Headteacher - Mr Stephen Lawlor



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We are delighted to have started the 2023-24 academic year, with our staff INSET days at the beginning of the week, our Year 7 and Year 12 induction day on Wednesday, and with all students in school from Thursday. We look forward to the wealth of opportunities that this year will bring to our students and staff.

As we noted in our special summer break communication, we start the term with the profoundly sad news about our friend and former colleague, Mr John Moore. Mr Moore, who retired from CCHS in 2021, gave 32 years of exemplary service to the school community, teaching and inspiring hundreds of students. Following a long and valiant battle with a serious illness, Mr Moore passed away peacefully on 7th August. His example, to colleagues and students, will set the tone and standard for us this academic year at CCHS.

Mr Moore was an innovator in the teaching of A Level Economics. He was the consummate reflective practitioner, assiduously reviewing his resources and strategies at the end of each academic year. As a teacher, Mr Moore always worked hard for his students, setting high standards and providing great support to them. As a colleague, his warmth and sparkling humour were constant gifts for staff.

The outpouring of memories and affection we have witnessed demonstrate Mr Moore's significant legacy. He epitomised all that is true and good about CCHS. As part of our celebration of the great Mr Moore, and as a permanent recognition of his work and service at CCHS, our school library will now be known as, 'The John Moore Library'. Mr Moore will be remembered by us as a brilliant teacher and a wonderful colleague who devoted his professional life to CCHS.

Indeed, in the service of our mission as a progressive school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment, this year we begin the next stage in our work to be an actively socially inclusive grammar school. Our 'Leaders of Tomorrow' programme starts with our new entrance test this year, in partnership with the Future Stories Community Enterprise, as we work to become an even more socially diverse school community, fired by the moral imperatives to serve social mobility and enable personal fulfilment.

https://www.cchs.co.uk/admissions/leaders-of-tomorrow/

Finally, we include three documents for your information to support the start of term:

- · Citizenship Programme
- · Achievement Strategy
- · Communications Protocol

We look forward to sharing school news, student achievements, etc. with you each week in our Laudatio (Celebration) Friday bulletin.

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

The opportunity to study a Modern Foreign Language is an absolute gift and an integral part of becoming a global citizen.

As French Subject Leader, my responsibilities include providing communication and guidance to my team, overseeing the curriculum and keeping abreast of the latest trends and best practice in the field of Modern Languages. I also look at student achievement across all classes and ensure that everyone is performing to their potential. As a native speaker of French, it is fabulous to be able to work at such a high level with the students of CCHS and really get into the subtleties of the language, from beginner level right to full proficiency for the students who study French all the way to Y13.

The study of a language is not complete without visits abroad so part of my role is also to provide opportunities for students to spend time in France and experience the culture and way of life. Last year, YlOs went to Nice for a week and this academic year will see our new cohort of YlOs experiencing a stay at Chateau du Baffy in Normandy.

I am lucky to be surrounded by a dedicated, dynamic team of knowledgeable and passionate linguists who all contribute to inspiring the linguists of tomorrow and I am very proud of our modern and vibrant department.

Mme V. Caffier Subject Leader for French





Keep on suing!

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.



Chiara, (11H), received her Associate of The Royal School of Music (ARSM) Diploma for Singing

Conratulations, Chiara!

Liana, (10H), received a Diploma of the London College of Music (DipLCM) in Recorders.

Well Done, Liana!







Congratulations to Kate, (8G), who sang as Soprano Soloist with Hutton and Shenfield Choral Society at Brentwood Cathedral in July.

She closed the first half with the 12 minute long 'Hear my Prayer' (O for the wings of a Dove) by Mendelssohn, backed by choral harmonies and was given a standing ovation.

The master of music at Brentwood Cathedral said that it was wonderful and that she was a special talent.

Well done!

Congratulations to Manasvi, (11F), who has been awarded Global Bronze Champion in the the Global Data Science Olympiad

Over 3,000 students from the UK, UAE, US, and India participated, with 200 making it to the final round.





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.



Prashasya, (9S), successfully completed 10k Race for Life and raised £520 pounds donations.

Well done, Prashasya!

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lavanyas-race-for-life-27

On 16th of July, Year 8 students - Nandini , Lexia , Olivia, Sasha, Alex and Airlie, participated in Cancer research UK's 'Race for life' 5K event held at Hylands park, Chelmsford. They completed 5K in less then an hour egging each other on! Their 'Just giving' page has already attracted donations totalling £250, which will go towards funding life-saving cancer research and there are still donations coming in!

Congratulations!

If anyone wishes to contribute, here is the link;

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nandinis-race-for-life-10



Sophia ,(10H), received the DipABRSM flute exam result and passed with a Distinction! This is a fantastic result which only 3% of candidates receive.

We are all very proud of Sophia and congratulate her on her award.

Well done!

Dear Chelmsford County High School for Girls,

From the young people we support to the young people at Chelmsford County High School for Girls - Thank you!

The donation of £571.25 was a pleasure to receive, and we are inspired by your school's efforts. Your support helps us to continue our valuable work, supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable young people and their families.

Your donation could help fund services such as our Horizons service, which provides therapeutic support for young people experiencing a range of issues, from bullying and peer pressure through to anxiety and depression.

At Barnardo's we know how important mental health and wellbeing are to a happy and fulfilling life. As teachers, peers, and parents, we are sure you can relate to this. Thank you so much for helping our young people work to improve their self-esteem and confidence.

We would love to continue working with you, and if you would like to find out more about the different ways Chelmsford County High School for Girls can support more children and young people, please do get in touch, my details are below.

Thank you again, we are all truly grateful.

With all best wishes,

منىو

Janice Gilroy

Fundraising Manager - Education & Youth

Email: janice.gilroy@barnardos.org.uk

Phone: 0800 008 7005







The National Saturday Club is an organisation that runs a variety of clubs across the country- from science and public speaking to film and fashion. The organisation started 14 years ago, and we are so grateful to be the first year that ARU and the National Saturday Club had run their Science and Engineering programme in Chelmsford.

The club began in January and run to late June. It was a delight to make friends with other children in our year as we learnt interesting facts, developed our understanding of science, and visited amazing sights. The main theme for the first Chelmsford -based Science and Engineering club was "Healthy living". We were lucky enough to further improve our knowledge in different factors such as water treatment, microbial, and immunity. We began the sessions looking at radiation and the harm of ultraviolet rays, moving on to testing and identifying different bacteria and the dangers they could have on the body. After the easter holidays, we looked at different STE(A)M opportunities and material science ending our club journey with the sterilisation of water and how it is provided. Our lessons were mainly based in the ARU Lab, however, scattered in between were trips located in different sites that helped us improve our knowledge on a variety of topics. Some of the highlights were going to the master class at London Zoo, learning how to create our own shelters for Lemur that adapt to their environmental needs, or studying radiology at Broomfield Hospital or even visiting the Museum of Power, where we learned the engineering history of Steam Engines. It was certainly a surprise to find out how interested a group of Year 10s would be in Steam Engines. This information will definitely be useful when continuing our GCSE course, and for our future as they spend time showing us the numerous directions our future could take. Spending a few hours each Saturday with the same people who shared similar fascination and interest as we developed our knowledge together was a perfect way to strengthen our friendship not only with each other but with kids across Chelmsford. To end off our Saturday Club journey we were able to attend two award ceremonies, one held by the National Saturday Club organisation, and one held by CSES. These award ceremonies allowed us to celebrate our achievement and participation in the National Saturday club and for all the skills and content we learnt in doing so. We are forever grateful for the experiences and lessons taught to us by the Nation Saturday Club and would recommend it to anyone who wants to do something useful with their weekends.

Sachee, (10H), Diya, (10F), Riya (10G), Aira, (10H), Tanusha, (10H), and Sansitha, (10G).







Elevate Education's

Autumn Term Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Register today at: https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar

How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated - 19th September 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time - 3rd October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams - 17th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory - 14th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child - 28th November 6:00pm

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 12th December 6:00pm



Congratulations to the 40 students were successful in gaining their Bronze Arts Award this year.

They will receive their certificate in September.



