



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We celebrated the many academic, leadership and wider achievements of students at our Senior Speech Day, held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday. This was an important opportunity to mark the successes of last year's Year 11 students (now in Year 12) and last year's Year 13 students (now at university, working on a degree apprenticeship, taking a gap year or pursuing other adventures).

As ever, this school tradition allowed us to bring together staff, trustees, students, alumnae, families and guests in a moment of community celebration. We were delighted that CCHS alumna, Sian Cleaver, was our special guest, presenting awards and prizes to students, and delivering an inspirational address. Sian left CCHS in 2008 and studied Physics and Astronomy at university. A former board member of WISE (Women in Science and Engineering), she currently works for Airbus, designing satellites and vehicles for space exploration. Sian has appeared on Blue Peter to showcase the Airbus Mars Rover and is passionate about widening understanding of and participation in science.

We are most grateful to Sian for supporting this year's Senior Speech Day, and indeed for being one of the patrons of the CCHS Institute, which we established four years ago, enabling us to host numerous academic enrichment opportunities, including lectures, seminars and essay competitions.

The CCHS Institute – Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Many congratulations to all our students and thank you to them and their families for allowing us to celebrate as a community the wealth of prizes and awards rightly achieved by another cohort of remarkable young women.



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.

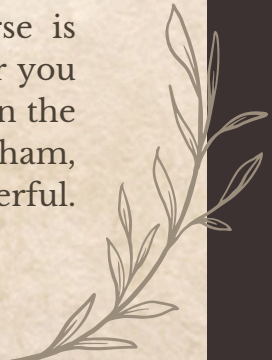
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has supported me on my fundraising journey for this important cause, which is Cancer Research, over the past years and hopefully, in the years to come. I hope that together we can continue to fight against cancer—one battle at a time.

My fundraising page will be active until May 2nd.
Thank you for your support!

Camilla, 11F.

<https://www.givengain.com/project/camilla-cassinda-raising-funds-for-swimathon-foundation>



On 30th March, Ayah, 10C, took part in the East Essex Tri Club Aquathlon in Basildon, finishing 2nd in her age group!

Congratulations, Ayah!



CCHS Athlete of the Week

Our Athlete of the Week is Harriet, (11G), for her outstanding performance in a recent U16 Cricket match versus Felsted School.

She captained her team to victory and led by example scoring 63 runs, which is very impressive.

Well done, Harriet!



Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK-
Vivian for her beautiful pencil drawing!

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**

This week in RTP

YEAR GROUP	FRIDAY 2 nd MAY				PERIOD 2	
	A	C	F	G	H	S
7	Healthy Eating			Personal Hygiene	Healthy Eating	
8	Unhelpful Thoughts				Fire Officer Visitor	Worries and Stress Relief
9	Parenting & Marriage					
10	Samaritans Visitor	LGBTQ Issues				
11	Yr11 Events with HOY and Form Tutors					
12	Yr 12 Internal Examinations					
13	Lesson 11 - Festivals and Clubbing and Alcohol Spiking					



Elevate Education's Summer 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.

Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)

6th May 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

20th May 6:00pm (BST)

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

17th June 6:00pm (BST)

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

1st July 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success

15th July 6:00pm (BST)

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

CCHS News this week...

PRESS RELEASE – CHELMSFORD SCHOOL ACHIEVES PIONEERING MENTAL HEALTH AWARD

Posted: 23rd April 2025

Chelmsford County High School for Girls was awarded a Gold standard for its outstanding mental health and wellbeing provision. "Excelling" in all eight of the competency areas. CCHS provides a wide range of activities to boost the wellbeing of students.

[PRESS-RELEASE-CCHS-achieves-the-School-Mental-Health-Gold-Award-April-2025.pdf](#)



PRESS RELEASE – ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD

Posted: 24th April 2025

We are delighted that Arts Council England has reaccredited our school, for a third time, with the Artsmark Gold Award.

This notable award demonstrates our commitment to arts, culture and creativity in education, with Arts Council England indicating that our Artsmark Gold Award recognises the "exceptional commitment to creativity" that exists at CCHS.

[PRESS-RELEASE-CCHS-secures-the-Artsmark-Gold-Award-from-Arts-Council-England-April-2025-1.pdf](#)



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

SENIOR SPEECH DAY

Posted: 24th April 2025

We were delighted to hold our Speech Day yesterday evening at Chelmsford Cathedral, celebrating the work and achievements of our senior students. Thank you to dignitaries, staff, trustees, the Parents' Association, students, alumnae and their families for making this, as ever, a memorable event for our school community. Particular thanks to CCHS Alumna, Sian Cleaver, who was our special guest, and who delivered an inspirational speech.

Alumnae – Chelmsford County High School for Girls

The CCHS Institute – Chelmsford County High School for Girls



PRESS RELEASE – ICGS STUDENT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM, APRIL 2025

25th April 2025

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 17th October 2025 for Year 12 students from girls' schools across the UK and beyond. <https://www.cchs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/PRESS-RELEASE-Chelmsford-County-High-School-for-Girls-to-host-the-ICGS-Student-Leadership-Symposium-April-2025.pdf>



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.

