



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

This week another incredible cohort of Year 13 students had their final lessons, attended their farewell evening event on Thursday, with their families and school staff, and had their final assembly this morning. This assembly, in particular, is a very moving event for all involved, with students being presented with their leavers' cards, singing the school hymn and then as they leave, other students and all staff standing to rightly applauded them, seeing them out to begin their final A-level public examination preparations. I note below the words from the Year 13 student leavers' cards, which speak warmly and powerfully of our sense of school community:

Remember this place and what it stands for. Remember these buildings which have seen you grow into adults, which have resonated with your laughter and been stilled by the silence of your study; with the passing of time they have seen you change. Remember this school, which has cherished you as members of its family; it has known you and will not forget you. Remember the friends you have made, the joy and happiness you have shared with them. Remember us, with whom you have spent this precious time. Keep us in your hearts as we keep you in ours, and wherever you are, whatever you do and for as long as you live, remember that you will always be a part of this school. And when you are old remember this place, for here, in your memories, you will be forever young.

We send our collective best wishes to all Year 13 students and all Year 11 students with their public examinations over the coming weeks.



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.

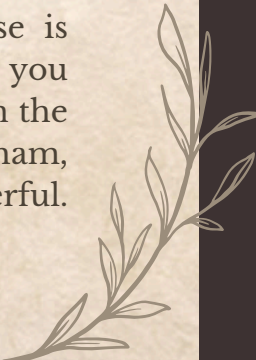
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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

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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.

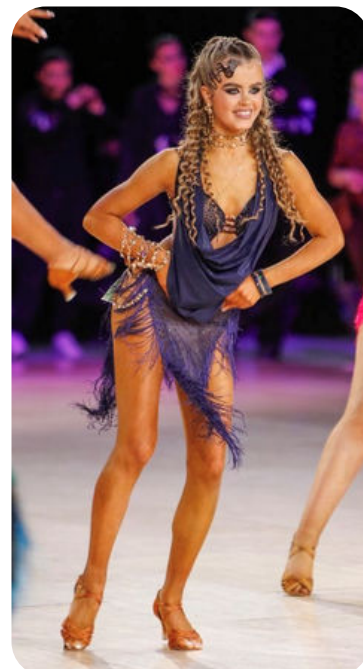
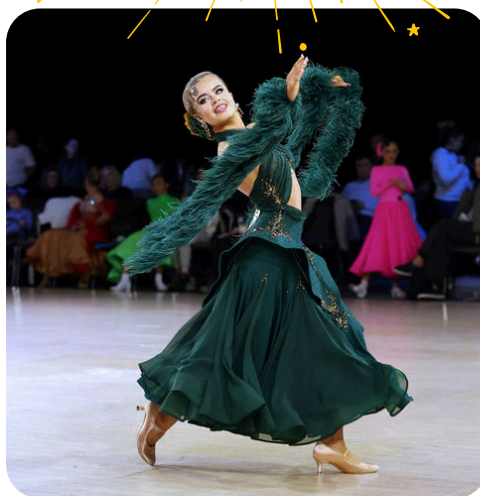
Ríona, 9A, is off to a wonderful start in 2025, in January she won her first major International title in ballroom, the UK Open.

Fast forward a few months, where she spent Easter in Blackpool, competing in two events (held over 4 days); the European Championships and the British Open championships, both of which are open to the world. She is climbing up the ranks in Latin, now placing at 9th in rankings, but it was in Ballroom where she continues to excel.

European Vice Champion U16 Solo Ballroom
British Open Champion U16 Solo Ballroom

Well done, Ríona!

Congratulations!

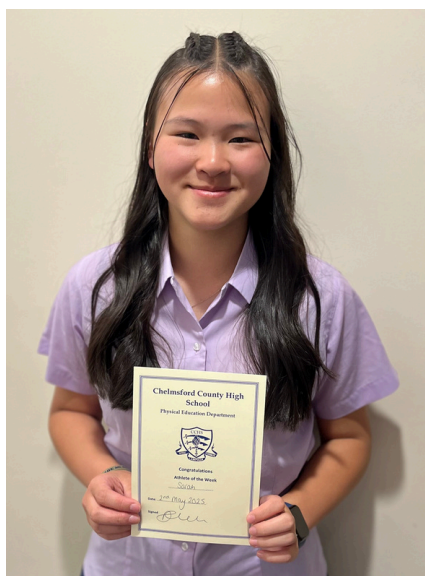


CCHS Athlete of the Week



Our Athlete of the Week is Sarah, 11A, for her outstanding contribution to the PE Department whilst being in Year 11 and always giving up her time to help younger students in various sports.

Well done, Sarah!



Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK-
Ciara, Year 13, for her very quirky table.
We love the creativity. 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 16 TH MAY				PERIOD 4	
	A	C	F	G	H	S
7	Importance of Sleep			Fire Officer Visitor	Importance of Sleep	
8	Careers Lesson 1 with Dr Hiner					
9	Long Term Commitments					
10	Invisible Discrimination		Samaritans Visitor	Blood and Stem Cell Donations 1		
12	UCAS Preparation Time.					

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](#)

Please choose to have the book delivered directly to the library using the address on the checkout page.

Thank you very much
The Library Staff

CCHS News this week...

BIG VOICE LONDON MOOTING COMPETITION 2025

Posted: 9th May 2025

Many congratulations to Devanshi (Year 12), who has won the Big Voice London Mooting Competition 2025, in association with the UK Supreme Court.

The CCHS Institute - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



VE DAY 80

Posted: 8th May 2025

We are marking the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with a special whole school assembly this morning, with thanks to Miss Hunt and our History Prefects.

VE Day 80 - Join the party in a shared moment of celebration!

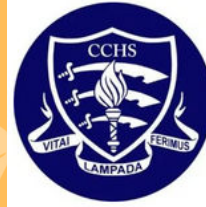


YEAR 13 ASSEMBLY

Posted: 9th May 2025

We are holding our final assembly with Year 13 students today, as we thank them for all that they have contributed to the school community over the years and wish them all the very best with their A-level examinations. Vital Lampada Ferimus.

Alumnae - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



I won the Big Voice London Mooting Competition 2025 in association with the UK Supreme Court. The final round was held within the UK Supreme Court and judged by the RT Lord Justice Stephens. I had been participating in knock-out rounds since February. In these rounds, we were given complex legal cases - "moot" problems - and I (alongside one allocated mentor, a university student) would "represent" my hypothetical client as Counsel for the Respondents/Appellants.

Each round included reading and analysing around one hundred pages of real judgements and creating "bundles" and "skeleton arguments" - mooting terms for legal resources that demonstrate your argument. These are submitted to the judge in advance of the round. I proceeded through every one of the seven knock-out rounds because I scored highly on both written and oral submissions and therefore made it to the Final. Our team's bundle for the Final came to 124 pages of legal analysis and judgement.

The hardest part of this competition was judicial intervention - my favourite part. During your oral submissions as to why your side is legally "correct", the judge can interrupt with queries or theoretical scenarios that you must answer to immediately, respectfully, and often off-the-cuff. This meant you had to know your case inside out, which I loved.

In the Final, I had to deliver a continuous 10-minute submission before Lord Justice Stephens and tackle particularly gruelling questions. This is because the case for the Final was highly dense in terms of legal analysis. It concerned whether a volunteer referee stepping temporarily into a youth community football game, in lieu of a qualified referee, owed the same standard of care to the child players as a qualified referee would, in the case that a child injured themselves. Lord Stephens' interventions were therefore challenging, especially due to his wealth of legal knowledge and experience, and I enjoyed responding to them.

Devanshi, 12DNO

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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.



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.

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>



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.

