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MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

It was wonderful to celebrate the work and achievements of our students, with their families, at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday evening, during our Senior Speech Day event. This well-established school tradition provides us with an important opportunity to mark the successes of our students across a host of areas, including academic achievements and contributions to the wider life of the school community.

We were delighted that the Revd Dr Cally Hammond, CCHS alumna, joined us as our special guest. Dr Hammond is Dean of Gonville & Caius, University of Cambridge, an academic and author with broad interests across classics, philosophy and theology. Dr Hammond kindly presented certificates, prizes and trophies to students who were in Year 11 and Year 13 last year, and delivered the main address. Indeed, we were fortunate to welcome Dr Hammond back to CCHS earlier this academic year when she delivered a lecture as part of our CCHS Institute programme.

Thank you to Dr Hammond for her continued support of her school. Many congratulations to each and every student from the two year groups for their work, achievements and contributions; we are so pleased for and proud of you all.

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on the floor, set against 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

Hello, I'm Mrs Broughton; I teach Drama at CCHS and have recently also taken on the role of ITT Coordinator, leading the in-school provision for the trainee teachers placed with CCHS.

To support my learning and become a stronger, more effective leader in this new role, I decided to enrol on a 12-month NPQ entitled 'Leading Teacher Development' during the 2023-24 academic year. This is mainly delivered through online learning, as well as attending seminars and day conferences, where effective ideas and strategies can be discussed and shared with other teachers.

The main aim of this NPQ is to equip teachers and middle leaders with the knowledge, skills and concepts needed to become adept in supporting initial teacher training, early career teachers as well as the wider development of all colleagues across the school. During the course so far, we have focused on 'how pupils learn', exploring aspects such as memory and cognitive load theory, and designing and implementing professional development programmes across various school phases, departments and specialisms. I am looking forward to future modules which will focus on mentoring and coaching-based approaches to teacher development and ITT and ECT provision, as these will be particularly useful in my current job role.

Through these modules, I have been able to examine the use of strategies such as retrieval practice and modelling examples in lesson observations of trainee teachers, as well as within my own teaching, to ensure that these techniques have the maximum impact on student learning. I am looking forward to trialling the coaching strategies with our trainee teachers, and using the knowledge and skills gained from this course to support the excellent team of mentors at CCHS in delivering the very best provision for training future teachers.

Mrs J Broughton

Teacher of Drama and ITT Coordinator



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.

Pearle, 7C, would like to share her recent achievement at becoming a brown belt in karate.

Congratulations, Pearle!



Frankie, (8S), participated in the English Schools Cross Country Finals last weekend as part of the Essex Schools Junior Girls team, achieving Silver.

Well done, Frankie!

Dhevi, (8S), represented the London Borough of Redbridge as part of the U13 Girls Cricket team at the London Youth Games 2024 on 24th March. Redbridge qualified and played in the finals. They came 5th out of 18 Boroughs across London. Unfortunately, they lost by 1 run against the overall winners Ealing.

Dhayi said it was a great experience and enjoyable to play alongside other female cricketers across the borough.

Well Done, Dheyi!





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Alexa Mann (12FSE) won silver in the GB Schools Biathlon Championships, held at the University of Bath. She had a massive personal best and clocked up the fastest female 200m free swim time overall, to finish second in the combined Year 12/Year 13 age group.

WELL DONE



On April 28th, 2024, Camilla, (10F), will participate in the world's largest annual fundraising swimming event, which raises essential funds for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. She aims to swim 5K and raise £500. By supporting her story, anyone can participate in the fight against cancer by making a small donation.

Good Luck, Camilla!

I am thrilled to announce that I will be participating in Swimathon 2024. It has been almost a year since I had a leg injury a few days after taking part in Swimathon 2023. I want to make Swimathon 2024 more special to celebrate my full recovery and also to raise money for cancer research. This year, on the 28th of April I am doubling the distance I swam last time from 2.5k to 5k. Therefore, I am reaching out to you for your support to make this year's Swimathon a grand success. Together, we can create a real impact. Use the link to make your donation. Thank you. _



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Prethika, (11C), has passed the Grade 8 Public Speaking LAMDA gold medal exams with a distinction score of 95%.

The three topics for grade 8 were so very challenging, in three different styles !

- Should Britain pay reparations for its colonial past - (University Debate forum)
- The art of diplomacy - (Ted talk)
- Learning from the past - (Impromptu/ Extempore)

Comments from the Examiner, Kirsten Charters , were truly encouraging,

'Prethika, thank you for sharing your work with me today. You are a skilled public speaker. You have sound research skills and structure your ideas clearly. Your voice projects boldly around a room, you speak with bounds of passion and conviction to truly captivate the listener. You energise your voice and body to create memorable and powerful performances- well done. Moving forwards, aim to relax into any future presentations further, allowing even more of your confidence to sparkle through !'

Also to add to her merit she has obtained consecutive Distinction scores in grade 6, 7 and 8 now with the respective medals.

Congratulations, Prethika!

Congratulations





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I am really pleased to report the fantastic results from our students who sat ABRSM music examinations in the week before the Easter holidays. As we do every term, we welcomed our visiting examiner into school across two days. During this term, we had 30 entrants taking a wide range of grades from grade 1 to the highest of grade 8 and all of whom at least passed. The results were stunning:

17x Distinction
10x Merit
3x Pass

Of particular mention:

Khalen, (13DNO), Grade 8 Bassoon – Distinction
Amelia, (13JPO), Grade 8 Violin – Merit
Eleanor, (13AHN), Grade 8 Piano – Merit

This work supports our continued work as an Artsmark Gold Award school.

Our instrumental teachers work extremely hard, teaching and preparing our students for these examinations and quite rightly deserve a huge congratulations.

Thank you to Mrs Gross and Mrs Bajury for overseeing the logistics in insuring these days run so smoothly.

Mr Lamberti
Director of Music



Our Athlete of the Week is Alexa, 12FSE, who achieved a Silver medal in the British Biathlon Championships. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are all extremely proud of her.

Well done, Alexa!



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On 20th March, Dara, 10G, travelled to Woodlands School, Basildon, to compete in the Central Essex Regional Final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, having been crowned CCHS champion out of 180 students this year. Dara delivered a speech to a large audience entitled 'Lose to Win' which was an amusing and touching examination of the passage of time. Dara had a great time taking part in the competition and in the Jack Petchey speaking workshops. Dara was supported by Naisha, 10S, in the role of reserve and the trip was carried out by Mr Carter, Mr Copper and Mrs Clements.



Jack Petchey's
"SPEAK OUT"
Challenge!

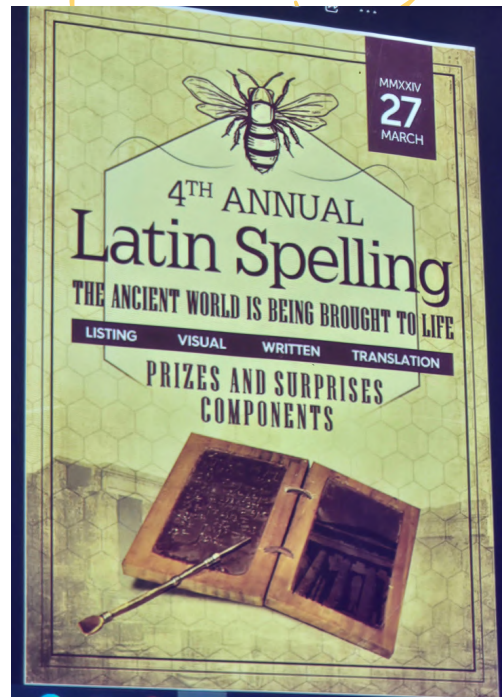
Huge congratulations to Emily, (13JVI), who was awarded a Merit in the 2nd Round of the UK Linguistics Olympiad. Only 87 entrants had even progressed to this stage nationally, so to achieve such recognition is a real accomplishment!

Well done!



National Latin Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Zoe, Scarlett, Nikoletta, Fatimah and Hema in Year 8, who were selected to represent the school at the National Spelling Bee before Easter, held at Harris Academy, Chafford Hundred. During an exciting day, in which they competed in a variety of rounds, and were also treated to a number of enriching talks from Classical authors, they acquitted themselves brilliantly. The team placed 5th of 12 teams – an excellent result considering they have yet to complete their first year of Latin study – and Zoe deserves particular recognition for placing 3rd overall in the individual competition.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Kitty in Year 13 for her wonderful jewelled pomegranate. Very visually exciting.



Intermediate Physics Challenge and Senior Physics Challenge

Congratulations to students from Year 11 and Year 12 who took part in the Intermediate Online Physics Challenge and Senior Online Physics Challenge respectively.

Well done to all the participants!

Leanne	12JBR	Gold
Anna	12HBU	Silver
Rujuta	12JDI	Silver
Hannah	12HBU	Silver
Inaaya	12JBR	Silver
Katherine	12VCA	Silver
Kirit	12MCT	Silver
Camille	12RTH	Silver
Rayana	12KRE	Silver
Rucha	12JBR	Silver
Hannah	12HBU	Silver
Alyssa	12VCA	Bronze
Alice	12VCA	Bronze
Manaswi	12JBR	Bronze
Toluwalola	12MCT	Bronze
Jessica	12MCT	Bronze
Sheeta	12JBR	Bronze
Srinidhi	12JBR	Bronze
Serena	12RTH	Bronze
Abarna	12MCT	Bronze
Hansika	12VCA	Bronze
Lily	12FSE	Bronze
Nonjula	12FSE	Bronze
Deniz	12RTH	Bronze
Osayamen	12MCT	Bronze
Aqua	12RTH	Bronze
Chloe	12MCT	Bronze
Lily	12MCT	Bronze
Luna	12KRE	Bronze

Charlotte	11H	Gold
Gayathri	11C	Gold
Bodepudi	11F	Gold
Annabel	11C	Gold
Arthie	11C	Gold
Devanshi	11G	Silver
Neha	11S	Silver
Tulasi	11S	Silver
Samida	11C	Silver
Sachee	11H	Silver
Riya	11G	Silver
Sansitha	11G	Silver
Gia	11G	Silver
Gracie	11G	Silver
Prethika	11C	Silver
Daisy	11S	Silver
Arya	11G	Silver
Saima	11C	Silver
May	11F	Silver
Oyindamola	11G	Silver
Fawzia	11C	Silver
Aishah	11F	Silver
Roshni	11S	Silver
Manuela	11S	Silver
Abigail	11C	Silver
Riya	11S	Silver
Ginikachukwu	11S	Silver
Sharon	11G	Silver
Mikalina	11F	Silver
Naviya	11F	Silver
Nynasha	11S	Silver
Mahilzini	11G	Silver
Krithikha	11H	Silver
Keerthana	11S	Silver
Marnia	11F	Silver
Sophie	11G	Silver
Lily-Anne	11S	Bronze
Naomi	11C	Bronze
Inehra	11C	Bronze
Charvi	11G	Bronze
Diya	11F	Bronze
Chelsea	11S	Bronze
Tanusha	11H	Bronze
Anna	11S	Bronze
Ishita	11S	Bronze
Likhita	11H	Bronze
Joely	11S	Bronze
Charlotte	11C	Bronze
Erin	11H	Bronze

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

KATIE HEAYSMAN

A spectacular talk given by Katie was one for the books for sure! As we dove into a different field of Engineering and with the speaker being from the BAE systems we discovered overlaps with other STEM subjects such as Maths and Technology.

Katie offered us a range of possible ways to enter the engineering field as she shared her past experiences at Chelmsford County High School for Girls and her experience at University Exeter. The only negative thing about the talk was that it didn't last longer!

She certainly inspired and encouraged us to follow in her footsteps



MARY-BETH KOGBE

Last Thursday, Mary-Beth, a student of CCHS just three years ago, gave a fascinating presentation on her experiences studying mechanical engineering at Warwick University to an eager audience of students. Mary-Beth brilliantly explained challenging engineering concepts in an accessible and engaging way.

Mary-Beth talked about the wide variety of projects she has been involved with great enthusiasm.

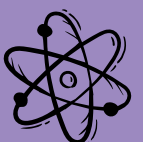


She explained her utilisation of 2nd order derivatives in her work in such a way that even the younger year 9 students in the audience could comprehend.

She discussed her use of the platform 'Abacus' to perform finite elements analysis on an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV drone) and the use of CAD in designing a trebuchet.

It was a fascinating talk which is sure to have inspired students to explore the area of mechanical engineering further.

$$E=m.c^2$$



Please be aware of your surroundings when dropping off and picking up students to and from school. The area directly outside of our school, in Broomfield Road, is a very busy thoroughfare and alighting from a vehicle which is not parked safely can be dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians alike.



ROAD SAFETY

CCHS uniform provider, Simmonds, has now rebranded to Monkhouse Schoolwear. You can shop at www.monkhouse.com for a fantastic online shopping experience and simple ordering. Our school shop remains open every Monday lunchtime and Wednesday morning.

For any enquiries or support, please contact web@monkhouse.com who will be more than happy to help.



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. 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 episode of The Connected Girl embraces the topic of 'navigating life online'. In this episode of The Connected Girl, host Trudy Hall invites Laura Tierney, the Founder and CEO of The Social Institute, to share proactive strategies for negotiating this tricky terrain. The Social Institute has designed a unique approach to help students navigate the possibilities of social media so that it can fuel wellness and future success, showcasing role models and leaning into character strengths such as empathy, integrity and teamwork to inspire students to make good choices with their social media use. She reminds us that we are—and need to be—critical partners with girls in this arena, keeping them connected to their real selves even as they stay connected to their smartphones. Link: Navigating Life Online with Laura Tierney - <https://girlsschools.org/advocacy/blog/2024/01/24/on-educating-girls-the-connected-girl-podcast-series/>



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- 3. How To Help Your Child Alleviate
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- 18th June @6:00pm
- 4. How To Get (& Keep) Your
Child Motivated**
- 2nd July @6:00pm



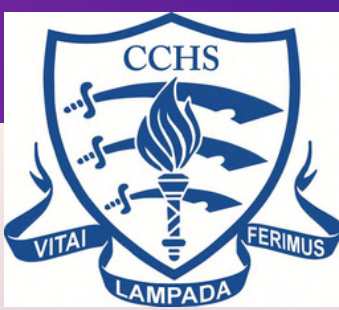
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Chelmsford County High School for Girls

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>

