



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

As we give thought to the activities and opportunities that await us during the Spring and Summer Terms, I think about how fortunate we are to work, teach and learn as members of the CCHS school community. Positive and constructive relationships across our school are so important to us all. I note below our Citizenship Programme, which provides an insight into the values which animate our thinking and work together:

CCHS Citizenship Programme

UN Context

Principles (1 and 4) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child provide an international inspiration for work relating to young people:

Principle 1

"States parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth in the present convention to each child within their jurisdiction without discrimination of any kind, irrespective of the child's parents or legal guardian, race, colour, sex, language, religion...national, ethnic or social origin, poverty, disability, birth or other status."

Principle 4

"States parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the rights to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the view of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child."

CCHS Context

As part of our *change@cchs* initiative, we work to promote:

- understanding
- co-operation
- respect
- civility

We support our students, through their interactions with each other and with members of staff, as members of CCHS community, to understand the values which animate our school ethos (vision and aims). Those relating specifically to the concept and experience of citizenship are:

Developing the leaders of tomorrow (school vision) – **Citizenship**: inspiring students to think for themselves and to act for others.

Contributing to the community (school aim 3) – **Duty**: ensuring students always conduct themselves with civility and compassion, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves.

Our Objectives

Through everyday behaviour, we are determined to make face-to-face interactions a force for:

- respectful exchanges of ideas
- broadening horizons
- forging lasting friendships

Through online behaviour, we are determined to make social media interactions a force for:

- positive engagement
- supporting one another
- celebrating successes

Our Commitments

How are our students able to have their voices heard?

- o Form discussions
- o change@cchs initiative
- o Student Voice
- o Sixth Form Council

How can our students appreciate the variety of cultures and heritages in our school?

- o Engagement in lessons
- o Assemblies
- o Music Concerts, School Productions and Dance Shows

How can our students share their ideas with confidence and dignity?

- o 'Stand Up, Speak Out!'
- o Assemblies
- o House Debating
- o Public speaking competitions and the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' project

How can students listen to and understand different points of view?

- o 'Listen and learn' mindset
- o The art of disagreement

How can students take responsibility for the predictable consequences of their actions?

- o Celebrating role models by understanding their qualities
- o A zero-tolerance approach to all forms of discrimination

CCHS Citizenship Programme - Chelmsford County High School for Girls

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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

I began to lead the Computer Science Department towards the end of last year and it has been a pleasure to work closely with three talented and experienced teachers of Computer Science. We strive to deliver an innovative curriculum, adapting both to the latest technological advances and to the needs of our students, to best equip them for further study and future careers. We have many students currently entered for competitions including the National Cipher Challenge and Cyber First; at the time of writing, eight CCHS teams are currently joint first nationally in the Cipher Challenge.

I have held a number of roles in the Mathematics Department during my time at the school, including Second in Charge of Mathematics (Strategic). In my current role as Subject Coordinator of Further Mathematics, I am responsible for Further Mathematics and more able provision within the Department, in addition to the KS5 Mathematics and Further Mathematics curricula.

I immensely enjoy preparing students in every year group for mathematics olympiads and am well-placed to do so, given my involvement in the British Mathematical Olympiad, the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls and the intermediate olympiads. Students have been tremendously successful in recent years, with some students winning medals and book prizes for scoring in the top few places nationally.

I also provide support to students applying to study mathematics at Oxbridge and elsewhere, which includes preparation for mathematical entrance tests, including STEP, MAT and TMUA, and university interviews.

Mr A. Goodier

Subject Leader of Computer Science & Subject Coordinator of Further Mathematics and More Able Provision (All Key Stages)



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.

Alexandra, 7G, has been awarded the players player of the year for the Essex County Cricket Under 11's Felsted Flames, by Head of pathway Grace Melhuish.

This year, Alexandra was the winner of the Under 11 bowling award for Chelmsford Willows cricket team. Further more she has been selected into the Under 13 Essex Cricket Team for next year.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our Athlete of the Week is the entire Senior Tennis Team, Ginika, (11S), Kaia, (11H), Davida (12VCA), Niva (12JDI).

They have performed incredibly as a team in their recent matches in the first round of the LTA Youth Schools Competition.



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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Vanshika, (9G), and her friends from CCHS have given a fabulous dance performance on Bollywood songs in a Diwali event organised by Hindu Samaj Basildon at Sweyne Park School.

**WELL
DONE**

CCHS Debating Society

The Debating Society is thrilled to be going to the Cambridge Union at the end of January for the first regional round of the highly competitive Cambridge Schools Debate, which is organised by students at Cambridge university. We have 4 teams entering into the British Parliamentary Style competition, which involves a full day of intense debating and activity based in the stunning Union building and its environs.

Students get 15 minutes to prepare a motion and then have to debate against three other teams of two students. They are not allowed access to their mobile phones and have to rely on the strength of their argumentation and general knowledge. It is a wonderful experience, which really gives them a taste of university life and the intellectual rigours involved. We look forward to reporting back after the event!



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Shraddha, 8F, achieved first place in the South East Essex Gymnastic competition.

Congratulations, Shraddha!



This week, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Bernard delivered the reverse advent calendars, that Year 12 and Year 13 students have been collecting over the last few weeks, to Chelmsford Foodbank. In total they have collected 90kg and just about fitted in Mrs Connolly's car!



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Isla, 7A, for her
brilliant still life pencil drawing.
Well done!**



CCHS are proud to have recently been awarded the Young Carers in Schools Silver Award, which recognises the progress we have made in identifying and supporting our Young Carers. Young Carers are responsible for emotional, practical or physical care for a parent, sibling or other family member who has a physical disability, mental health issue or substance misuse issue.

Staff training and other activities to raise awareness has meant that more Young Carers are being identified which allows us to better meet the needs of students with caring responsibilities. We have a regular Young Carers drop in session on Friday lunchtimes and range of support available from counselling to homework club.

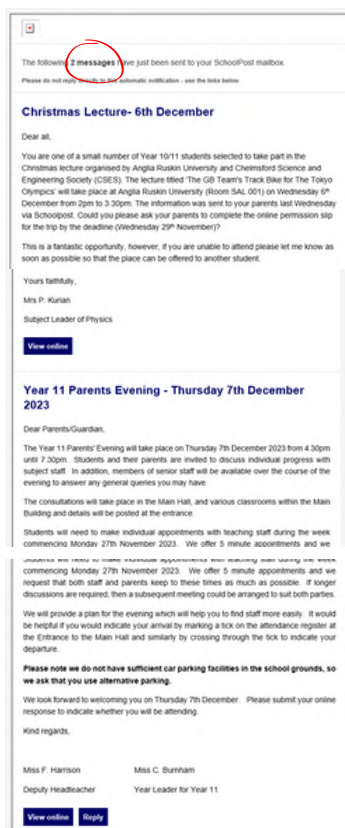
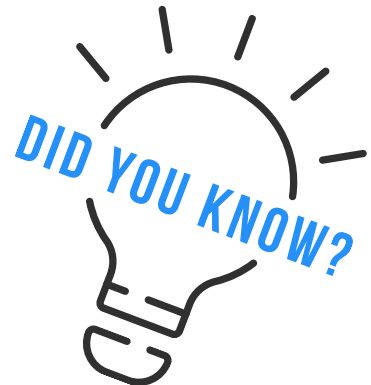
Many of our Young Carers cope very well with their additional responsibilities and do not need any extra support, but appreciate that their teachers understand their caring role and the need for flexibility. If you think your child may be a Young Carer, we would encourage you to contact their Year Leader, Miss Harrison, or Mrs Hiett, to discuss what support, if any, might be beneficial. More information about Young Carers in Essex can be found here: <https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-carers/>

CCHS Parents' Association Christmas puddings



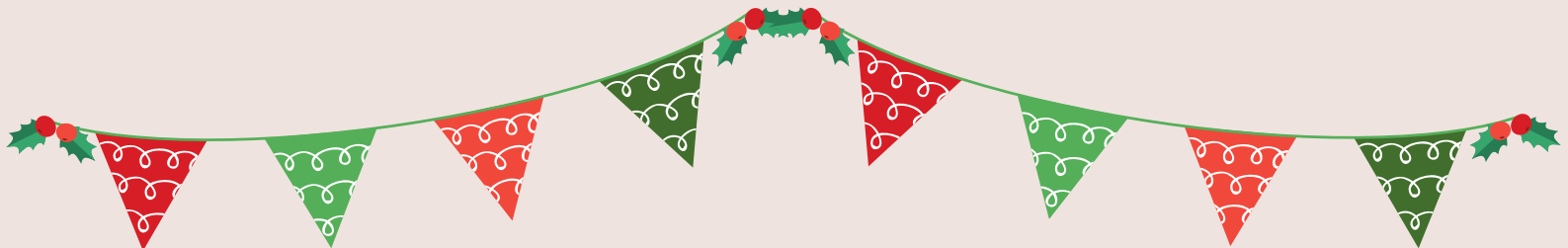
Christmas pudding orders are currently being held in the Main Office for collection.

SchoolPost



School Post emails often contain more than one letter.

To make sure that you never miss out on any important information make sure to scroll down to each item.



Christmas Jumper Day



FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023



PLEASE MAKE A MINIMUM £1 DONATION VIA PARENTPAY.
SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN ALONGSIDE JUMPERS.
RAISING MONEY FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN AND
CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Catering Update

We have received several queries recently regarding how our catering offering works and wanted to provide an update on a new initiative we have implemented, general information and upcoming plans for next year.

Last week, we introduced a process for students to pre-order food from the Dining Hall before morning registration and pick up from the Languages Café at lunchtime. This is relates to pizza, pasta, paninis and handmade sandwiches; however, all students can collect anytime from the start of lunch. We strongly encourage any students who have lunch activities, or wish to eat earlier than their allotted time, to use this pre-order system. Students may also eat in the Languages Café, and we are currently trialing extra space during the cold weather in the Old Hall for packed lunches only.

The trial pre-order process is working well, and we are currently in discussion with our catering provider to upgrade our systems in order to allow ordering from an app so students can order from any location prior to morning registration. We hope to upgrade the systems as early as possible next term – further information will be provided once this is agreed.

Our daily process is as follows:

- Students in Years 7, 10 & 11 can purchase food from 12.35pm.
- Years 8 & 9 students can purchase from 12.55pm (or sooner if limited queues – typically 12.50pm).
- The Sixth Form can pre-order for pick up, purchase offsite, from our Costa outlet or from the Dining Hall.
- We separate the year groups in this way as it is not possible to seat all students at once and priority is given to year groups based on a combination of typical uptake numbers per year group and giving the older year groups, who tend to run clubs or have lunchtime study sessions in their exam years, the opportunity to eat before attending.
- All food is cooked in batches according to demand, so students are served fresh food.
- The vast majority of students are served by 1.05pm so if a student wishes to avoid queues this is a good time to come.
- Our sandwich bar, which makes sandwiches to order, is open right until the end of lunch so students who arrive at the end of food service can still get something made to their taste.

All of our food abides by the School Food Standards – the current menu and pricing schedule is available at [School Meals - Chelmsford County High School for Girls \(cchs.co.uk\)](https://www.cchs.co.uk/school-meals). Please note that a dessert within the context of a meal deal is the listed dessert for the day, not a cookie, ice cream or other sweet item. Whilst we have a 3-week rolling menu, please note that this is subject to last minute changes due to global food supply chain issues.

As you are aware, catering at CCHS is processed through our cashless system and it is therefore important that students have sufficient balance to be able to purchase food. We, unlike many other schools, do allow our students' accounts to go overdrawn since a healthy lunch is key to learning; however, our catering provider, Chartwells, reserve the right to only serve a lunch rather than additional snacks and drinks. Drinking water is always available free of charge from the water dispensers. Having an overdrawn balance, unfortunately, creates significant issues with queues at the tills as these transactions have to be processed manually, rather than via our fingerprint system, so your support in keeping balances in credit is appreciated – thank you.

If at any point you are struggling to pay for your child's food, then please contact our Finance Team, who will work with you and our caterers to find a solution.

There are a number of settings in place to assist you in reviewing and controlling your child's balances - the following links may be helpful for you:

Parent Pay FAQ's: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/categories/4407704072081-ParentPay>.

How to set up low balance alerts: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410756555025-How-to-set-alerts#how-to-set-alerts-0-0>

How to set up auto top-ups: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410743252369-Bank-Transfer-and-Auto-Top-up#01FMKZ5HRVFQGR1A7F2F94ET2G>

We can set a daily limit on spending if you require this – please email finance@cchs.co.uk with details so that we can set this on our catering system for you.

I trust that this information is useful – please do contact me via the office email if you have any other questions.

Mrs M. Mulgrew
Business Manager



Autumn Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60-minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)

How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

- 12th December @6:00pm





Christmas Concert

Wednesday 13th &
Thursday 14th December

House Decorated
Classrooms

Monday 18th December

CCHS Carol Concert
(for students only)

Tuesday 19th December

Last Day of Term

Thursday 21st December
(early closure at 1pm)

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



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>

