



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Our curriculum is complemented and extended by the opportunities that are provided in a host of ways by school staff. For example, Mrs Onuegbu (Subject Leader of RS and Academic Project Leader) and Mrs Hopkins (Higher Education Adviser and Academic Project Leader) lead on the Higher Project Qualification and the Extended Project Qualification. Mrs Watt (Teacher of English) leads on and inspires students to participate in English Speaking Union competitions. Mrs Kurian (Subject Leader of Physics and STEM Leader) leads on a host of initiatives to enrich students' work in the natural sciences, mathematics and computer science. Mr Harvey (Subject Leader of Art and School Development Leader) leads on our Gold Award Artsmark work with Arts Council England. Dr Palmer (Assistant Headteacher, Community, Enrichment & Opportunity) oversees our CCHS Institute provision, including arranging and hosting a series of academic lectures throughout the year.

In this spirit of engaging with new opportunities, National Trust colleagues have launched a competition which we are sure will be of interest to CCHS students. It is called the Time + Space Award.

The Time + Space Award has been inspired by what Sir Isaac Newton called his 'year of wonders'. At the age of 23, Newton was forced to leave university and return home to Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire, a farmhouse we care for, because of a pandemic in 1666. He used this time to explore his ideas on calculus, optics and the laws of motion and gravity. This award will give you the time, space and opportunity to explore your big idea in one of four areas – science, art and culture, society and nature and climate. A panel of experts from the fields of science, creativity and culture will help you develop your idea and bring it to life. The competition opens on 10th January and closes on 30th April 2024 and is open to anyone aged 16-25 living in the UK. If you're under 18, you'll need permission from a legal parent, guardian or carer to apply.

Further details can be found on their website:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/who-we-are/news/time-and-space-newton-competition>

We are very much looking forward to our school production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' next week. Full credit to Miss Day, the Drama & Theatre Studies Department and the wonderful cast and crew for all their hard work as they prepare for the performances.

As you know, we had an Ofsted inspection this week. A process of report writing now takes place, with the final report being published within a 30 day window from now. Our school had a very positive experience. I would like to thank all members of the CCHS community for their work, input and support during the inspection process.

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on the right side of the header.

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 have been privileged enough to work at CCHS for the past two years as a KS3 Humanities and a KS4 and KS5 History teacher. The Humanities, the collective name for the subjects History, Geography and Religious Studies, are in my view the most interesting subjects to teach as they ask and answer fundamental questions about the world. In addition, all three subjects aid in both critical and creative thinking, rhetoric and debate, and developing a sense of reverence for the world.

CCHS provided me with the funding to undertake a course with the Historical Association- the leading national organisation for History Teachers- which aims to develop both subject-specific knowledge of the most up-to-date cognitive science and boost subject knowledge for both the Medieval period and the British Empire. These two subject areas have had updates in the historiography and lots of current national conversations regarding the teaching of them. This course has helped develop ways of engaging with the subjects that add to the complexity and support student understanding.

This impacts the CCHS community because as a department, we are working towards the evolution of the history curriculum and exploring various teaching methods that are supported by the most up-to-date educational research. As many skills for History are the same as for Geography and Religious Studies, this training will be applicable to some areas of the curriculum's for other departments, so that together as a collection of departments we can work to create a wider interest in the world.

Miss K. Hunt
Teacher of Humanities



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.



Our Athlete of the Week is Everly, (8H), who took part in the Chelmsford Partnership Sports Hall Athletics with her team. Everly demonstrated resilience and determination as even though she fell during her race, she still got herself up and went on to win. Her whole team won this round of the competition and are now through to represent the Chelmsford at Essex Championships.

Well done, Everly!



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.

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Good Luck to the cast and crew of

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Sportshall Athletics Competition



On Tuesday, CCHS competed in the Sportshall Athletics competition. Our Year 7 and Year 8 teams won both competitions.

We have now gone through to represent Chelmsford at the Essex Championships in March.

The team received their gold medals and were so happy, these were very well deserved as they have shown great dedication and have been working diligently every Thursday lunchtime.

Bring on the Essex finals!



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK-Mayumi in Year 13 for
this really fun and dynamic painting. Well done!**

This week in PSHE ...

Year 7 – 7A, 7C, 7F – puberty talk with Mrs Buckley. 7G, 7H, 7S – puberty lesson 1 with form tutors.

Year 8 – 8A – Home safety with Fire officer. Rest of forms – Sign language.

Year 9 – Relationships and consent.

Year 10 – Consent and pornography.

Year 11 – Extremism: helping the community.

Year 12 – Model United Nations lesson 4.

Year 13 – Call out culture.

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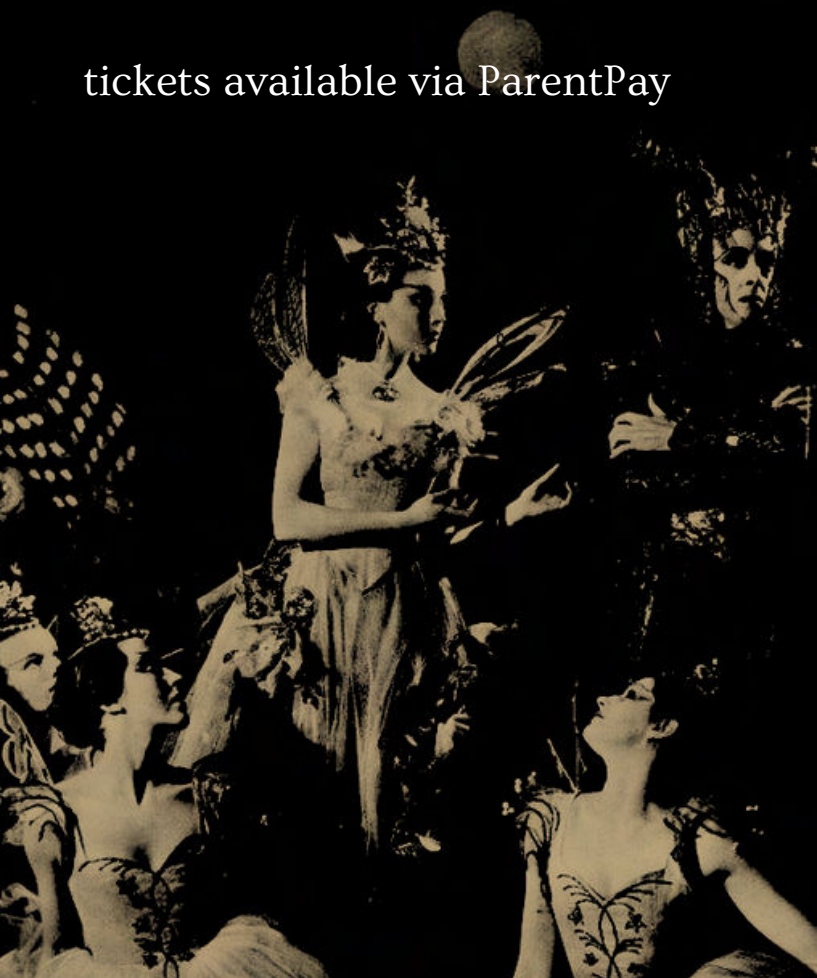
Friday 2nd February

SOLD OUT

Tickets £12
Concessions £8

tickets available via ParentPay

a cchs production



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 series called "The Connected Girl"; a series curated by the International Coalition of Girls Schools, for those who believe in empowering girls. This is an opportunity to engage with the experts that have gathered to understand the power and possibility of the many connections in the lives of girls. Please visit the following link to find out more: <https://iono.fm/e/1398653>



Spring Term Parent Support Series

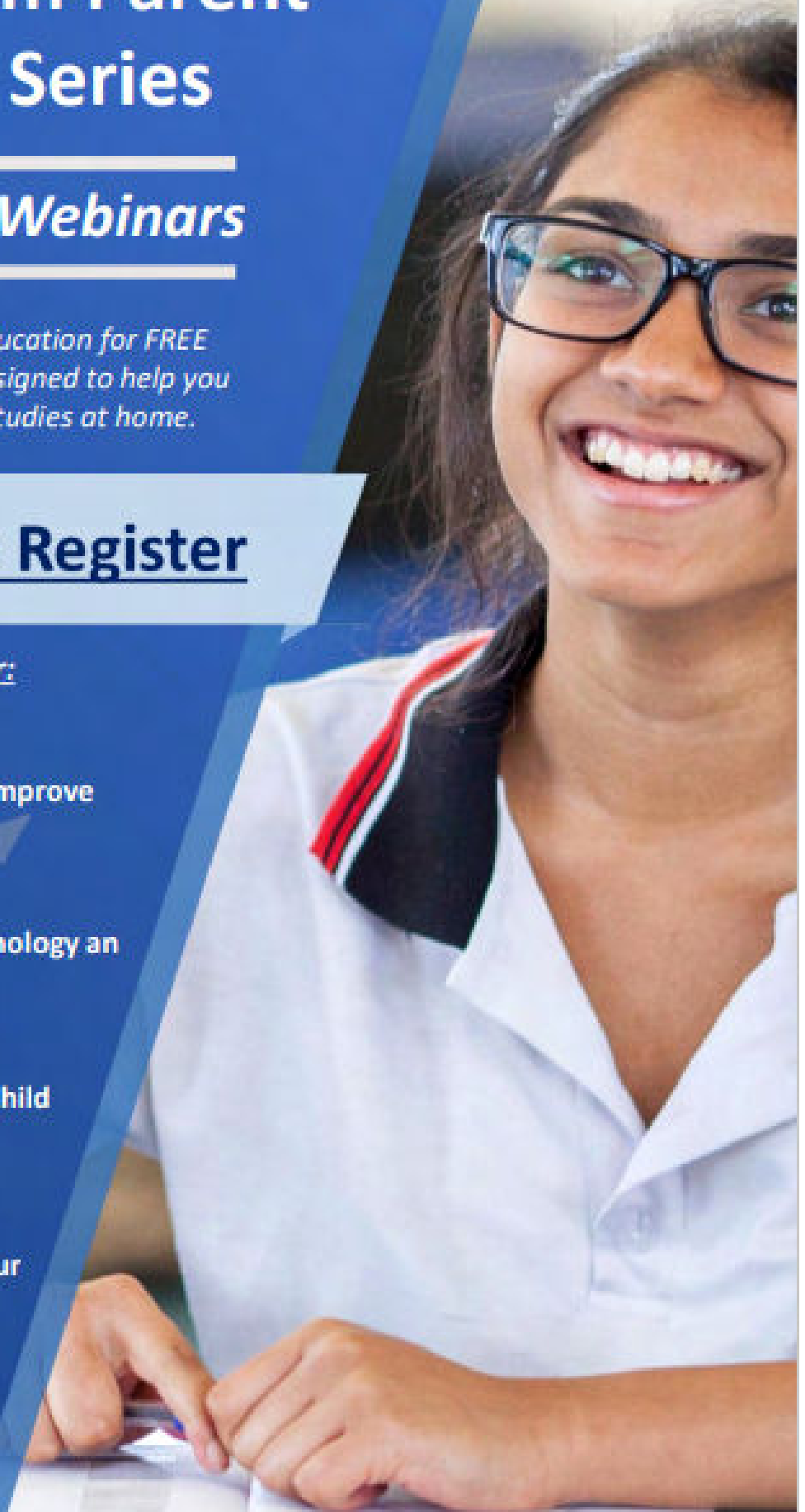
Free Parent Webinars

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

