



CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Ways in which our alumnae feel that their education in a girls' school has been important to them

“Allowed me to come out of my shell, build my confidence and flourish in a way that I do not think I would have done in a large comprehensive.”

“It taught us to be women who raise up other women.”

“We could concentrate on our education and support each other...we could really be ourselves.”

“I was always made to feel anything was possible if you worked hard enough - gender didn't come into it.”

“I never questioned or doubted what girls should/shouldn't do in terms of subjects we study or careers we pursue. The answer was always, of course we should!”

“It taught me to be strong and independent.”

“I think that we were able to focus on our education as girls and women together was valuable.”

“The education that I had was a great foundation for further education and training in my career.”



CCHS @ CHELMSFORD
120 YEARS

CCHS @ UNIVERSITY
110 YEARS

“It instilled a lifelong feminism...‘of course I can achieve anything I want to’.”

“We were made to feel that nothing was beyond us and that we could achieve anything, no boundaries applied!”

“I felt like a girls' school education instilled in me the belief that all opportunities were open to me...It gave me chance to truly be myself, focus on studies and make honest friends.”

“CCHS grounded me in feminism and belief in the power and strength of women. I am enormously grateful for the chance to learn and grow in an environment when gender wasn't relevant.”

“I believe I benefited by being educated with like minded women. We strove for success and this has continued into my adult life. We were given greater life outcomes I believe from the way we were educated.”

“I was better able to focus on learning and become a confident, independent woman, with good life choices. I also made some lifelong friendships.”

“It has helped shape my identity as a woman, and helped me recognise how important building a future where women are given the same opportunities as men is.”

“Being in a girls' school taught me I could achieve whatever I aimed for, be whoever I wanted...It gave me the courage to excel.”

“I think that confidence I have in myself and what I say is in part due to having gone to a girls' school. I think that the school environment was one which uplifted members of our community and encouraged growth in a safe space.”

“Attending a girls' school allowed me space to work out who I was and to have the confidence to be me.”