



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Community Assembly

### *Thankfulness*



I hope members of the CCHS community were able to take some rest, including frontline healthcare professionals and other key workers, over the Easter period, and that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

We welcome the Summer Term by remaining with CCHS remote schooling. Teachers and support staff have made some refinements to this provision to ensure that we are doing the very best we can for our students. School staff will continue to keep in regular contact with students, to set work, monitor its completion, provide feedback and provide information about special opportunities and challenge projects. Please do follow the Twitter feeds from the School and the individual Departments (via the homepage of the School's website) for updates on these novel activities. Our key aim is for our wonderful students to stay in good habits of mind, heart and deed.

Thanks are due to School staff for all of their hard and innovative work in preparing, delivering, adapting, etc. in relation to remote schooling. It is important to again thank and pay tribute to key workers, and particularly those in the health and care services, who are looking after those who fall ill. The now regular Thursday 8pm community clapping is a fitting display of gratitude.

Matthew Kelly, a Wigan Council service manager, wrote a poem paying tribute to the staff of the NHS battling the coronavirus. Mr Kelly said he was inspired to write this after hearing of the challenges his partner faces as a district nurse. BBC Radio 5 Live asked actor Christopher Eccleston to read Mr Kelly's words. Tom Woodward, a

YouTuber, heard this poem on the radio and decided to create a short film, using news footage. We provide a link to this film here.

<https://external.cchs.essex.sch.uk/OurHeroes/>

We have so much to be thankful for as a School community: dedicated students, caring support staff, talented teachers, committed governors, ever-supportive parents and an engaged alumnae. We will continue to work hard and well as the Summer Term begins, attending to CCHS remote schooling, as well as planning for the day when we can reopen our School, and breathe life into currently empty corridors and classrooms.

Best wishes to you all – take care.

*Mr Lawlor*