



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Many congratulations and a big thank you to the Buggy Malone cast and crew, Miss Day (Show Director) and Mr Lamberti (Music Director). What a superb musical theatre experience you provided the school community with. With all the strengths of the cast, crew, performances, lighting, sound and hall layout, it was a fabulous production. Please see a collection of photos below from the show. And continuing with the arts, on Monday evening, the CCHS Symphony Orchestra and CCHS Saxophone Quartet performed at 'Vibrant Voices', a collaborative project between the young people of Essex, Chelmsford Theatre and Essex Music Service. It was a wonderful event, supported by school staff and families. The array of student musicians was tremendous.





CCHS Ethos

We amplify, and so fortify, our School vision and aims, as well as pursue links between subject disciplines, to cultivate core values, which direct and drive our work: **citizenship, distinction, challenge, duty, imagination, enlightenment and diversity**. This ethos forms our covenant with the CCHS community:

- Mission *A progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.*
- Vision *Developing the leaders of tomorrow – **citizenship**: inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others.*
- Aim *The pursuit of excellence – **distinction**: provide students with an outstanding education, with students doing their best in all endeavours.*
- Aim *Fulfilling individual potential – **challenge**: motivate students to acquire new knowledge & understanding and stimulate them to develop new skills & attributes.*
- Aim *Contributing to the community – **duty**: ensure students conduct themselves with civility and compassion at all times, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves.*
- *English, Sport and Arts subjects – **imagination**: enable students to explore new ideas and empathise with the thinking of others, without limitation or risk.*
- *Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences subjects – **enlightenment**: equip students with the insight and determination to embrace new ideas, technology and innovation, enabling them to contribute to the ever-changing natural and physical world around them.*
- *Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences subjects – **diversity**: provide students with the tools to respect and celebrate the great diversity of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs, within and beyond the School, whilst recognising that we have more in common than that which divides us.*



D e s i d e r a t a

G O P L A C I D L Y amid the noise

and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

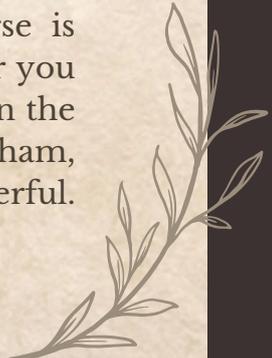
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann ©1927





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.

Following a month long process of elections and voting by the student youngsters in various local schools, Prethika, (12DNO), has been declared to be one of the Representatives for the Young Essex Assembly, for the Chelmsford area.

The voting results declaration event was held at the Essex County Council Chamber on 1st Feb 2025.



Congratulations to Imogen, 10F, who is the recipient of a National Operatic and Dramatic Association Award for Best Youth Performer (District 10). She received her award for playing the role of Queen Grimelza in Young Expressions' Production of Snow White.

Critics noted in their review of the production, "A special mention must go to Imogen as Queen Grimelza. Imogen is a phenomenal comedic actress, delivering deadpan humour with remarkable maturity. Her performance was reminiscent of icons like Jennifer Saunders, with unwavering stage presence and razor-sharp timing. She stayed in character throughout, captivating the audience with her professionalism".

Brilliant Imogen!

Theia, 11S, presents Girlguiding's GENE radio show every 1st Sunday of the month on Chelmsford Community Radio. During the February show, Commissioner Kate Jennings surprised Theia with a special thanks award for her dedication to promoting Guiding through her work at the radio station, at Braintree Rangers, and broadcasting from Essex International Jamboree.

Congratulations, Theia!



1st Sunday of every month 10am -12pm
on 104.4fm
Chelmsford Community Radio





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Theertha, (7S), has completed her grade exams for both ballet and bharatanatyam (classical Indian dance).

In ballet, she passed her Grade 2 with Merit from the Royal Academy of Dance, and in bharatanatyam, she passed her Grade 3 exam with Distinction from the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

Well done, Theertha!

V&A

A CCHS team have made it to the Pitch and Awards Day for the V & A Innovate Design Challenge.

This year we entered 4 teams and our 'Hear The Hand' Team have made the top 10 out of over 230 teams around England.

We are very excited to have made it to the final stage this year and hope we can bring home another trophy for the School.

Good luck to the team!

Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Ciara in Year 13 for her
cat sculpture made out of twists of newspaper
It's very effective we love it.

*Next week in PSHE – Tuesday 11th
February 2025 – Period 1.*

Year 7 – 7A,C,F – peer pressure, 7G,H,S – puberty lesson 2

*Year 8 – HPV Vaccine information or Unhelpful thoughts. (8F –
fire officer.)*

Year 9 – Sexual Health.

Year 10 – Revision skills with Mr Selby.

Year 11. – Mental Mindset.

Year 12 – Careers education with Dr Hiner.

Year 13 – Culture wars and cultural appropriation.

Dear CCHS Community,

RE: Update - arrival at and departure from school

We continue to engage with local residents (First Avenue, Corporation Road, Swiss Avenue, Westfield Avenue and Elms Drive) concerning their experiences during student arrival and departure periods.

Further to my communications on this matter last term and last month, I note below key points of information to support CCHS families:

- Chelmsford City Council provided the following about the use of Rectory Lane car park:

“Please be advised there is a standard five-minute grace period on all vehicles to allow the purchase of a pay and display ticket. Therefore, any vehicles that are in the car park for the purposes of dropping off and / or picking up should fall within that grace period.”

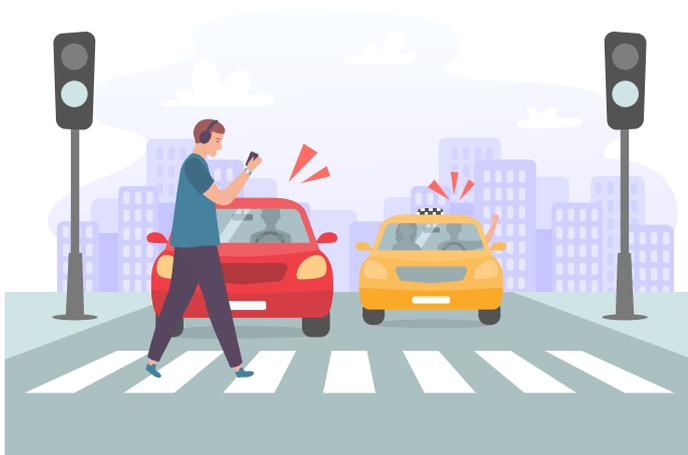
- As a result of the concerns raised by local residents regarding instances of inconsiderate and at times dangerous parking, South Essex Parking Partnership noted that their Parking Enforcement Team will be stepping up their patrols in the area.
- Our School Eco Committee is undertaking work, supported by the local authority, to explore how students travel to and from school, and how we could support both school families and the wider community with matters of travel, parking and congestion.
- Our Senior Leadership Team is working with local officials and local politicians on the matter of parking and congestion, and we have made suggestions to support this work, including the idea of creating a new entrance/exit point to the school site on the Chelmer Valley Road (east side of the campus).

Thank you, as ever, for your support in ensuring that we are mindful of local residents, as we work to keep people safe and relations cordial.

Yours faithfully,

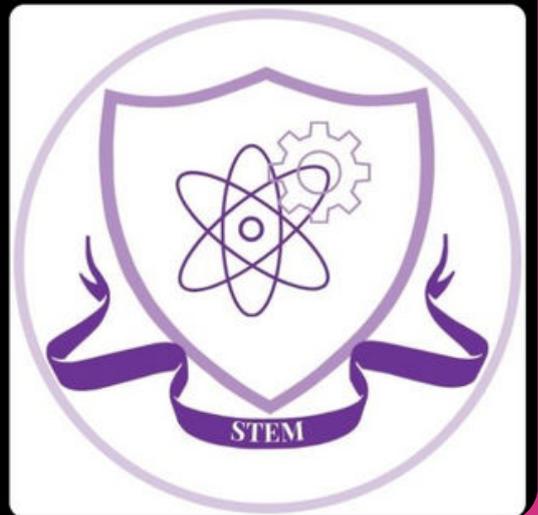
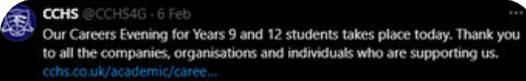
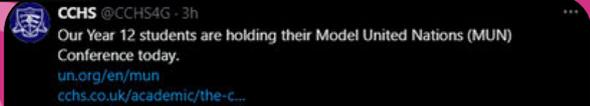
Mr Lawlor.

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



**ROAD
SAFETY**

On CCHS socials this week...





Elevate Education's Spring Term

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

11th March 6:00pm

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

25th March 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

PA DONUT SALE

14th February

Lunchtime

In the Main Hall



**Krispy Kreme Glazed
Doughnut**

Contains Gluten (wheat), egg and milk

&

Greggs Glazed Ring Doughnut

Vegan Friendly

Limited number available



Price £1.50

cash and card accepted



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>

