



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We held our Commemoration Assemblies yesterday. I note below my remarks delivered during these assemblies, as we gathered to mark the foundation of CCHS.

Today, we commemorate the 118th anniversary of the foundation of CCHS.

We gather this morning to share readings and reflections, to enjoy music, and be thankful that this school was opened in 1907.

This moment of commemoration is an opportunity to be thankful for many things, including for the gift of education. We know there are far too many children around the world who do not have a school to attend, who are not allowed to attend school, or who cannot attend school due to political unrest, wars, conflicts or natural disasters.

UNESCO – the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation – provides startling figures to evidence this.

Indeed, new UNESCO data shows that the number of children globally who do not have a school has risen by 6 million since 2021 and now totals 250 million. Globally, 16% of children cannot attend a school. At primary level, 1 out of 10 children worldwide are not in school. 48% of children who are out of education – which is 122 million children – are girls and young women.

This reality shines a light on schools, like CCHS, which prioritise education and opportunities for girls and young women. As a member of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, we are one of over 550 schools, across 20 countries, representing over 350,000 girls and young women.

Later today, we will be holding our Open Evening. This is an important and exciting opportunity for primary pupils and their families to visit our school, as we get ready to welcome more students to our school, enabling them to become part of the CCHS community.

As we reflect on past generations, the students and staff, who made their contribution to the life and development of our school, we are thankful for all they did for CCHS, and we are thankful for all that you do now, as students and staff.



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.

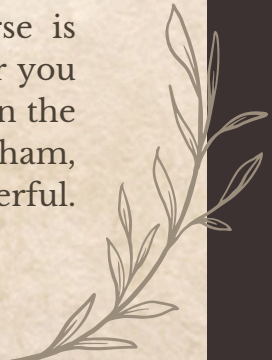
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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

Millie, Hannah and Luna are part of the Brookshaw Stuart Netball Club that won the Year 8 Division 1 Chelmsford & District Netball league this Sunday (April 27th). The girls have played excellently all season and this is a very deserved win against some excellent opponents.

The girls are now double champions having won the Colchester League last night! This is especially exciting as the Colchester league is Year 9.

Congratulations!



Over the Easter weekend, Amelia, 8H, was a principal/leader in the National Children's Orchestra (NCO) U13 Spring Concert at the Beacon Hall.

Additionally, she recently competed in the Rotary Music Competition for Central and East of England and was awarded runner-up in the 12-17 age category, which included participants across all instruments.

Well done, Amelia!



Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK-
Meera, Year 11, for her brilliant painting. Well done!

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 9 th MAY				PERIOD 3	
	A	C	F	G	H	S
7	Personal Hygiene			Importance of Sleep	Personal Hygiene	
8	Worries and Stress Relief					Fire Officer Visit.
9	Family Roles and Parenting					
10	LGBTQ Issues	Samaritans Visit	Invisible Discrimination			
11	EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS.					
12	WizeUp Financial Education - Budgeting & Earning Money					
13	Yr13 Events with HOY and Form Tutors.					

Donate a book to the library

We are always adding new books to the library, many of which are suggested by the students themselves.

As studies show, reading for pleasure is hugely beneficial for exam success and for mental health, and we support this by stocking the library with books that the students are excited to read.

If you would like to donate a book to the library please have a look on our Amazon Wish List by clicking [HERE](#)

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Thank you very much
The Library Staff

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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...

COMMEMORATION

Posted: 1st May 2025

We mark the 118th anniversary of the foundation of CCHS with our Commemoration Assemblies today. The link below takes you to a film about the school, produced with Chelmsford Civic Society as part of their Heritage Open Days project.

[History of CCHS - Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)



OPEN EVENING (YEAR 7)

Posted: 28th April 2025

We look forward to welcoming families to our (Year 7) Open Evening later this week.

[Admissions - Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)

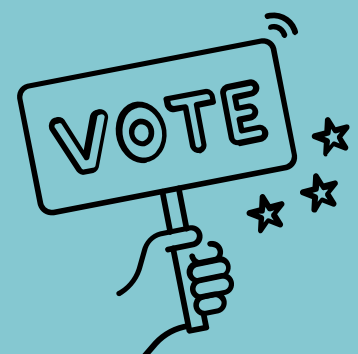


Good news! Mr Goodier has made the shortlist of the SheCanCode STEM educators of the year awards! He has been nominated for his outstanding work with our exceptional STEM students. The awards have now opened to a public vote, please support Mr Goodier in the Educator of the Year category by using the following link:

[STEM Educator Awards Shortlist 2025 - SheCanCode](#)

Please also vote for the Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society in the not-for-profits in STEM education who have generously supported so many of our students with STEM clubs and initiatives.

Voting closes on 9th May!





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.

