



Monday 27th June 2022 - Community Assembly

'Malala Fund' & Hope



We thought it was important to contact Malala Yousafzai, via her 'Malala Fund' organisation, to share with her the superb mural painted by Mr Bradford. I provide below our letter and the response we recently received:

Dear Malala,

I am the headteacher of Chelmsford County High School for Girls and I wanted to share with you a wonderful mural that one of my colleagues, Mark Bradford, has painted.

We have recently completed a significant building project and we wanted a mural to reflect an inspirational figure. We immediately thought of you and your important work, which is very close to our hearts as a girls' school.

We hope you like the mural, and on behalf of our school community, I pass on our collective thanks for your tireless work, including through Malala Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Lawlor.

Dear CCHS,

We really appreciate you reaching out and sharing this amazing artwork with us! Malala is honoured to receive this dedication from you and the students at Chelmsford County High School for Girls. Please share our gratitude with the students and staff.

Thanks so much for thinking of Malala and wanting to include her in this mural. One resource I think you and your students may enjoy is [Assembly](#), a digital publication and newsletter for young women. Assembly is a platform for girls to tell their stories, and learn about the lives, challenges and opinions of their peers around the world. The newsletter is emailed out twice a month, has featured content from girls from over 100 countries and in more than 20 languages.

We hope you can enjoy it. Thanks so much again for your support.

Best,

Malala Fund team.

As we noted in Friday's bulletin, Mrs Cross and Miss Harrison are now in Boston, USA to present a paper at the NCGS (National Coalition of Girls' Schools) International Girls' Education Conference. They will be presenting on our change@cchs initiative, as well benefitting from meeting girls' school colleagues from around the world:

Global Forum on Girls' Education® III Sessions

Change@CCHS: Inclusivity is a Celebration of Human Diversity

Presenters: Fiona Harrison, Assistant Headteacher, and Jo Cross, Assistant Headteacher / Chelmsford County High School for Girls (United Kingdom)

[Girls as Inclusive Allies – NCGS](#)

In the spirit of Malala's campaigning to "create a world where all girls can learn and lead", we, at CCHS, will continue to work with energy and ambition as we pursue our mission as a progressive grammar school community, committed to girls' education and empowerment.

With the disturbing developments adversely affecting the lives of girls and women in too many countries around the world, both recently and in the past days, girls' schools have a responsibility to live true to such a vital commitment. The haunting shadow of an encroaching medieval mindset must be challenged and overcome with the courage and the resolve to protect, champion and extend women's rights.

Mr Lawlor