

## CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

"What did you enjoy about your time at school?"

"The opportunity to participate in lots of different music - orchestra and wind band."

"I have very happy memories of particular teachers, who were very enthusiastic about their subject matter - subjects which have stayed with me through my career."

"Making the close friends I still have 30 years later! Performances, house competitions, the feeling of safety and sisterhood from being in an all girls environment."

"The academic opportunities as well as the extra curricular things like music and sport."

"The teaching was exceptional and I always took something away from my classes. It was an exceptional school with extra curricular activities for all including sport, music, dance, debating, science [and] languages."

"The amazing trips...Picnics on the field with my friends...Feeling so comfortable and at home in the Art rooms during my A Level years, and the bizarre house events (house decorated classroom, house karaoke, house pancakes, etc.)"

"I enjoyed an environment where learning was encouraged, where academic excellence was encouraged, but where we were also encouraged to see and engage with a broader 'curriculum' - faith, music, drama, public speaking, helping others, etc."

"The close friendships that were formed...The academic opportunities that we had access to."

"Whilst I enjoyed the academic side of things, the extracurriculars really stand out. The opportunities to go on exceptional trips...but also the clubs and the discussions they led to. The dance show will also always have a special place in my heart."

"The friends I made, some of whom I'm still friends with now...and the sixth form performance each year was great fun."

"The discipline and order, the quality of the teaching and the sense of pride and respect it instilled."

"Art, music, making the best friends I'll ever have."

"The house events! I was a house official in Year 12-13 and loved how many fun, leadership opportunities were available within the school from a young age. We were encouraged to embrace creativity, and sporting excellence alongside our education and to pursue the activities that we loved."





"Being encouraged to be the best version of myself."

"I loved the teaching staff, they were able to be more relaxed around us and demonstrate their personality. I enjoyed all the fun house events like house karaoke and decorated classroom...It was great to be trusted and have independence. The Sixth Form review was always the best. Getting to portray one of my favourite teachers was a dream realised and a week of school fame."

"Learning Latin! I still have my homemade grammar book."

"I loved everything about CCHS! The love of learning, the friendship and camaraderie, the house competitions. It was the perfect school experience."

"Spending time with my friends, playing in orchestras, having fantastic teachers."

"The feel of being part of a family, fiercely competitive in sports and house events, but all there for each other when the going got tough. The mutual respect between the girls and the staff (there would have to be, for things like CHAOS to be possible!)."

"Friendships formed, all females with a similar drive and intelligence...we felt safe, trusted and looked after."

"Great friendships, the fun house competitions - like the Christmas classroom decoration competition, Christmas Fayre, Sixth Form entertainment. The opportunity for extra curricular activities...Great teachers, who inspired a lifelong love of learning."

"Camaraderie; being intellectually stimulated by teachers who spoke to us like peers not subordinates."

"The sense of community and focus on empowering the women of the future."

"I realise now how much I learned, and the high standard of the teaching I received."