



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

As a school, we are blessed to be able to prioritise learning new things, thinking about important ideas and talking to each other in a safe and respectful environment. Indeed, last week we had our Culture Fest Week, following the success of this important innovation last year - an innovation that was suggested by our wonderful students. Credit to our Change and Diversity Prefects, Mrs Watt, Mrs Cross and Miss Harrison for their work in organising the programme of activities and events for us all this year. I think initiatives like our Culture Fest Week demonstrate how fortunate we are, with students and staff from different backgrounds and traditions gracing our school. It is this reality, our collective reality, that brings us together, bound by shared values, with none more important than community.

The power of our community is demonstrated in another way in The Times newspaper today. Using Department for Education (DfE) information, The Times published data relating to the 2023 GCSE results, listing all secondary schools in England. Our students' achievements appear 8th out of a listing of over 4500 schools across the country. Considering the hard landing that students in England had to contend with in relation to marking and grade boundary setting by the examination boards, we are so proud of our students. Congratulations to them, school staff and CCHS families for working together to inspire and support our wonderful students.

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on a dark blue background.

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

During the past 20 years teaching chemistry at CCHS, I have had the opportunity to observe a large number of students develop an interest in the subject that goes beyond simply what they need to know to pass the examinations. As Subject Leader for Chemistry, my role is to monitor the delivery of the chemistry course to all year groups, to ensure that standards are maintained and to provide support to students that require it.

The Department has always been a very popular one, especially in the Sixth Form, and it is always a pleasure to be able to encourage and support students who wish to study chemistry, or other related areas of science further. To aid in this, we have two thriving student led societies attached to the Department, the Biochemistry society and the Chemistry society. Part of my role also involved supporting students who wish to compete in various chemistry related competitions, these include the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and the International Chemistry Olympiad, which are an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their interest in the subject.

I am supported by an excellent team of five other teachers of chemistry as well as a dedicated and highly efficient team of chemistry technicians, without which we would not be able to complete the wide range of practical work that we do at CCHS.

Dr D. Noble
Subject Leader for Chemistry



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.

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>

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.





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.



Darcie, (7A), participated in her first major Irish dancing competition in Glasgow on the 5th October at the All Scotland championships.

She demonstrated her passion and commitment with grace and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Congratulations, Darcie!



Athlete of the Week is Charlotte, (8C), for her phenomenal work ethic, determination and skill level during the first round of the U14 Essex Hockey Championships.

Well done, Charlotte!



Please follow our CCHS PE Department Twitter account to keep up to date with our sporting news

[@CCHS4GPE](https://twitter.com/CCHS4GPE)



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On Sunday 15th October, Alexa, (12FSE), represented CCHS at the AVSC Biathlon at Radley College Oxford - a qualifying event for the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships, which will be held at the University of Bath in March 2024.

Alexa competed in the combined Year 12/Year 13 category, winning silver in her debut Biathlon, with 2104 points - a qualifying score for the British Champs next year.

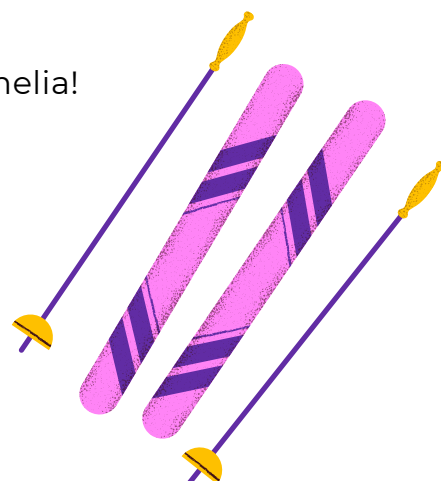
Well Done, Alexa!



Amelia, (7H), entered the LSERSA Summer Ski Race League on 9th October.

She achieved and ranked 5th in U12 and 1st in team race!

Well done, Amelia!



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Francesca in Year
9 for her brilliant colour pencil eye
drawing.**

CULTURE FEST

Culture Fest was the culmination of a lot of hard work from the Change and Diversity Prefects, supported by Mrs Watt. Prefects Chelsea, Aditi, Bethany and Nafisat expertly curated the extravaganza of incredible performances from students across the school, from Year 7 – Year 13 and also acted as the very wonderful comperes of the show. From Polish songs to Afro-beat dance, Bollywood routines to tap dance, from some beautifully emotive singing to incredible dance routines – the show was an absolutely spectacular celebration of the cultural riches of our diverse school community. We heard many different languages and witnessed many different styles and fashions on stage. The hall was absolutely packed; in fact, there were queues of people outside, desperate to see some of the action. The performances were complemented by a wonderful world map of food organised by Keerath, Khushi, Shreejini and Mia with the help of contributions from lots of students who created some delicious dishes, desserts and snacks. The combination of amazing music, fabulous performances of dancing and song, with some delectable culinary delights really made Culture Fest a day to remember.





UK Maths Trust

This week we received the results of the Senior Maths Challenge, completed by 49 students in the sixth form and 7 students in KS4 at the start of October.

CCHS achieved 15 Gold Awards, 22 Silver Awards and 10 Bronze Awards. The 15 students receiving Gold Awards have qualified for either the British Mathematics Olympiad (BMO), a demanding 3.5 hour olympiad for the top 1000 students nationally, or the Senior Kangaroo Round, intended for the next 5000 nationally. The two students through to the BMO are Hansika in Year 12 and Arthie in Year 11.

Qualifying for the BMO is no easy feat, but this is the first time a CCHS student from KS4 has qualified for an olympiad intended for the highest performing sixth form students; this is a real achievement. Congratulations to all students who took part!

CCHS PA 2023



christmas pudding sale

TRADITIONAL PLUM PUDDING, SERVES 4 £7

SPONGE PUDDING, SERVES 3/4
(LEMON OR TOFFEE) £6.50

ON PARENTPAY UNTIL 31 OCT
NO REFUNDS OR RETURNS
DELIVERY MID DEC



CCHS PA HALLOWEEN DISCO



215 YEAR 7-9
STUDENTS DANCED
THE NIGHT AWAY
WITH DJ JOJO



TOGETHER WE RAISED
OVER £3,000 FOR THE
SCHOOL! THANKS TO
VOLUNTEERS FROM THE
PA, STAFF AND SIXTH
FORMERS.



Congratulations
Best Costume - Imogen





CCHS Institute Essay Competition 2023.

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new essay competition. This will be open to all students and prizes will be offered for the best essays from Years 7 to 9, Years 10 to 11 and Years 12 to 13.

Entering this competition will give students the opportunity to think about ideas and issues beyond the curriculum and will be excellent practice for other competitions run by universities and other public bodies.

Years 7 to 9:

- A first prize of a £25 book token will be offered for an essay of 1000 words.
 - **Explain how you think the global climate crisis should be tackled.**
- Or
- **Should the proper use of emojis be taught in schools?**

Years 10 to 11: • A first prize of a £40 book token will be offered for an essay of 1500 to 2000 words.

- **Should the voting age in the United Kingdom be lowered to 16?**
- Or
- **Has social media brought people together or driven them apart?**
- Or
- **Did 'girl power' succeed?**

Years 12 to 13:

- A first prize of a £50 book token will be offered for an essay of 2500 to 3000 words.
 - **Should we have borders?**
- Or
- **Should the internet be regulated?**
- Or
- **Can science solve humanity's problems?**
- Or
- **Should studying Maths and a modern language be compulsory until the end of Year 13?**

Essays (typed, double spaced in 12 point type and printed) should be submitted to Mrs Bernard (upstairs in the Sixth Form House) or Mrs Maslin by 4pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023.
Winners will be announced in January.