

## Press Release

Chelmsford County High School for Girls is delighted to be organising and hosting the 2025 ICGS (International Coalition of Girls' Schools) Student Leadership Symposium, which will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for Year 12 students from girls' schools across the UK and beyond.



### Bringing Girls' Schools Together on the Global Stage: Student Leadership Symposium in London

Planning a school trip to the United Kingdom next fall? Consider making the UK Student Leadership Symposium part of the experience. Held on October 17, this one-day event invites students from ICGS member schools to join their peers from the UK for a powerful day of leadership development. Students will hear from inspiring keynote speakers, participate in interactive workshops, collaborate with British students, and grow their global network—all in one unforgettable day. Questions? Contact Sharon Cromie at [scromie@girlsschools.org](mailto:scromie@girlsschools.org).

## Student Leadership Symposium

October 17 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm BST

ICGS Member Schools registered for the [Educating Girls Symposium](#) at South Hampstead High School GDST will receive priority access to the ICGS Student Leadership Symposium, a one-day event on 17 October 2025.

This student-led event at Chelmsford County High School for Girls will gather 200 Year 12 students to explore leadership, debate, citizenship, and student agency. Don't miss this chance to enhance your professional practice *and* support student leadership development!

Working with our colleagues at ICGS and teachers at fellow girls' schools, we look forward to another symposium distinguished by being hosted in a girls' school, with the programme devised by students from several girls' schools, with all the keynote speakers and workshop facilitators being girls' school alumnae. The feedback from last year's inaugural symposium was a testament to the power of girls' schools working together to support and inspire their students and staff:

*I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for the remarkable Student Leadership Symposium held on Friday, October 11 2024. As Sharon shared with our entire ICGS team, the event was flawlessly organized and truly inspiring – a testament to the dedication of your school community. She said that the nearly 200 students in attendance were engaged from the very start and left feeling motivated and empowered, thanks to your superb work. Sharon spoke highly of the incredible interactions she had with both staff and students, showcasing Chelmsford County High School's commitment to excellence and the importance of girls' education. It was heartening to know that the students were so actively involved throughout the day. The lineup of speakers and the diversity of topics covered must have been fantastic. I loved hearing about the workshops that allowed students to delve deeper into their interests, fostering rich discussions and insightful questions for the keynote speakers. On behalf of ICGS, please accept my heartfelt thanks and admiration. As we embrace the theme, "The Future is Female: and we rise by lifting each other up," it's inspiring to see the support and encouragement fostered throughout the event. You've set the bar high! Thank you once again. Please extend my personal appreciation to everyone at Chelmsford County High School for making the day so special.*

**Megan K. Murphy | Global Executive Director, ICGS**

*Please accept my most sincere thanks and appreciation for an excellent Student Leadership Symposium on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The day was superbly organised, inspiring and a credit to your wonderful school. The almost 200 students in attendance were fully engaged from the onset and loved the day. Every member of Chelmsford County High School staff and students I interacted with throughout the day were superb ambassadors for Chelmsford County High School and for girls' education globally. It was truly wonderful hearing from a range of speakers on a very diverse range of topics and then having this followed up by a choice of two workshops for each student delegate. In summary, every aspect of the day was simply wonderful. On behalf of ICGS, please accept our thanks and admiration.*

**Sharon Cromie | UK Regional Director, ICGS**

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For more information or images, contact Mrs Rachel Packer on 01245 245729 / [rpacker@cchs.co.uk](mailto:rpacker@cchs.co.uk)

**Notes to editor:**

**About Chelmsford County High School for Girls**

Chelmsford County High School (CCHS) is a proud girls' school community. CCHS was formally opened on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1907, with 76 inspiring students on roll, to provide girls with an academic education. By 2025, there are 1,236 extraordinary girls and young women, representing cultures and traditions from the world over, who are part of our progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.

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**About the International Coalition of Girls' Schools**

Educating and empowering students worldwide, the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) is the leading advocate for girls' schools. Gender equity and equality is an urgent, enduring, and global imperative, which demands that girls' schools continue to forge educational spaces where the learning and healthy development of girls is prioritized. Girls' schools are also intentional places of inclusion and belonging, where students discover who they are and how they want to go forward in the world. Girls' schools have long been vital leaders for social and gender equity and equality, and they will long continue to be. [ICGS – The International Coalition of Girls' Schools is the leading advocate for girls' education worldwide.](#)