes feature. "Students lives were very regimented, this was a real release for them," Roy Bayfield, display organiser, said. "Even through the First World War and the Spanish flu epidemic, they still found time to celebrate the arts," he added.



IMAGE SOURCE,EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

Productions featured all female casts



Mr Barnfield, who is studying an MA in Nineteenth Century Studies at the university, said: "The principal at the time, Sarah Jane Hale, took a huge interest in it and there were lots of different reasons why it was such a big part of life at Edge Hill. "Some of it was fundraising to support charities and they also entertained visiting soldiers." The university's roots date back to 1885 when Edge Hill College opened in Liverpool as a specialist institution with 41 female trainee teachers. The original institution building in Durning Road, Liverpool was destroyed in a German bombing raid which killed 166 people in November 1940.



IMAGE SOURCE,EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

A production of Macbeth took place at the college between 1914-16

Now a university and based in Ormskirk, it has about 18,000 students. "The early years of Edge Hill featured extensive, frequent, and diverse performance work, for a variety of purposes," Arts Centre Manager, Dr Cathy Butterworth, said. "Now more than 135 years later, theatre and performance remain integral to student life at Edge Hill." Archivist Dan Copley said there had always been "a rich culture of the arts" at the educational institution. "These archive materials do a fantastic job of bringing the past to life for a new audience, giving us a real flavour of how creative and inspired students' productions were," he added.

# 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*

I am the Subject Leader for Biology and a School Development Leader with responsibility for data literacy and training on the use of data by staff within school. This involves supporting staff with the use of data within our school data system (SIMS) and helping to support the senior leadership when dealing data as part of our self evaluation process.

I also support staff in the use of external data sources from providers such as the Fisher Family Trust (FFT).

This is all with a view to using data to monitor the progress of our students and provide support where it is needed.

Mr M. Rowell

School Development Leader



# 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.

Sithuli (12PKU) earned the Grading Award for her performance at her Tae Kwon-do grading on 15th April. Her trainer wrote the following

"Saturday 15th April saw students from across Essex congregate for the quarterly Tae Kwon-do Association of Great Britain (TAGB) colour belt grading.

Sithuli was recognised as 'best in grading' and awarded the grading award by Grand Master Oliver (9th Degree Black belt and chairman of the TAGB) out of 102 students from 6 different clubs for her amazing performance on the day.

An especially impressive achievement given that she was grading for her black stripe belt, the last grading before 1st Degree black belt!

As her Instructor, I'm incredibly proud that Sithuli's effort and commitment in class has paid off. Her positive attitude and dedication towards her Tae Kwon-do training makes her a fantastic role model for other students and I can't wait to see what she'll achieve in the future"

Well done, Sithuli!

# WELL DONE





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Sophie, (7C), recently achieved her Blue sash in Kung Fu.

Well done, Sophie!



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**  
Inaaya, Year 11, for this delightful painting.







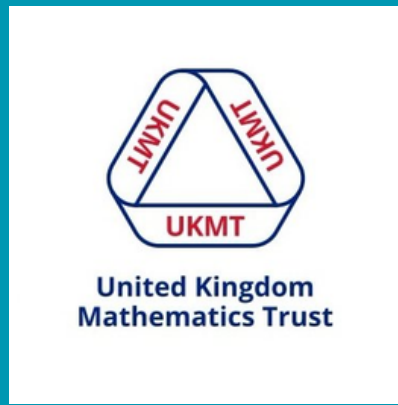
Congratulations to Ellie (U16), Esther (U16&U15) & Sarah (U15) who competed for Boswells Volleyball Club at the National Finals in Kettering at the weekend.

Both the U15 & U16 teams had already played excellently to gain a place in the National Finals, beating several teams on the way to qualifying.

The U16 team beaten by an extremely strong Richmond team. However, the U15 team were successful in triumphing over Richmond, to be crowned National Champions.

An amazing feat, considering our girls have only been playing volleyball for just over a year!



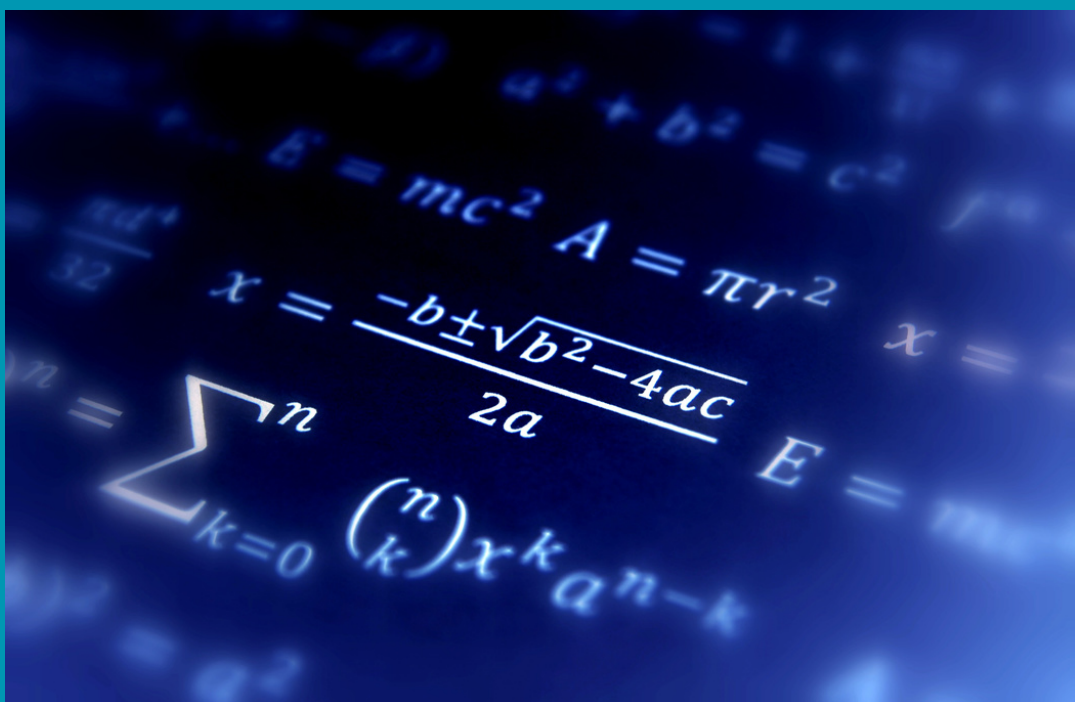


Well done to all students who took part in the Intermediate Mathematics Olympiads and the Kangaroo Rounds.

Mahilzini, Year 10, and Elizabeth, Year 9, achieved merits in the Hamilton and Cayley Olympiads, respectively, for achieving excellent scores. Only a few hundred students nationally qualify for these Olympiads.

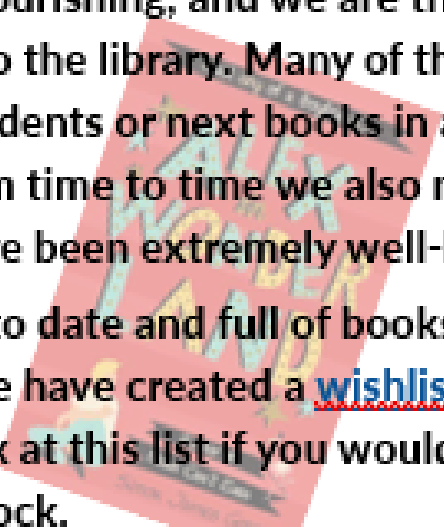
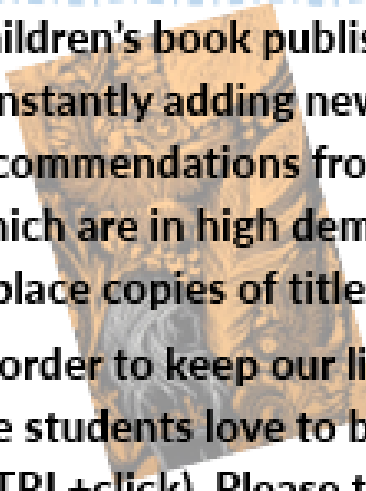
Five students were also awarded merits in the Kangaroo Rounds: well done to Arthie and Gracie, Year 10, and Keerthi, Harriet and Diya, Year 9, who all achieved high scores in the Kangaroo Rounds.

Congratulations to all students who took part!





## Donating Books to the Library

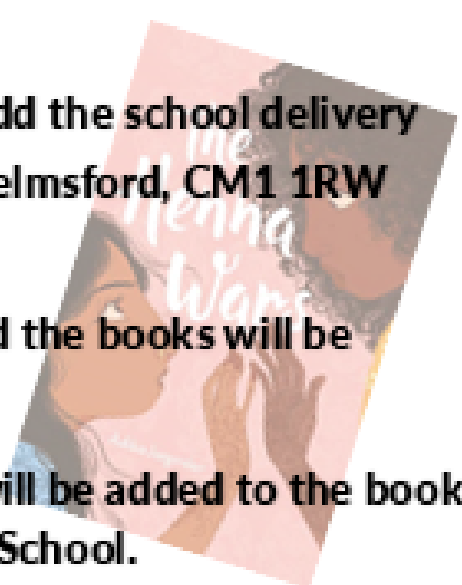


Children's book publishing is flourishing, and we are therefore constantly adding new books to the library. Many of them are recommendations from the students or next books in a series, which are in high demand! From time to time we also need to replace copies of titles that have been extremely well-loved. In order to keep our library up to date and full of books that the students love to borrow, we have created a [wishlist](#) (CTRL+click). Please take a look at this list if you would like to help us to increase our book stock.

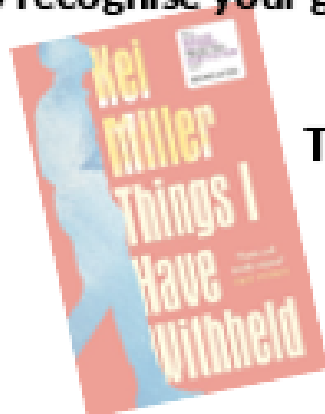


Once you have made your selection, add the school delivery address: - CCHS, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1RW and CCHS Library in the name field.

Pay for your items in the usual way and the books will be delivered to CCHS.



When the books arrive a name plate will be added to the book to recognise your generous gift to the School.



Thank you for your support  
Mrs Howell & Mrs Davis  
School Librarians



For the last three months Miss Kersey has been running a club to support students entering the national 'BBC Young Reporter' competition.

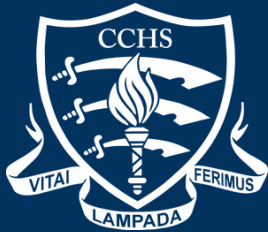
Students are required to write a 300-word brief about a news piece they would like to research and report on. Successful entries are then selected to move on to the next round in which they write their full report for the final judging.

Amani, (8S), has been contacted by the judges to move onto the next round; she is writing about the barriers to young female participation in golf.

Huge congratulations to Amani and good luck!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter>





# CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

You can help the Chelmsford County High School PA - Essex WIN from a £2,000 prize fund in the easyfundraising - Refer to Win giveaway!

We will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 30th April! It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=uvom1x&char=125791&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_campaign=r2wapr-2023&utm\\_term=R2745&utm\\_content=socialshare](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=uvom1x&char=125791&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=r2wapr-2023&utm_term=R2745&utm_content=socialshare)

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The Wishlist Lottery Winners for March are:

£50 Mrs B.Ogunfolsjn  
£25 Mr and Mrs K.Quirk  
£25 Dr W.V.Lopez



The Wishlist Lottery Winners for April are:

£50 Dr W.V.Lopez  
£25 Mr A.Rehman  
£25 N.Chopra



Cheques will be handed out to students.