



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

It is refreshing to see that children and young people are featuring in our national story in a significant way. The current coverage, and indeed alarm, regarding student absences from their schools across the country. The Covid Inquiry on the impact of national school closures during the pandemic period and beyond. The recent Party Conference proclamations on education policy. The publication of national data relating to 2023 GCSE examination results.

We held our Culture Fest Week before the half-term break, and today we held our Black Excellence Fest. These headline events, and so many other events throughout the year, enable us to experience and share our wonderfully diverse school community. Opportunities for us to gather as a community, whether it be the dance show, music concerts, the school production, the sports ward evening, etc. allow us to celebrate our students, the work of staff and the support of families.

The second part of the Autumn Term is always a busy one, including for our Year 11 students with their mocks and our Year 13 students, as they continue their preparations for their mocks in January. I thank you, in advance, for the work, encouragement and support as we move forward together through the remainder of this term.

Congratulations to the CCHS Mathematics Department for again being awarded The Prince's Teaching Institute Subject Leadership Mark, "for promoting challenge within the curriculum and enthusing pupils".

The Prince's Teaching Institute - Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)



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

As a Subject Leader of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, I feel privileged to not only foster my students academic interests and attainment. But to also play such a crucial role in guiding the spiritual, emotional, moral and cultural development of my students as they become young adults. Global events in recent weeks are clear evidence for my strong belief that the subject of Religious Studies provides exceptional thinking skills and an ability to discuss and debate issues of controversy and sensitivity. As a school community we have such a brilliant ethos of not only aspiring towards academic excellence but also ensuring we provide our students with all of the tools they need to be kind, compassionate and moral citizens.

By far the best part of teaching Religious Studies is the fact that I never fail to stop learning. Whether it be a Year 7 students proposing a way of thinking that I had not considered before. Or a Year 13 student who poses a question that requires me to explore yet more wider reading opportunities beyond the curriculum we are studying.

Mrs L. Onuegbu

Subject Leader of Religious Studies



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.

Nishka has received the Jack Petchy Foundation Award from her Tennis academy

The tennis academy said.....

"Nishka has shown clear commitment and perseverance in learning tennis. She always listens carefully in lessons and has improved her playing skills consistently.

Nishka shows an admirable desire to play tennis, and is also an excellent role model for her peers displaying great sportsmanship throughout."

Congratulations, Nishka!



Sophie, (7S), for her outstanding running in the first round of the cross-country cup and reaching her first regional final.



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

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



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

[@pe_cchs](https://www.instagram.com/pe_cchs)





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Sri Haasika, (7A), has recently won a Bronze Award in The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023.

Well done, Sri Haasika!



UK Maths Trust

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

Congratulations to Arthie, Tulasi, Hansika, Matilda, Chloe, Mahilizini and Elizabeth who achieved excellent results in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls (MOG).

We achieved five distinctions and one merit. The MOG is aimed at the most able girls in the Sixth Form and consists of five challenging questions. All of the students achieved high scores well above the mean and median scores nationally.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK goes to Tulasi in Year 11 for this acrylic painting she created.



CCHS PA

CHRISTMAS PUDDING LABEL DESIGN COMPETITION



Winner: Haneefah B

Congratulations, Haneefah.

She wins a £20 gift voucher

+

her artwork on every
CCHS pudding sold this year





As part of Black History Month the Art Department held their annual Art Exhibition and competition.

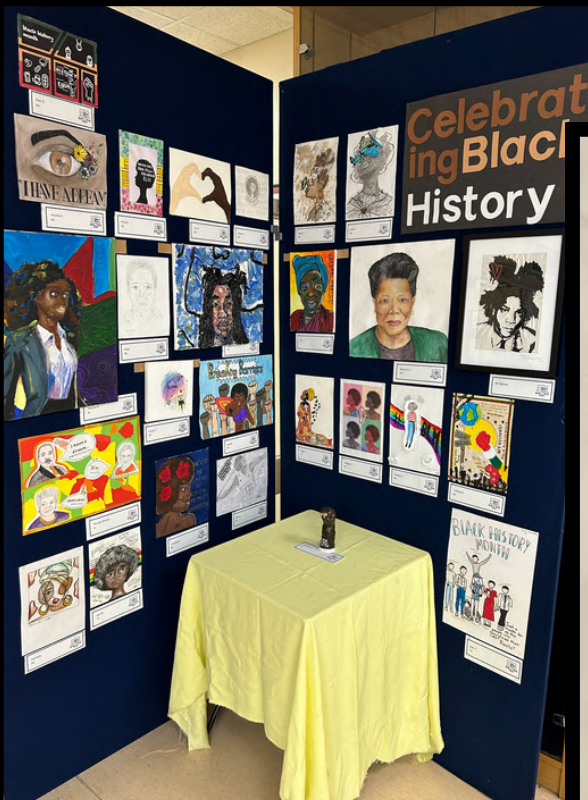
Well Done to all the students who entered. It was such a hard choice to choose the winners as students from all year groups entered super creative pieces.

The winners are:

1st Place: Nethuki, 9H

2nd Place: Nicole, 9C

3rd Place: Vinusha, 9S



The International Coalition of Girls' Schools

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. Please follow the link below to a short podcast outlining '5 Ways to Help Girls Grow in Resilience'. The podcast explores how we teach young women to face the pressures of life and bounce back from failure. Link: [On Educating Girls Podcast Short: 5 Ways to Help Girls Grow in Resilience – ICGS \(girlsschools.org\)](#). You can also find this podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

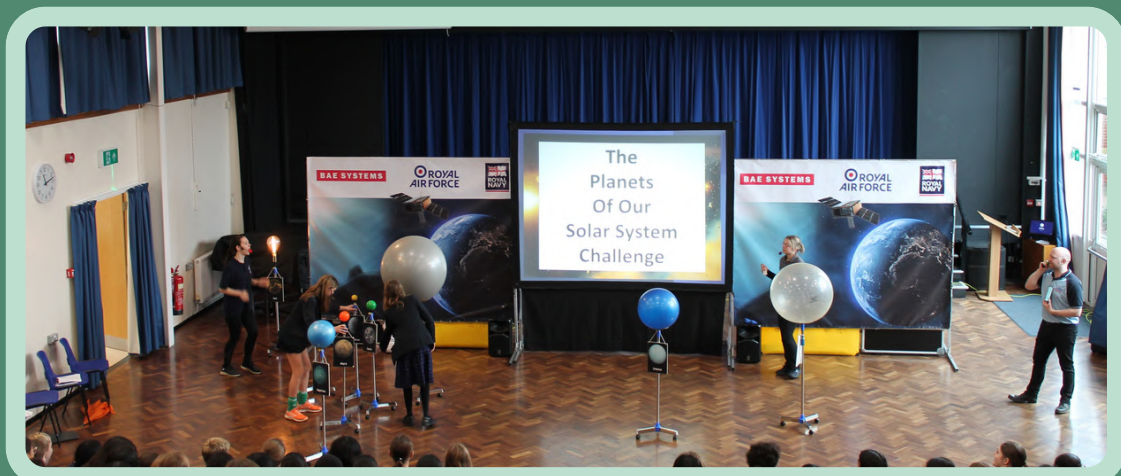


On Educating Girls
CREATING A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES
shorts!

STEM Roadshow

On Thursday, our Year 7 & 8 students were taken on an amazing journey from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of outer space through a series of interactive tasks.

The UK's longest running STEM Roadshow jointly delivered by BAE systems, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force was presented by Mark Greenop Associates. The topic explored various engineering challenges and solutions that are needed to communicate in a range of hostile environments such as under the ocean or in deep space. The final demonstration using a five metre diameter inflatable model of the Sun next to a marble representing the Earth, certainly was mind blowing!





How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

Tuesday 14th November 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

Click the link below to register for free

https://go.elevateeducation.com/e/891981/uk-schoolwebinar/q3g2m/628869207/h/yVZw4P5Phdh1r3_1Q8T_NOxRvHH5E9A_eclBLcCERKhk

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on memory on November 14th.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your children at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Sign up for the session to learn how you can help your child to get ready for their assessments and walk into the exam hall feeling confident and prepared.

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ Understanding how your child's memory works
- ✓ Optimising your child's environment for memorisation
- ✓ 3 practical memory techniques to use with your child this term



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?**

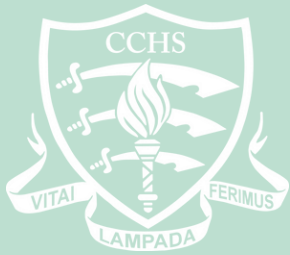
Years 10 to 11: • A first prize of a £40 book token will be offered for an essay of 1500 to 2000 words.

- **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.



CCHS PA invites you to:

**Join us for an informal drop-in
meeting, with wine and cheese**

**Thursday 9th November
7-9pm School Library**

Meet and mingle 7-8pm

Meeting proper 8-8:45pm

**Come and see who we are
and how we raise funds for
CCHS.**

**For more information:
pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk**

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