



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

This week highlighted that change is something that walks with us constantly. Miss Harrison delivered the whole school assemblies across Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Given that our Year 13 students will soon be finishing their lessons to then commence their A level examinations, Miss Harrison focused her assemblies on exploring feedback from them about what advice they would provide to their younger selves. Miss Harrison used the feedback to weave a wonderful narrative of new experiences, growing up and tips for life, as these amazing young women prepare to leave school and start the next stage of their lives.

Yesterday, we welcomed hundreds of families to the campus for our (Year 7) Open Evening. As ever, it was a delight to speak to girls and their parents about life and opportunities here at CCHS, as they give thought to their next steps. Current students were, as always, superb ambassadors for their school, as they toured and supported families. As staff, these events provide an opportunity to reflect on another cohort of students who will eventually join the school, and as our current Year 13 students have done, make their mark, create their memories and contribute to the life story of CCHS.

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

My name is Mrs Hiett and I teach Chemistry at CCHS, as well as being one of the Year Leaders in the Sixth Form. I am currently responsible for Year 12 and am also working on a project based around the GCSE-A Level transition, which we know can be an exciting but also sometimes challenging time for students. More recently I have taken an interest in improving the way we support disadvantaged students and specifically our Young Carers.

Leading on these different projects has shown me how it is possible to make life better for a greater number of students in a leadership role. This has been very rewarding but also opened my eyes to the challenges that come with introducing and embedding whole school initiatives, as well as giving me an insight into some of the aspects of school leadership that as a classroom teacher or middle leader you are not always aware of. In order to learn more about leadership in schools, I decided to undertake a National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) qualification this year.

I decided to complete my NPQSL with the Saffron Teaching Schools Hub, based in Saffron Walden, who deliver the Teach First programme. I am currently approximately halfway through the 18-month programme which covers a range of areas including school culture, implementation, and professional development. It is delivered mostly online but supplemented with in person conferences, and sharing ideas with a group of colleagues from other schools at similar stages of their careers has been a valuable aspect of the programme. Some of the modules have been more familiar to me and are directly related to the work I currently do, whilst others have allowed me to learn about things that I have previously known little about, for example school governance and accountability, but each has been interesting and useful in its own way.

I hope completing the NPQSL will equip me with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to continue moving forward with my career and, more importantly, to most effectively use the skills and experience that I have for the benefit of our students.

Mrs E. Hiett
Sixth Form Year Leader and Teacher of Chemistry



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.

Srivarshini, (9S), won Gold for her singles badminton tournament at Herts U15 on 20th April.

Well done, Srivarshini!



Chloe, (10S), is appearing at the Chelmsford Studio Theatre all this week with Offspringers in their production of Dracula Spectacular.

Good Luck, Chloe!





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Huge congratulations to Aathirai, (8S), whose entry to the Lytham St Annes Classical Association 'Ancient Worlds' competition was Highly Commended. She scripted and presented an informative and engaging video on the Antikythera Shipwreck, and received praise from the esteemed judges, including Professor Michael Scott.

Well done, Aathirai!

Amelia, (7H), was successfully selected to be part of the National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain. This is her 3rd year in the Orchestra. She played violin as the Co-principle of the Orchestra in the Spring Concert.

Well done, Amelia!



Anna, (7S), has been offered a place on the Junior Trinity Main Programme for September 2024. Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance is a music and dance conservatoire based in Greenwich, London.

Congratulations, Anna!



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Jesvee, (7A), won a gold medal in the South East Martial Arts Championship 2024, competing in the black belt category.

Well done, Jesvee!



Lara in 10H has been awarded second prize at intermediate level in the national ISTD ballet awards 2024. This year she has been a Senior Associate at the English National Ballet, and has been accepted as a Senior Associate at the Royal Ballet School for next year. Having been offered a number of opportunities to train overseas (including Paris, San Francisco and Las Vegas), she is excited that she will be attending courses at the John Cranko Schule in Stuttgart and the School of American Ballet in New York this summer.

Congratulations, Lara!



Our Athlete of the Week is Ophelia, (9F), for her exceptional enthusiasm and team work on and off the hockey pitch in a recent tournament.

Well done, Ophelia!



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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Gam, (9G), for her Pop Art collage. Well done!

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



Year 11 Celebration Day		Friday 3rd May
House Cakes		Friday 3rd May
Year 13 Final Day		Wednesday 8th May
Year 8 Parents' Evening		Thursday 16th May

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On CCHS socials this week...

 **Chelmsford County High School for Girls**
7 h · 🌐

We mark the 117th anniversary of the foundation of CCHS with our Commemoration Assemblies today. Please follow the link below to view a short film about the school produced with Chelmsford Civic Society as part of their Heritage Open Days project.
<https://www.cchs.co.uk/about-us/history-of-cchs/>
<https://www.chelmsfordcivicsociety.co.uk/>



 **CCHS @CCHS4G** · 3d

We look forward to welcoming families to our (Year 7) Open Evening later this week.

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Summer Term Parent Support Series

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support your child's studies at home.*

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- 1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**
- 30th April @6:00pm
- 2. How You Can Help Improve Your
Child's Memory**
- 14th May @6:00pm
- 3. How To Help Your Child Alleviate
Stress**
- 18th June @6:00pm
- 4. How To Get (& Keep) Your
Child Motivated**
- 2nd July @6:00pm



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- Each voucher entitles you to a day wristband.
- Valid for the 2024 season.
- limited number available.
- Vouchers will be available to collect from the Finance office in week prior to Easter break.





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>

