



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We held our annual entrance test today, as we prepare to welcome the next cohort of girls to the school in September 2024. Importantly, this also represents the first year of our work as a partner with the Future Stories Community Enterprise, demonstrating our determination to be an actively socially inclusive school community. Our new entrance test is distinguished by several important features:

The test as part of our school vision and mission

- Our 'developing the leaders of tomorrow' vision amplifies and fortifies the ethos which drives the Future Stories Community Enterprise entrance test.
- Our school mission – a progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment – inspires us to innovate and seize opportunities to support girls from all social backgrounds.

The test as part of a broader social mobility ambition

- As a partner with the Future Stories Community Enterprise, we demonstrate our complete commitment to be an actively socially inclusive grammar school.
- We are a leading part of forging a new narrative for grammar schools – communities for and of social mobility.

The test as an experience

- Complements the knowledge and skills embedded in the Key Stage 2 Primary Curriculum, with a focus on English, mathematics and creative writing.
- Assesses natural curriculum learning experiences.

The test as an assessment tool

- The focus on curriculum-informed literacy and numeracy provides an indication of knowledge mastery and skills flair.
- Provides feedback on the dynamic of curriculum engagement and the application of natural talent to realise high-level outcomes.

This new test is part of a wider initiative that we started in the Summer Term: The Leaders of Tomorrow Programme. To find out more about this work, please visit the school website Leaders of Tomorrow - Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular area on the right side of the page, positioned behind the word '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

History is the crucial linchpin that holds the fabric of our society together. The only way for our future to be better is to learn from the past. The CCHS History department is proud to be part of this wholistic development.

My role as Subject Leader allows me to combine my love of History, my passion for teaching and the chance to inspire young minds. The History Department has experienced and vibrant staff, who have a proud track record of helping our students achieve excellence. However, like all successful organisations we strive also to be at the front of change and development.

1. Develop our curriculum to reflect the Change project.

The History Department have reviewed, changed and integrated our resources, curriculum and methods, to reflect the modern and changing diverse make up of our school community. This is an on-going development to allow all students to feel the curriculum is relevant to them.

2. To develop our wider opportunities for study outside the classroom.

We have re-introduced the Year 9 History trip to Ypres, Belgium. We were the first department to re-introduce foreign trips after Covid. This is being expanded into other educational areas, such as the Globe Theatre and The Golden Hinde in London. We also have two extracurricular clubs to develop learning.

3. The Department are using a greater use of modern technology in our classroom. The department are helping students find the method of learning that is best for them. We all have different needs and the department wants every to be allowed to maximise their potential.

I look forward to another year of development and success for History here at CCHS and I hope that our plans that I have discussed today, explain how the department are continually striving to find new ways of supporting and encouraging our outstanding students.

Mr R. Thompson
Subject Leader for History



Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Keep on swimming!



Context

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.

Evelyn, (9A), has been recognised by the Jack Petchey Foundation for being an outstanding achiever in her dance school (La Danse Fantastique) and passed her dance exams with distinction.

Well done, Evelyn!



Amelia, (7H), entered the ERSA Ski Race Summer League on 3rd September. She did very well and scored 1st in the Essex U12 group.

Congratulations, Amelia!

Nathania, (9F), Johanna, (9A), Shaan Marie, (9C) and Andria, (9H), participated in a Basildon Malayalee Association event. They did an energetic dance which was well appreciated by the audience.

Well done!





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Izzy, (8S), Lilly, (8A) and Frankie, (8S), ran as a team and won Silver in the Essex Cross Country Relay Championships at Weald Country Park last Saturday.

Fantastic running!

*WELL
Done*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK is back!

Kicking off with Nicole in Year 9 and her stunning acrylic portrait of Chadwick Boseman.



Student Achievements

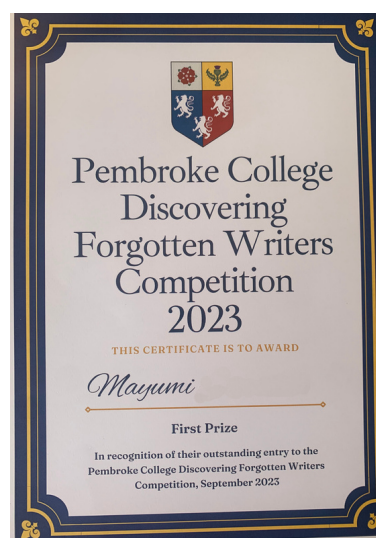
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Mayumi, (13AHN), received 1st prize from Pembroke College, Oxford University, for winning the Discovering Forgotten Writers Competition 2023.



Congratulations, Mayumi!



ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

Rucha, (12JBR), has been successful in her Arkwright Scholarship application to become an Arkwright Scholar!

Congratulations!

<https://www.arkwright.org.uk/>



Congratulations to 27 of our current Year 10 students who completed their Level 1 STEM Leaders programme last year 2022-23.

The course is aimed to inspire, lead and mentor their peers through the creation and delivery of STEM activities. As well as allowing STEM Leaders to develop important leadership, communication and employability skills, the programme is intended to motivate young people to progress their STEM studies and perhaps eventually embark on a career in STEM. CCHS was one of the first schools in England to run this programme.

Our students worked incredibly hard and participated in the weekly lunch time sessions as well as running four weeks of STEM activities for the Year 7s to complete their assessment for this qualification.



Imaging the Universe

From Light Polluted Skies

An IOP / CSES lecture for the public, presented by
Martin Bracken

Friday 29th Sept 2023

CCHS will be holding an early edition of this lecture in Room V10 at 4:15 pm

With the lecture at ARU starting at 7pm
Refreshments available from 6:30 pm at ARU

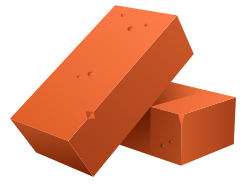
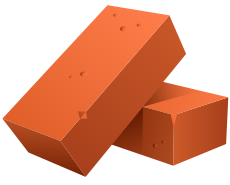


Images of deep space objects used to be the reserve of large telescopes in dark sky areas, but due to the impressive advancement in camera technology, this is now within reach of the layman. This presentation will cover the issues encountered in producing some of those images, especially in relation to light pollution, the equipment needed and the processing involved of each image.

Martin Bracken M.A. FRAS is a lifelong amateur astronomer who worked in financial markets for 25 years before becoming a high school teacher for 13 years. Since his retirement he has dedicated his spare time to taking astro-images from the light polluted skies of Chelmsford. Many of his images have been published in magazines such as Sky at Night, Astronomy Now, Astronomy, Sky and Telescope and the Federation of Astronomical Societies. Martin is also a committee member of the North Essex Astronomical Society, a Stem Ambassador and a social media contributor.

Location: MAB221 Lord Ashcroft Building, Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ

Attendance is free and open to all – no reservation required.
For further information please contact david.d.hall@physics.org



‘Buy a Brick’ Donations

Many thanks to all of our parents and friends who donated to the ‘Buy A Brick’ campaign originally launched in 2020. Following the final completion of the building project we have now been able to install the bricks purchased on the stairway between the Bancroft and Chapman buildings – please do come and take a look next time you are in School. The brick shown in the picture was donated by our friends from our exchange partner school in Backnang, Germany.

This fundraising campaign, which was used to buy much needed supplies for our PE and Science departments in our new buildings, has closed however you can support our new campaign for funds to refurbish our swimming pool at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/Keep-CCHS-Swimming>.



CCHS PA PRESENTS
Welcome to Year 7
pool fundraiser



Tickets £8 on ParentPay
(until 28th Sept)
OR
£10 on the door

includes: one drink
one bag of popcorn
and
movie showing
"Luca", rated U



friday september 29th
4-6 pm
school hall
parents- please pick up
promptly

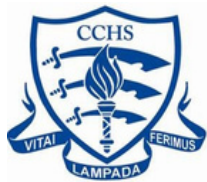
meet your new
classmates in a
relaxed social setting
and help raise funds
for the school pool



all funds raised
benefit
CCHS School
Pool Fundraising

CCHS Parents' Association

Working to Support



Chelmsford County High School for Girls

A Grammar School with Academy Status

AGM Notice

All parents are warmly invited to attend the annual general meeting of the CCHS Parents' Association which will be held on Wednesday 18th October 2023, 7:00 for 7:30pm in the School Library.

The purpose of the meeting is to formally accept the accounts for the previous year and to elect officers and the committee as well as to give an overview of activities held during the year and the ways in which funds raised have been applied for the benefit of the girls.

The current officers are:

Chair: Catherine Carby (year 12 parent)

Vice chair: Julie Martyn (year 12 parent)

Treasurer: Niki Sutton (year 11 and 13 parent)

Secretary: Berenice Kude (year 11 parent)

The proposed agenda for the meeting will be:

1. Apologies for absence (requested from officers/committee only)
2. Acceptance of previous minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of officers
7. Election of committee members
8. Any other business
9. Date of next meeting

If you have any queries please feel free to get in touch via email at:

pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk

or QR code for CCHS PA Whatsapp group.



Although helpers and new committee members are always extremely welcome, attending the AGM does not imply further commitment!

Catherine Carby,
CCHS PA, Chair.

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