



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

There has rightly been a good deal of commentary in the media recently regarding the five year anniversary of the pandemic and the first lockdown. The lasting consequences for far too many young people across the country are disturbing indeed: continuing absences from their schools, mental ill-health, behavioural issues, and lost learning.

At CCHS, we are pursuing the third version of our Achievement Strategy this academic year, as we continue to work with students and families, providing support and new approaches with a shared determination to help students to do their very best. Our strategy incorporates both pastoral and academic actions for each year group. I note the link to it below, which you can find in the Parents' Portal section of the school website:

[Achievement Strategy – Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)

I also include a link below to information about the importance of school attendance – again hosted in the Parents' Portal section – which is central to our Achievement Strategy work:

[The Importance of Attendance – Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)

This will be our final weekly bulletin of the Spring Term. Next week, we will publish the Newsletter, which will provide updates about life in our school, and the work and achievements of students and staff.

Thank you to CCHS families for your support and encouragement of our work with your daughters this term, which is always appreciated by us.



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.*



Desiderata

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.

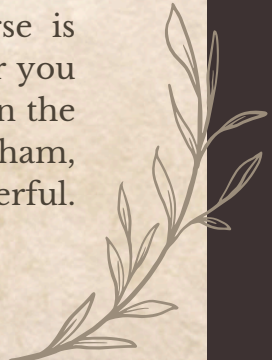
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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

Well done to Kate, in 10G, who sang on Saturday as the Soprano soloist in Mozart's Coronation Mass at St. Thomas' Church, with Brentwood and Ingatestone Choral Societies and Brentwood Philharmonic Orchestra.

Kate sang for half an hour to an awed audience demonstrating exceptional talent and professionalism beyond her years.

Watch Kate's performance [here](#)



CCHS Athlete of the Week



Our athlete of the week is Imogen, 8H, for her outstanding play at East State School Hockey Festival.

She captained her side to second place with great teamwork and determination.

Well done, Imogen!



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.

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I began my fundraising journey in 2023, driven by the desire to combine a sport I love with the noble cause of cancer research. Although I initially felt nervous, the experience was incredible and filled me with pride, knowing that my small contribution could support the vital work being done to cure this devastating disease.

Despite the physical challenges of 2024, my determination kept me committed to my fundraising efforts. 2025 is a year that I anticipate will be challenging, as my focus will shift to my GCSEs. However, cancer doesn't wait or take breaks; it continues to affect families, which is why I need to continue using my love for swimming to fundraise.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in my past fundraising efforts. Your generous donations inspired me, and it means so much to have you all as part of this incredible partnership.

If you share my passion for making a difference, I invite you to donate to my [page](#). Together, we can combat cancer—one battle at a time.

Camilla will be swimming 5k at Sapphire Ice And Leisure - 24 Western Road Romford 29 Mar 2025 at 17.30.

Very well done, Camilla!



Sadhana,(9F), participated in the Indian Carnatic Music Vocal category at the Watford Music Festival on 8th March, in which she came 3rd.

Congratulations, Sadhana!

Harriet, (11G), Chloe, (10G), Katie, (11A), and Sophie, (11C), played in the East League tier 2 finals on Sunday at Lee Valley Hockey Centre for Chelmsford Hockey Club.

The team won all five of their matches and so were crowned Champions of the East region.

Congratulations!



Artist of the week



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Alisha in 7F, for her cultural research on Japan.
So sophisticated, well done!

Team Mathematics Challenge Regional Finals

The CCHS team came third in the regional finals for the Team Maths Challenge yesterday. Due to the pandemic and a shortage of UK Maths Trust volunteers, this is the first time the Team Maths Challenge has run since the pandemic. The Team Maths Challenge is a prestigious competition designed to test the problem-solving abilities, teamwork and mathematical dexterity of the best and brightest pupils.

Congratulations to Elizabeth, Emily, Izzy and Tanmayi, whose excellent performance throughout the competition secured third place. The winners were Haberdashers' Boys' School from Hertfordshire. Our team was in the lead in the first three of four rounds, scoring 60/60 in the Shuttle Round, 55/56 in the Crossnumber and 57/60 in the Group Round. The students were each awarded a geometric puzzle as their prize for 3rd place. Well done to them for this outstanding achievement!



UK Maths Trust



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Cambridge Schools Debate Competition

The CCHS Debate Team were invited to the first round of the Cambridge Schools Debate Competition on Saturday 8th March 2025. The team came first in two of their four rounds.

Very well done and congratulations to Eva, 11S, Naisha, 11S, Prethika, 12DNO and Riya, 12PKU.



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.



**ROAD
SAFETY**

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)



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3rd April

Lunchtime

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Doughnuts

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Greggs Glazed

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Doughnuts

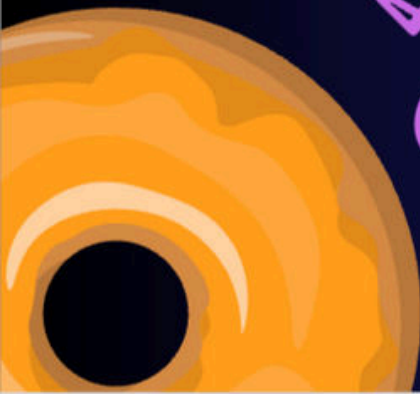
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April

Lunchtime

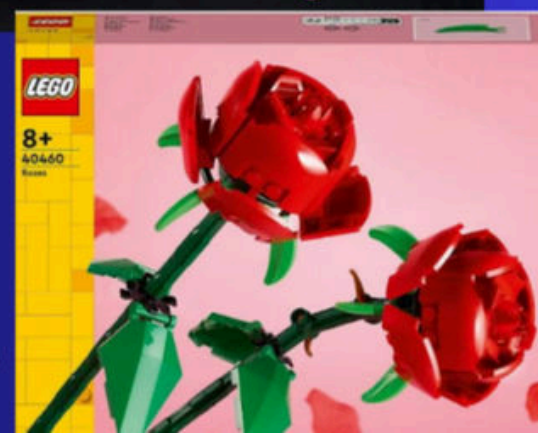
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Chelmsford County High School for Girls

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.

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.

