Headteacher - Mr Stephen Lawlor



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MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We were treated to a superb Cabaret Concert on Tuesday evening. Full credit to the scores of student musicians who shared a range of styles and pieces with us. It was an evening to remind us that life in our school is distinguished by so much talent, energy and joy. Congratulations to all the students. Thank you to Mrs Clements, the Music Department, our peripatetic colleagues, Mrs Gross, Mr French, the Site Team and Dr Palmer for all their hard work before and during the concert. A big thank you, as ever, to the wonderful CCHS Parents' Association for supporting the event. During lunchtime on Thursday, students performed in the outside canopied area, with another eclectic mix of music shared with us all. Our Artsmark Gold Award really does provide us with an inspiration to celebrate the arts across our school community.

As we have seen in previous years, our Senior Prefect organised Summer Festival took place this afternoon. This has become established as a new tradition in our school, thanks to the vision of our senior students, the engagement of all students and the great support of staff. We enjoyed an afternoon of wonderful music, tasty refreshments and fun activities, raising money for an important charity, <u>www.rainbowtrust.org.uk</u>, who support families with a seriously or terminally ill child. In so many ways, events such as these demonstrate what is so strong about the CCHS community – a collective of students, staff and parents who are committed to living education and learning in broad terms, including student leadership and charitable endeavour. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make our Summer Festival such a success, including our team of Senior Prefects; Isabell, Elodie, Hannah, Rebecca, Emily, Eleanor, Matilda, Khalen, Fedora, Sithuli, Ananthi, Emily, Dr Palmer, the Site Team, Mr French and Mr Rowell.



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

My role as a Sixth Form Year Leader means my days are usually filled with conversations with students, ranging from a quick pep talk to much more detailed conversations about mental health, academic progress, organisation, difficulties with friendships or relationships, and all manner of other issues and concerns. There is often quite literally a queue of students at the door needing advice, answers to all sorts of questions, or perhaps just a signature on a form. I enjoy the variety that this brings, and getting to know our wonderful students as individuals, especially at this important stage in their lives, is a real privilege.

However, as I type this in July, with Year 13 students having now finished their A Level examinations and enjoying a well-deserved break, my office is unusually quiet and I can turn my attention to planning and preparation for the incoming Year 12 students.

I look forward to welcoming back our Year 11 students into the Sixth Form, as well as a number who will be joining us from other schools, when the focus in September will be on ensuring everyone settles quickly into the routine of life in the Sixth Form.

Mr Hiett Sixth Form Year Leader Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Context

Keep an swimming!

The CCHS swimming pool was built in the 1960s, partly from funds raised by CCHS families. Dedicated upgrading and maintenance work over the years has ensured that the pool has served generations of students and young people across the Chelmsford community.

At the moment, our pool supports the PE curriculum for our 1,162 students, as well as nearly 200 pupils from five local primary schools, and nearly 600 young people from the wider community who use our pool with clubs.

Our swimming pool is truly a community pool.

Goal

Now is the time to modernise this important community resource to preserve it for future generations of students, pupils and young people. We are asking for your support now, just as the CCHS community rallied in the 1960s to ensure a pool was built, to help us achieve this important goal.

Fundraising

We estimate that the pool will require up to £250,000 over the next two years to bring it back to a suitable condition to support swimming in our community for the foreseeable future.

Our immediate need is to replace our aged boiler and gas pipework, which will cost approximately £35,000. We will be organising some sponsored events and other fundraising activities, however if you are able to support us with any amount, we have a fundraising page available at https://www.totalgiving.co.uk /appeal/Keep-CCHS-Swimming



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.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



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This week we have awarded Artist of the week to six Year 7 students for their fantastic Impressionist work!

Year 7 students have done amazingly. These were some of our favourites.

Well done Makenoor, Prisha, Sofia A, Annie, Emily and Sofia H.

Congratulations to Lauren, (7C), who recently achieved a distinction in her Grade 4 Tap exam, the first time someone from her dance school has got a distinction with this examiner who is the head of tap at Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

Well done, Lauren!





Olivia, (7H), has been awarded a distinction in her Grade 4 Ballet exam. She also received a glowing assessment from Tring Park School for the Performing Arts where she attends the Classical Ballet Academy, Tring's ballet associate programme. At her regular dance school's recent award ceremony Olivia received the senior runner up trophy for modern dance.

Congratulations, Olivia!



Our Year 9 students, Nella, Tanya, Sophie and Gioia, had the opportunity to present their radiocontrolled robot 'Spirit of Boudicca' at Chelmsford Science and Engineering Competition TEXPO 2023 held at Anglia Ruskin University on Friday 30th June. Our students had worked incredibly hard enhancing the basic design to a technically advanced robot with four-wheel drive and switchable settings for the various challenges of the obstacle course. This was much admired by both judges and other competitors earning them the Students Choice Award on the day. We are delighted that the team has also been nominated for other awards which will be revealed on the CSES Awards Evening 2023 on 18 July 2023 taking place at ARU. Thank you to Mr Nicholls for supporting the students throughout the project and organising this opportunity.





On Tuesday 4th July, Mr. Harvey collected the school's 'Gold Artsmark award' on behalf of Mr Lamberti, who was the Artsmark lead last year.

The entire school celebrates this momentous occasion and look forward to continuing the Artsmark journey again this year.





Setting Up for Success

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's final free webinar of the year will be taking place on Tuesday 11th July.

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 11th July @ 6:00pm

Setting Up for Success

In this webinar, Elevate will guide you through the foundational study skills required to hit the ground running next academic year – skills such as:

✓ Effective Note Taking

✓Deliberate Practice and Implementing a System of Review

∉Extra Reading, and How to Read Around a Topic

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