



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

## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Thank you for the support we have received so far with our fundraising campaign to modernise the swimming pool, which is important both to our school and so many young people in the wider Chelmsford community. At the moment, our pool supports the PE curriculum for our 1,185 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. Our campaign film and flyer provide more details and can be accessed here: [Fundraising Campaign | Chelmsford County High School \(cchs.co.uk\)](#)

To further support this community project, I ask you to consider if you can help us in any of the following ways:

- Do you have any fundraising experience which you are willing to share with us?
- Do you work for a company that would be willing to provide us with sponsorship?
- Do you know a prominent swimmer who might help us generate publicity for our project?
- Would you be willing to devote some time to help the CCHS Parents' Association raise funds for this project?

Any support you could provide would contribute to this important community effort. Please contact Miss Thoburn, Senior Assistant to the Headteacher, if you can help us, and I thank you in advance for your support – [ftthoburn@cchs.co.uk](mailto:ftthoburn@cchs.co.uk)



# SPOTLIGHT

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

*We are fortunate to work with a range of colleagues who have recently engaged with, or continue to engage with, external agencies to support their professional development. This not only supports in developing their role in our school, or developing their work as classroom practitioners, but also enables us as a wider school community to engage with educational research to improve our whole school practices. This spotlight feature acts as a mechanism to showcase to our school community the ongoing professional development work undertaken by our talented staff.*

*Mr Selby*

I am extremely fortunate in that my role as Deputy Headteacher, Academic, is varied and encompasses every aspect of our student's academic studies. The breadth of focus of this role was the inspiration behind my decision to participate in the NPQSL programme.

The National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) have been designed specifically for school leaders and aspiring leaders to help them implement effective practise and to create conditions for change, embedding evidence-informed teaching and learning in the classroom, department or school.

At present the following suite of NPQ qualifications are fully funded for state-funded schools and colleges which is a fantastic opportunity for our school to benefit from high quality, thorough CPD:

- NPQ in Leading Teaching (NPQLT)
- NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC)
- NPQ in Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD)
- NPQ in Leading Literacy (NPQLL)
- NPQ in Leading Primary Mathematics (NPQLPM)
- NPQ in Senior Leadership (NPQSL)
- NPQ in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)
- NPQ in Headship (NPQH)

Last academic year I was fortunate to complete the NPQSL qualification. This course is designed to take school leaders through content which examines the three layers of influence: culture in their school; the organisational conditions which optimise school culture; and how to promote excellent teaching in every classroom.

This academic year, along with Miss Harrison, I am participating in the NPQH which goes beyond the foundation of the NPQSL. Once again the course uses evidence informed research to deepen understanding of leadership in a school setting. These courses also offer a fantastic opportunity to share best practice and create positive networks with colleagues from other settings.

Mrs Cross, Deputy Headteacher, Academic



# Student Achievements

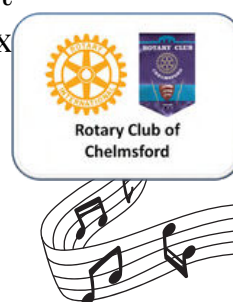
Have you got some news to share?  
If so, please email Mrs Gross (jgross@cchs.co.uk) and attach a photo or logo, if applicable.



Congratulations to Katherine, (9G), who won Chelmsford Rotary Young Musician of the Year (Vocalist).

She goes forward to the District Final to compete against Essex and Hertfordshire.

Well done, Katherine!



Lucy, (8F), has been cast as the lead role of Dick Turpin in the Bocking Theatre Club production of 'Dick Turpin Rides Again'

They put on a very good show, from the play itself, to the costumes and scenery that are custom made for each individual production.

[www.bockingtheatreclub.co.uk](http://www.bockingtheatreclub.co.uk)

Well done, Lucy!







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Well done to Erin, (11H), Akshara, (10A), Yaarah, (9G) and Akshadha, (9G) for receiving a Bronze Award for the Essex Chemistry Mastermind competition.



Our athlete of the week is Amelia, (7G), for fantastic swimming and commitment to her team in the MESSSA Girls Swimming Gala Relays.

Well done, Amelia!



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





# **ARTIST OF THE WEEK**



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK- goes to Khushi (10A), for her  
stunning acrylic paintings of sea creatures.  
Well done!**

# Year 9 Vaccines – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio & Meningitis ACWY.

are taking place on the Tuesday, 30th January.

Please complete the paper consent form and return it to Main Office by the 26th January.

If your daughter has not brought home a consent form, please contact Mrs Sheldon.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd February

Inset Day

Monday 12th February

Year 10 School Examinations

Monday 26th February to Thursday 7th March

Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 7th March





# Author Visit

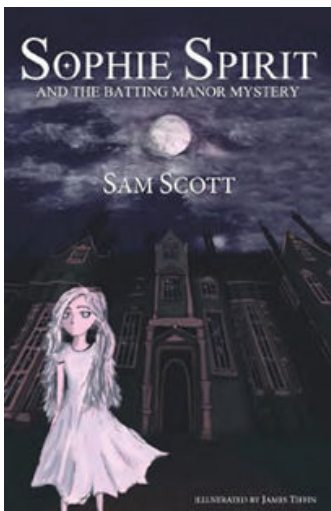


We are very pleased to confirm that the author Sam Scott will be visiting the school on Friday 8th March. She will be giving talks in the library to all of year 7 during the afternoon. She will also be happy to sign books for the students.

Sam Scott writes horror fiction for teens, which is her favourite genre, having been inspired by James Herbert. She is a local writer, based in the Maldon area.

We have a limited number of her books available for year 7 students to buy, on a first-come-first-served basis.

If your child is in Year 7, and you would like them to have one of the below books, please order using the specific option on ParentPay by 2nd February, and the books will be available for the students on the 8th March, when Sam will be happy to sign them.



## **Sophie Spirit and the Batting Manor Mystery**

Sophie Spirit, a deaf girl of unusual appearance, due to a rare medical condition, has spent her whole young life in London.

Unexpectedly, she finds herself living in a country village where she meets Humphrey, son of Lord and Lady Beaumont. It quickly becomes apparent that Humphrey will not be the only child she meets, when she is visited by three spirits who, when alive, were the children of the Beaumont's ancestors.

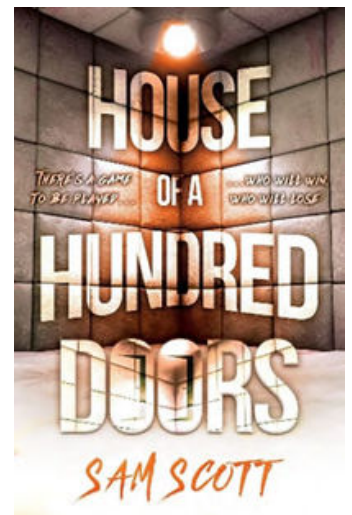
Strange things begin to happen, and all too soon Sophie finds herself entangled in a scary and devilish plot to strip the Beaumonts of the only life they have ever known. Join Sophie as she experiences spooky, unnatural goings on and seeks to help Humphrey and his family combat the evil working against them....

## **House of a Hundred Doors**

Following an encounter with Maximillion Crooked, Imogen Hackerton, daughter of a congressman and great-great-great-granddaughter of the infamous Hacker the Horrible, is drawn into a web of blackmail and deceit.

Imogen tells Maximillion of an ancient, haunted asylum and the belief it contains a hidden fortune. Max, an unscrupulous man always on the lookout for his next money-making venture, persuades a television network to produce a TV show from the asylum, placing five young people inside to search out a monetary prize. Unbeknown to all, Max has his own agenda.

Experience supernatural horrors as the contestants enter and search the deadly domicile. And wait with bated breath to see who emerges the winner... and who emerges the loser...



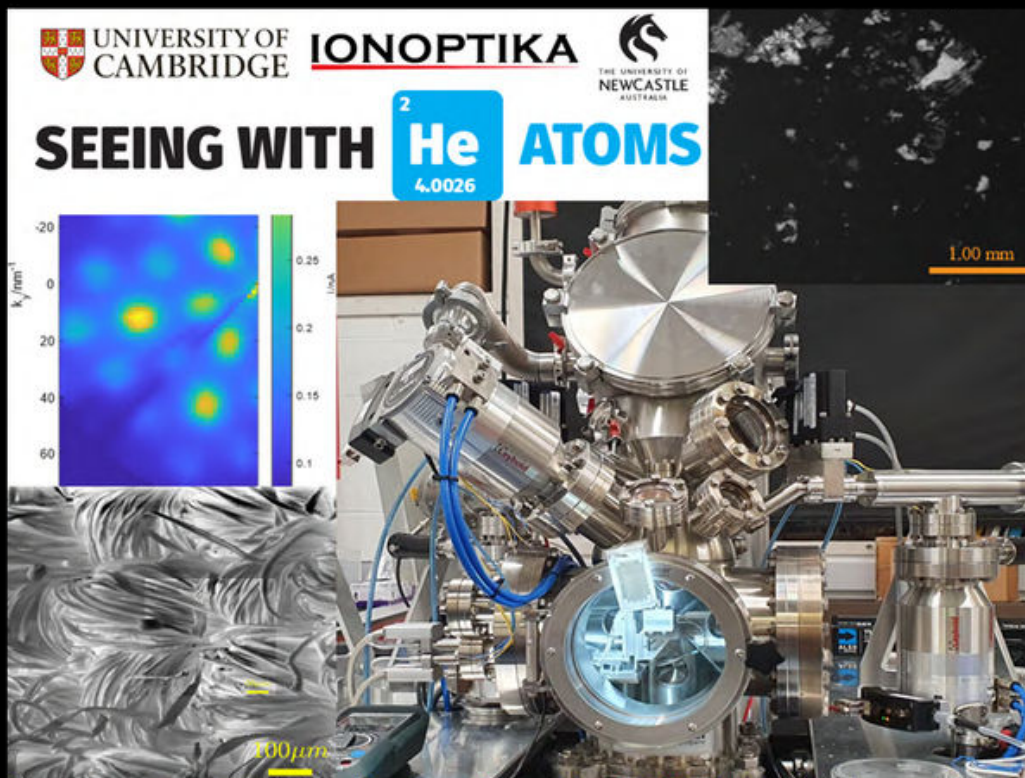
# Seeing with Atoms

An IOP / CSES lecture for the public, presented by  
Dr David Ward, University of Cambridge

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**CCHS will be holding an early edition of this lecture in  
Room V10 at 4:15 pm**

With the lecture at ARU starting at 7pm  
Refreshments available from 6:30 pm at ARU



How can you study something if you can't see it? Now, imagine if looking at something damaged it...

How would you study it when merely looking at it changed it?

It's not far from the truth! Think about the fabric in your house, curtains or a sofa, or your favourite T-Shirt, is it the same colour as when you bought it?

The fading and discolouring of fabric is an effect of light breaking down the chemicals in the dye, so it's not hard to believe light is damaging your sample. If you use higher energy particles like electrons the damage can be even more. We have made a microscope that doesn't damage a sample while imaging it!

Our microscope uses a beam of helium atoms to measure surfaces. We make the beam, focus it onto a sample, and then detect the scattered intensity. By rastering the sample in the beam, we can generate an intensity map which has contrast originating from various properties of the surface, especially its topography, but we can also learn about its chemical composition and other surface properties.

**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](mailto:david.d.hall@physics.org)





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*Thursday 1st February*

*Friday 2nd February*

**SOLD OUT**

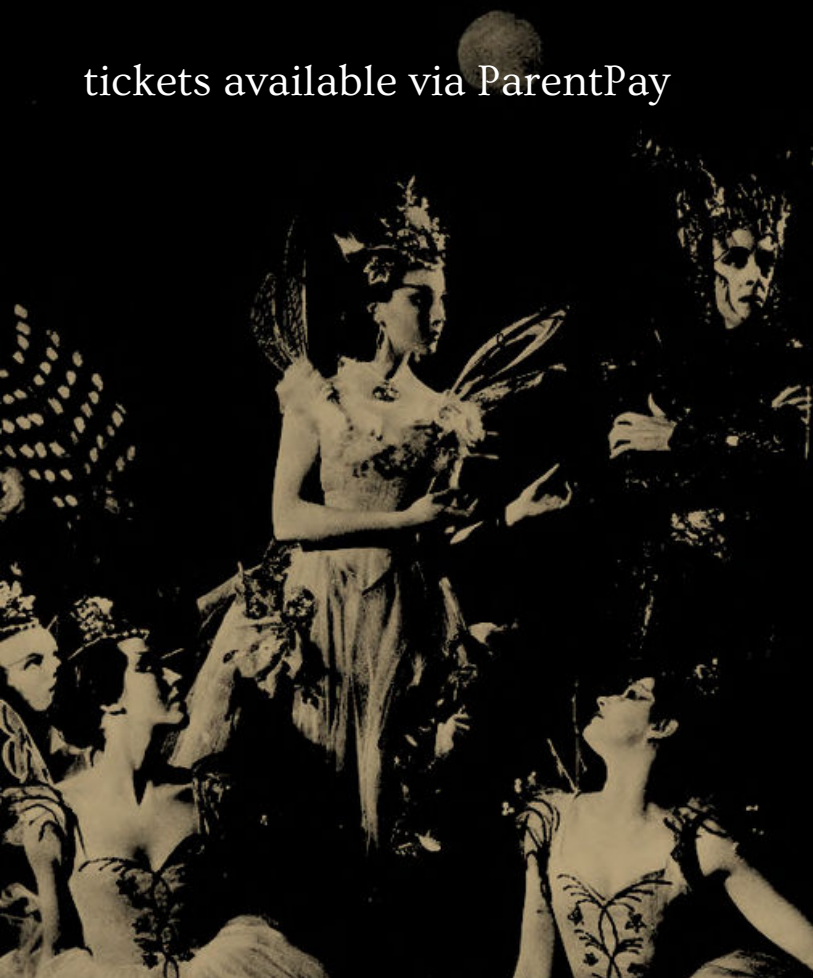
a cchs production



Tickets £12

Consessions £8

tickets available via ParentPay



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 we share with you a podcast centred around 'ChatGPT'. This podcast titled: ChatGPT: Friend or Foe of Girls' Education? centres around the phenomena of Artificial Intelligence. Robert Dodds, the Head of Innovation at Methodist Ladies' College in Perth, Australia and a parent well-versed in ChatGPT, speaks with host Trudy Hall, taking a complex topic and parsing it into understandable chunks. With practical examples for how parents can learn and use the technology with their daughters, Robert also offers wise counsel to anchor decisions about the applications of A.I. in familiar parental values. He urges us all to be "moral optimists," seeing past the dark and mysterious questions to a future in which this tool can help girls be both innovative and better prepared for life in school and beyond. You can find a link to the podcast here: <https://girlsschools.org/advocacy/blog/2023/06/29/29363/>. You can also find this podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts.





# Spring 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](#)**

***In the Spring Term we'll cover:***

- 1. How To Help Your Child Improve  
Their Note Taking**  
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January @6:00pm
- 2. How You Can Make Technology an  
Ally (& Not the Enemy!)**  
- 6<sup>th</sup> February @6:00pm
- 3. How You Can Help Your Child  
Prepare for Exams**  
- 5<sup>th</sup> March @6:00pm
- 4. How You Can Support Your  
Child During Exams**  
- 19<sup>th</sup> March @6:00pm





# ***GRAMMATICUS CHOIR - NEW MEMBERS WANTED!***

Following a very successful concert at KEGS in November, we have now started a new term with new music - an ideal time to come along to a rehearsal, try us out and hopefully join the choir!

We are a mixed choir of about 40 parents (past and present), ex teachers and ex pupils from both KEGS and CCHS.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings in term time from 7.20pm to 9.15pm in the CCHS drama studio. Reading music is not an essential requirement and there are no auditions!!

Just come along and see if you enjoy it - we have a lot of fun!

Contact Sarah Raybould via  
[sraybould@hotmail.com](mailto:sraybould@hotmail.com) for more details if  
you are interested.







# 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>

