### Headteacher - Mr Stephen Lawlor



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

### MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Today our Year 13 students had their final day of activities before starting their study-exam leave. We held our traditional farewell assembly. I share below my remarks, in celebration of these remarkable young women.

It is a privilege to be able to address you in this very special assembly. And what a privilege it has been to have you in this school, whether for 7 years, 2 years, or any number of years – once you join this school, you are a CCHS student and then a member of the alumnae. This is a moment to both reflect on the here and now, and to look to the future. You will soon embark on the next stage of your lives. You will meet new people and find new friendships. And I think those lucky people will have richer lives for the blessing of knowing you. You will start courses at university, or perhaps choose to take a gap year, or something entirely different. Whatever you do, make sure that it is your choice. It is your life to live – and live it on your terms, without apology or compromise. Do keep in touch with us here at CCHS – your school. We will always remember you and the CCHS Alumnae is your next step.

In a few years down the line, I hope you will return to visit your school with one of our alumnae reunions. To meet friends, catch up with the staff, and reflect on some key and formative years in your lives. How this school helped to shape you; but importantly, how you helped to shape this community. So, I return to what is my most pleasant duty, on behalf of the CCHS staff, what a pleasure it has been to know you, and what a privilege it has been to work with you. We wish each and every one of you all the very best for the future, because you are all deserving of that. And if you will indulge my Irish heritage for a brief moment, I share part of a gentle blessing with you: May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. Thank you.

# SPOTLIGHT

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 very fortunate this year to have taken on a new role in the Pastoral Team at CCHS.

It has been extremely rewarding working with the Year Leaders as we support main school students and build on our positive relationships with their families.

I have been able to attend more training on guiding young people through grief and bereavement, which I view as extremely valuable in any community.

I am now turning my head towards our lovely celebrations in Years 7-10, Junior Speech Days at the end of term. This is always very special for students, staff and family members.

Mrs M. Chumbley - Senior Pastoral Leader



# Student Achievements

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

# **Hot**Topics

Rose, (12JVI), and Matilda, (12AWO), have both been announced as winners of the TechGirl competition run by Hot Topics!

Entrants had to come up with a way in which technology can improve schools or education.

"I came up with the concept of a smart wristband that can detect and help manage panic attacks. I created a video explaining the concept and application in classrooms."

#### Rose.

"I came up with a set of headphones for people who suffer with Sensory Processing Disorder and auditory hypersensitivity, who may find it overwhelming in a classroom setting. These headphones would work by filtering through more dominant sounds, while also blocking background noises, meaning that my research was focused on audio recognition software and neural networks. I filmed a presentation showcasing my project and submitted it to the judges"

#### Matilda.

Winners are to attend an industry-leading technology event 'The Studio' at London's Abbey Road Studios on 16th May. During this event, they will have the opportunity to meet their mentor, who is an established female leader in the tech industry, and collect their award. Their mentor will provide guidance, support, and valuable insights to help them develop their idea and advance your career in technology.

Congratulations to Rose and Matilda!



TechGirl - Empowering Future Female Leaders

TechGirl is an biannual competition that seeks to accelerate the imaginations, careers, skills and

https://thestudio.hottopics.ht/TECHGIRL



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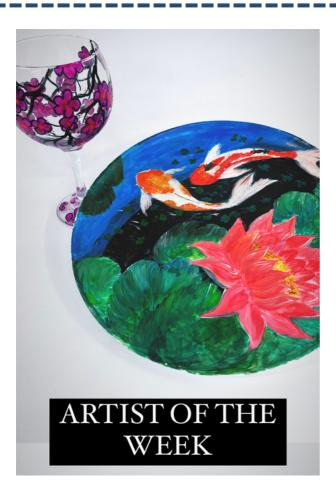
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UKMT

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Mathematics Challenge. 47 students qualified for the following rounds for the highest performers nationally and a total of 71 students achieved Gold Awards.

Vaishnavi, Maya and Anjana are through to the Junior Olympiad and a further 44 students from Years 7 and 8 are through to the Kangaroo round. Well done to all who took part!



ARTIST OF THE WEEK-Avani, Year 7, for her amazing interpretation of Japanese art.





## **CORONATION CAKES COMPETITION 2023 RESULTS**

#### 5 House Cup: After 7 Events н С S F G Yr10 3rd 4th 2nd 5th 1st С н F G S Yr11 2nd 4th 1st 3rd 5th Place 2nd 4th 1st 4th 3rd

S House up to joint 1st, all other houses remain the same.

Y	С	н	S	F	G
POSITION	1st	3rd	1st	5th	4th
Total points to date	62.0	56.5	62.0	45.5	54.0

### 6 House Shield: After 7 Events

	Α	С	н	S	F	G
Yr7	1st	3rd	2nd	6th	4th	5th
Yr8	5th	3rd	3rd	6th	1st	2nd
Yr9	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	4th	6th
Yr12	2nd	4th	5th	3rd	6th	1st
Yr13	na	2nd	3rd	na	na	1st

	Α	С	н	S	F	G
Place	2nd	4th	3rd	6th	5th	1st

G House up from 4th, H house up from 5th, S house down from 3rd; all other houses remain the same.

	Α	С	н	S	F	G
POSITION	1st	2nd	4th	5th	6th	3rd
Total points to date	59.0	56.5	52.0	51.5	41.0	55.0

### Best in winners

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1st	Sopie 7C	Kate 8G	Amelia 9A	Joint 10S	Sage 11S	Amelia 12G	Charlotte 13C
2nd	Felicity 7F	Sarah 8G	Thanisha 9A	Amy 10S	Karen Leia 11C	Eleanor 12A	Issy 13G
3rd	Zoe 7C	Eleanor / Alana 8S	Holly 9H	Anna 10S	Jess 11F	Jess 12F	Vishalini 13G
4th	Maira 7G	Hannah 8F	Rachel 9A	Kaira 10C	Evie 11S	Aiza 12C	Rushil 13H
			Best In School				
			1st	Kate 8G			
			2nd	Amelia 9A			
			3rd	Thanisha 9A			
			4th	Felicity 7F			