



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We are looking forward to the CCHS Parents 'Association (PA) Winter Fayre, which takes place tomorrow, from 11am to 2pm. As ever, we are tremendously grateful to the PA for all that is done to support the students of the school through their fundraising work. Tomorrow's PA Winter Fayre is a key fundraising event and we look forward to welcoming the CCHS community and folk from the local community to enjoy the festivities, food, fun & games, music and good cheer. By way of a reminder, PA events raised a remarkable £37,551 for the school last year. These monies were raised through a variety of events and activities, including:

- The Wish List Lottery, a monthly in-house lottery
- Nearly new uniform sales and clothes recycling scheme
- Winter Fayre
- An Annual Prize Draw
- Refreshments for the open and welcome evenings
- Grammaticus Choir Concerts
- Refreshments for school concerts and productions
- Doughnut sales
- Providing refreshments for the July Senior Prefect event
- Stalls for Mother's Day
- Quiz Night for families
- Film Night for students
- Discos for students

The funds raised through these events and activities are provided to the school to purchase resources for students, including books, musical instruments, science equipment, furniture for the Sixth Form Common Rooms, lighting equipment for the Hall, etc. Truly, the list goes on. The reality is that the work of the PA allows us in school to move on projects more quickly than would be possible if we only relied on our government funds. In other words, each and every student in the school benefits from the work of the PA, and I thank the PA heartily for all that they do for us.

We are determined to maintain and develop the fantastic work of the CCHS PA and need new members from the parent-body to become involved to ensure this. You will all appreciate that funding for state schools is a real challenge, and with the recent funding error made by the Department for Education (DfE), these challenges have been amplified for schools. I would like to invite parents to actively join the CCHS PA to continue the great work of the current colleagues. Involvement can be at a variety of levels. I ask you to contact Catherine Carby (PA Chair), who would be delighted to speak with you about the various opportunities for you to become involved - pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk Catherine Carby looks forward to hearing from you and I thank you, in advance, for your support with this vital work, which helps us to provide your daughters with additional resources and enhanced facilities each year.

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

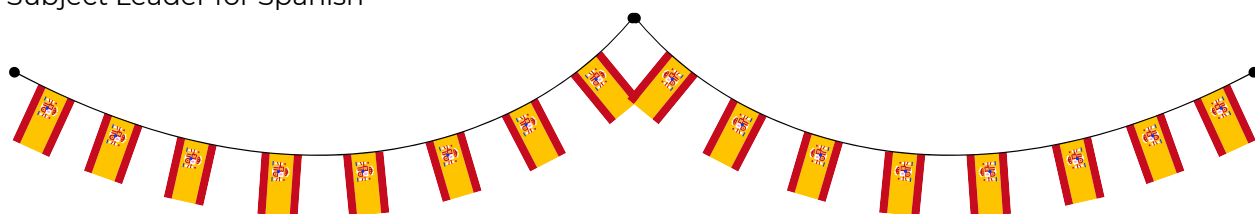
Over the last eight years at CCHS working as a Spanish teacher, I have had the privilege to teach my native language to students that wish to start learning a new language in Year 10. Teaching Spanish as an accelerated GCSE course is both intense and very rewarding: students feel they are progressing fast and, in just under two years, they achieve excellent outcomes, coping well with the challenges that an accelerated course brings. By the end of the course many will feel confident to continue their Spanish journey not only to A Level but also onto different universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Being a native teacher of Spanish, I particularly enjoy teaching Spanish A level as this means I get to teach a wide range of the topics that refer to very current issues in Spain, the culture, the history, and the society that I am part of. I also enjoy guiding students with their Independent Research Projects and encouraging them to broaden their knowledge about the wider Spanish speaking world by exploring issues in Latin America and, as a bonus, I always learn something new from their presentations and research.

When I am not in the classroom, I am always exploring new enrichment opportunities for my students. For the last few years, I have organized and led the trip to the Cervantes Theatre in London to watch the performance in Spanish of one of the plays that we study as part of the A level course.

As the subject leader of Spanish and the sole member of this department, I am responsible for everything Spanish: from reviewing and creating schemes of work and assessment opportunities, to ensuring that students are challenged and supported. With a new, more accessible, more inclusive and more relevant Modern Languages GCSE specification coming to effect from September 2024, it is fair to say that there has never been a better time to learn a modern language and I am excited to see our students being part of an ever growing community of over 500 million Spanish speakers globally.

Mrs C. Santos
Subject Leader for Spanish





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.



Emily, (8G), performed on Sunday with her dance school, White Court Dance, at His Majesty's Theatre in London alongside six other dance schools.

Well done, Emily!



Our athlete of the week is Lily, (8A), for her outstanding achievement of placing 7th overall in the Regional round of the National Cross Country Competition.



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

@CCHS4GPE



Please follow our PE Instagram account for everything PE & Sport.

@pe_cchs





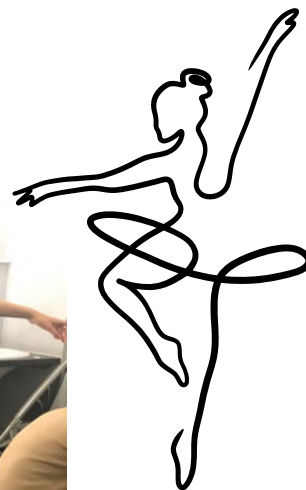
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Evelyn, (9A), has recently performed in Thameside Theatre recently in a special show, 'For Our Tomorrow', remembering the people from the First and Second World Wars.

It has been an educational and fun experience for her. The show used music and fashion of that time.

During this experience, Evelyn has benefitted from working with professional dancers from the London Ballet Company who joined the performance with her school, La Danse Fantastique.



Well done, Evelyn!



Zaina, (7C), was awarded the weekly hockey skill award for her club, Chelmsford Hockey Club.

Congratulations, Zaina!





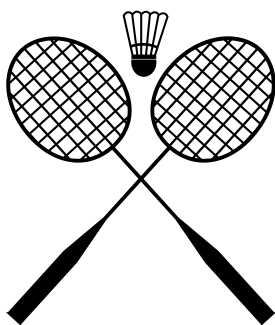
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Sarah, (10A), played at the Oxford U15 Bronze Badminton Tournament and won 2 medals.

Gold in Womens Doubles and Silver in Mixed Doubles with her doubles partner(s).

Well done, Sarah!



Leave of Absence requests

A reminder to all parents, should you need to request a leave of absence for your child, please could you complete an updated Leave of Absence form which can be located [here](#)



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Alice, in 8C, for her joyful
Christmas Decoration. All made from textiles.
Well done!**

Sixth Form STEM Conference



On Wednesday 15th November, fifteen of our Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend STEM Conference at Chelmsford Cathedral. The event was organised by Drapers' Academy in collaboration with Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society (CSES) and Chelmsford Cathedral. Students attended lectures of speakers from both medical and engineering background, with further reference to careers and information across the STEM subjects.



"The speakers were really engaging and seemed really passionate about the subject of their talks. The presentations were very interesting as well, and I learnt a lot about quantum distribution, polarised light and organ donation. I've never heard much about these two subjects in greater detail, and the speakers managed to explain them to me in a fun and easy-to-understand way! Overall I really enjoyed this conference."

Nina, (12JDI)

Relativity

An IOP / CSES lecture for the public, presented by
Danny Thomas

Thursday 30th November 2023 – 19:00 to 20:00
Refreshments available from 18:30



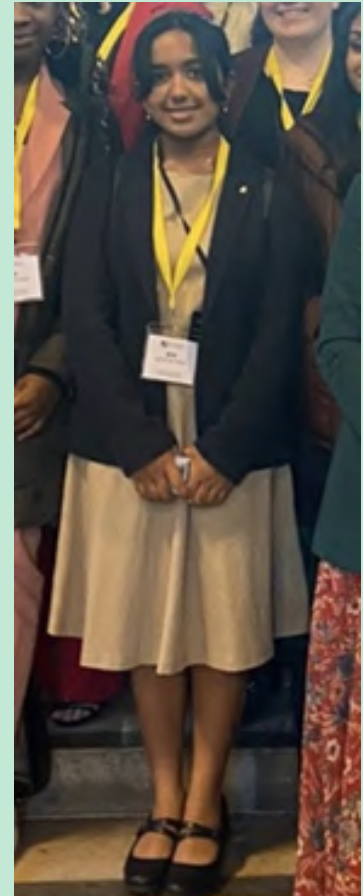
The proof for many scientific theories can be found out in the universe and this is particularly true of Einstein's theories of relativity. Danny Thomas was a child of the Apollo missions and developed an early interest in space, astronomy and science, which led to a degree in Physics from Nottingham University in the 1980s. Over the years, he has maintained his interest in astronomy and physics, combining them in talks to astronomy societies and other interested groups. A key aim for his talk on Special and General Relativity is to explain the theories in a logical way to make the fundamentals accessible to a wide audience. The talk using animations and graphics to explain the concepts avoiding complex maths and the often confusing paradoxes that arise from travelling close to light speed. No prior knowledge is required for this talk which will explain how we all experience relativity every day!

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



Last Friday, I had the privilege of attending the UK Youth Parliament's annual meeting at the House of Commons on the behalf of Essex. Back in April, I had the privilege of being elected as the Youth MP for Braintree and Uttlesford (which is already currently represented by MPs Priti Patel, James Cleverly and Kemi Badenoch) which, after a few more conferences in locations across the country such as Leeds, has led up to the events of last Friday. For the past two years, we have been working towards pushing forward a new bill to parliament, with the current title of our campaign being 'Food for Learning'. Our goal is to ensure that all young people under the age of 18 will receive free school meals, and that all economically underprivileged young people will receive extra monetary support in order to have access to healthy, nutritious food during the holidays and for other meals aside from lunch.



I arrived at Westminster in the morning with the other Youth MPs from Essex, before filing into Westminster Hall, the famous 900 year old building that had seen the trials of notable historical figures such as Guy Fawkes and King Charles I, as well as the lying in state of Queen Elizabeth II, Sir Winston Churchill, the Queen Mother and King George IV and numerous events such as the Queen's Jubilees. Thus, it felt fairly surreal to enter into such a huge hall after leaving their intensive security checks, and wandering into the impressive stained glass and looming pillars (which had been untouched ever since it was first built in the Medieval period) in order to reconnect with friends I'd met at past conferences, and to nibble at a few pastries. Here, we got the chance to meet the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, and the debate leads for the event were even allowed to meet his cat, Attlee, notably seen on its own Instagram account.



After an hour of conversing with other YMPs, we were taken down St. Stephen's Hall and into the House of Commons, which was much smaller than you see on TV! Here, the debate began- we debated upon and delivered speeches across a wide range of topics, trying to figure out our priority for the bill. We also had overseas representatives from Commonwealth nations and Crown Dependencies, such as Trinidad and Tobago, the Falkland Islands and the Isle of Man. After some further debating, we received speeches from a variety of MPs such as Penny Mordaunt (Leader of the House of Commons and Lord President of Parliament) and John Nicolson (an SNP politician and was the first BBC presenter in history to come out as gay), before receiving a message from the prime minister Rishi Sunak. Then came the vote- we had a range of options for topics we wanted to prioritise, but overall we decided to prioritise the funding and finances for our bill.



Of course, our job isn't quite done- after the events of last Friday, our bill will be passed onto the main Parliament of the United Kingdom, in order for the bill to finally be passed. But for now, all of us can rest easy knowing that we've learned important life skills from this event and our participation in the Youth Parliament- such as networking, public speaking and confidence- and that we've made a change in the laws of the United Kingdom by using our voices as the youth to help others in our age range across the nation.

by Chirara, 11H .

In July 2022, CCHS became one of the founding UK schools of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS). ICGS is now the leading advocate for girls' schools globally.

The work of ICGS is to advance the mission of girls' schools. Girls' schools play a vital role in educating and empowering girls, which is essential to overcoming our world's greatest challenges, from climate change to human rights, from global health to sustainable human development. The purpose of ICGS is to nurture the girls who will become the indispensable women leaders of tomorrow. We, at CCHS, will continue our work and commitment to excellence in girls' education and empowerment. When it comes to girls' education, there is always more we can do, together.

The ICGS produce a variety of resources to support both teachers and parents in supporting the development of girls and young women. This week, I've included a podcast where host Trudy Hall engages with Liz Joyce, a clinical social worker and school counsellor at Nashoba Brooks School. It explores the idea of 'Parenting Girls in a Changing World'. Liz gets us to take a deep breath, give ourselves a "timeout," and think about what it means to do some proactive parenting. A parent herself, Liz brings bundles of common sense and calm to the project of parenting a daughter through tumultuous waters. Her affirming advice grounds us in these anxiety-producing times and gives us permission "not to worry alone." This episode is guaranteed to make you smile as its sage wisdom reminds you: "you've got this." Link: [On Educating Girls Podcast: Parenting Girls in a Changing World – ICGS \(girlsschools.org\)](#) You can also find this podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts.



Safe setting down

Please can all parents ensure that they drop students off safely. Unfortunately, we see some students being dropped off on local roads where it is not safe to open doors without the risk to cyclists and pedestrians. The Highway Code recommends the use of the "Dutch Reach" - you are liable for a fine of up to £1,000 if a door is not opened safely and injures someone. The safest area to drop your child off is in Rectory Lane Car Park, accessible from Elms Drive and we request, for the safety of our local community, that you use this.

Autumn Term Parent Support Series

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- 28th November @6:00pm

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- 12th December @6:00pm





CCHS Christmas Lunch

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5TH

YEARS 7,
10 & 11

DECEMBER

7TH

YEARS
8,9,12 & 13

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UK Maths Trust

Congratulations to Mahilzini, Sansitha and Tulasi who achieved merits in the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo! The Senior Kangaroo is a follow-on round for high-scoring participants in the Senior Maths Challenge and is aimed at the highest performing sixth form students in the country.

It is therefore especially impressive that Mahilzini, Sansitha and Tulasi scored in the top 25% of participants, despite being in Year 11!

CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

SEEKS A NEW CHAIRPERSON



DUTIES INCLUDE:

- CHAIR MEETINGS (CURRENTLY HELD VIRTUALLY, FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH HALF TERM)
- CHAIR AGM (HELD ANNUALLY IN OCTOBER)
- WRITE ANNUAL REPORT FOR AGM
- LIAISE WITH SCHOOL STAFF TO ORGANISE FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- LIAISE WITH PA AND THE EXECUTIVE ABOUT PA MATTERS
- HOLD TRUSTEE ROLE WITHIN THE ORGANISATION
- OVERSEE THAT THE CHARITY IS RUN IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION
- PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNANCE AMONG FELLOW TRUSTEES

CCHS PA HAS NO PAID STAFF, ROLES ARE ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY

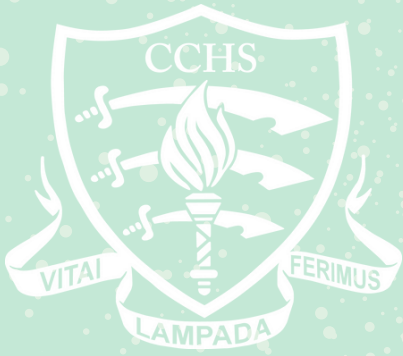
2022/23 TURNOVER £40K

**CCHS PA IS A REGISTERED CHARITY, UK CHARITY NUMBER
#287962**

IF YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP, CONTACT US AT:

PA@CCHS.ESSEX.SCH.UK

OR VIA THE SCHOOL PHONE ☎ 01245 352592



2023 Winter Fayre

crafts, games, food, fun

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CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
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