



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Last Friday, we marked International Women's Day with a new activity suggested and run by our team of Senior Prefects. The team co-ordinated activities on that afternoon for Year 7 students, following on from their excellent whole school assemblies at the start of the term. Drawing attention to the importance and power of being part of a girls' school community, our senior students demonstrated great initiative and wonderful leadership with this new enterprise. This work has now become part of our wider change@cchs initiative.

This week saw the return of CHAOS (County High Acting Outrageously Society) to the school, with the staff panto. It was tremendous to see the return of this school tradition, with two sold-out performances. A huge thanks to Mrs Gulliver and Mr Warner and all the staff who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes. A big thank you to the students who came to enjoy the performances, making sure the Hall was filled with laughter and applause. And many thanks, as ever, to the wonderful CCHS Parents' Association for again supporting a major school event – as they will do today, with the Spring Disco.





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

GO PLACIDLY 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.

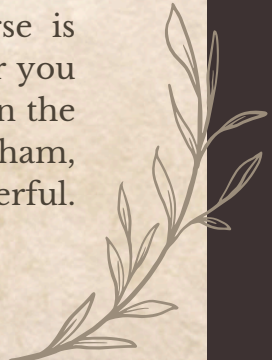
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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



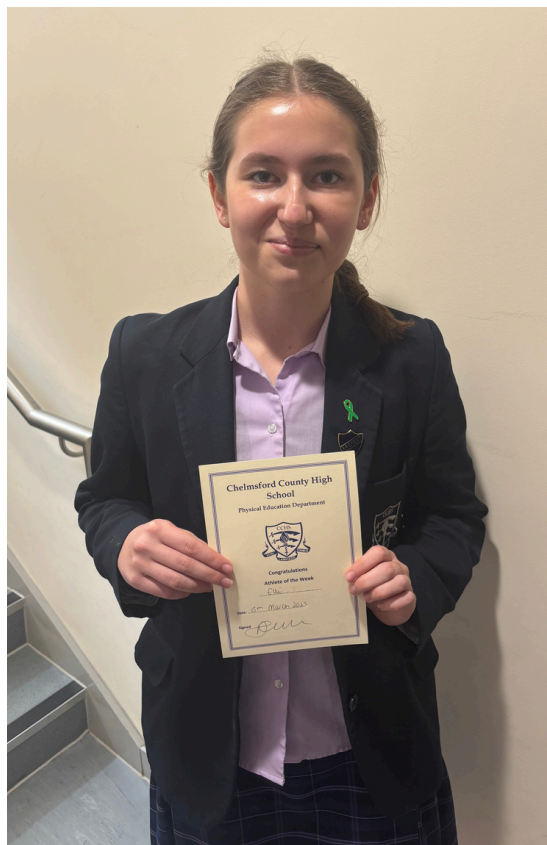
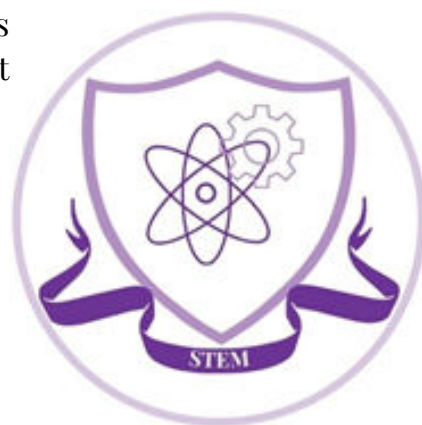


Student Achievements

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.

We are thrilled that five CCHS students have been selected as Arkwright Scholars, as part of the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarships programme.

Arkwright Engineering Scholarships



Our Athlete of the Week is Ellie, 10C, for her incredible resilience during a recent MESSA netball match.

She was a real asset to the team and it was fantastic to see her confidence grow throughout the game.

Well done, Ellie!



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- Emily, in Year 12, for her mini room, inspired by her Grans house, which brings warmth and cosiness.

*Next week in PSHE – Wednesday 19th
March 2025 – Period 1.*

Year 7 – TA2 discussions

Year 8 – TA2 discussions

Year 9 – TA2 discussions

Year 10 – TA2 discussions

Year 11 – TA2 discussions

Year 12 – TA2 discussions

Year 13 – TA2 discussions

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.

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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.



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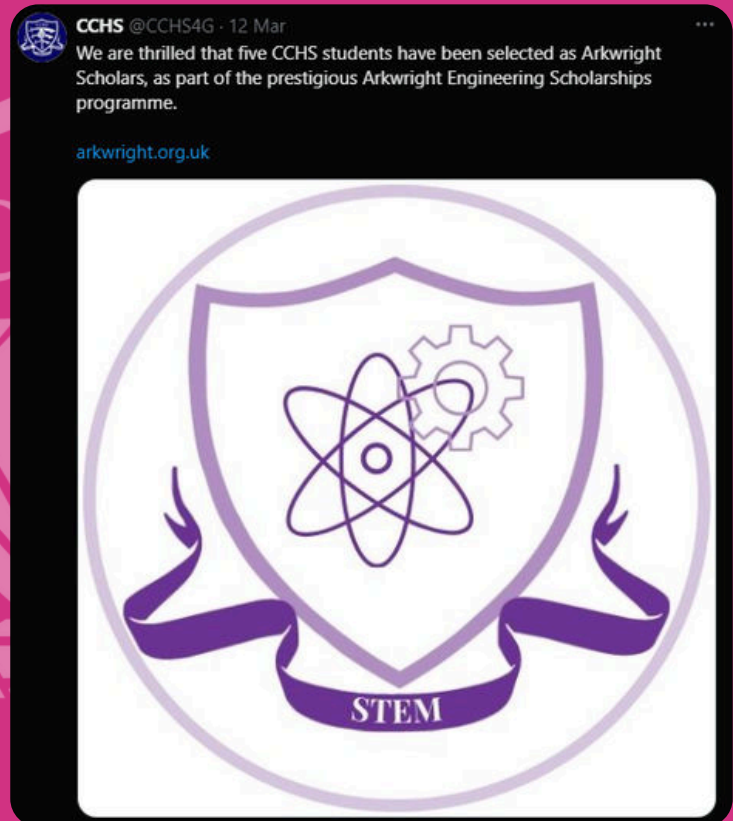
To celebrate last week's World Book Day, the English Department held the annual Cover Design Competition. Students are invited to design an original cover for their favourite book using a medium of their choice.

This week, the winning entries were announced and are currently on display in the Anstee Foyer; Best Design, Best Use of Colour, and Best Digital Design are amongst the categories. Thank you to all who submitted so many fantastic designs, and congratulations to the winners!

Miss Kersey.



On CCHS socials this week...



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[facebook.com/cchsessex](https://www.facebook.com/cchsessex)



[youtube.com/@chelmsfordcountyhighschool2697](https://www.youtube.com/@chelmsfordcountyhighschool2697)



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 Support Your Child During Exams

25th March 6:00pm

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



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IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT

UK Concussion Guidelines for Non-Elite (Grassroots) Sport

Participants in grassroots sports will be better protected from the potentially devastating effects of head injuries and concussion thanks to new official guidelines advising: *'if in doubt, sit them out'*.

The Government and the Sport and Recreation Alliance today publishes the first UK-wide Concussion Guidelines for Grassroots Sport which will help players, coaches, parents, schools, National Governing Bodies and sports administrators to identify, manage and prevent the issue.

[The UK Concussion Guidelines for Non-Elite \(Grassroots\) Sport can be viewed here.](#)

The guidelines, developed by an expert panel of domestic and international clinicians and academics in neurology and sports medicine, sets out steps to improve understanding and awareness of the prevention and treatment of concussion in grassroots sport where trained medical professionals are less likely to be routinely present. It is targeted at people of all ages.

'If in doubt, sit them out' is the strapline, making clear no-one should return to sport within 24 hours of a suspected concussion and builds on guidance already introduced in Scotland.

Players, parents, coaches, teachers and administrators are now asked to read the guidance and familiarise themselves with the necessary steps to:

- **RECOGNISE** the signs of concussion;
- **REMOVE** anyone suspected of being concussed immediately and;
- **RETURN** safely to daily activity, education/work and, ultimately, sport.

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- 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.

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>

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.

