



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

### *MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR*

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We recently held a memorial service on campus for an extraordinary former colleague, Mrs Hickman, who passed away over the summer. Mrs Hickman worked at CCHS for nearly 40 years, retiring in 2004. She taught Geography, led the Geography Department and the wider Humanities Faculty, and supported countless school trips and activities over these many years. Former colleagues, students, friends and family gathered last week to remember her, with readings, music and memories shared. We then dedicated the Main Hall to Mrs Hickman – it will now be known as ‘Hickman Hall’.



A plaque has also been arranged with the following citation:

This communal space is named in memory of and honour to Mrs Gill Hickman, who devoted nearly four decades to Chelmsford County High School for Girls, as a teacher, leader, colleague and friend.

We remember and honour other key individuals across our campus. Our various buildings are named after former headteachers of the school: Vernon-Harcourt, Bancroft, Cadbury, Pattison, and Chapman. Our school Library is now named after the great Mr Moore – The John Moore Library. In this way, we stay connected to our history as a school community, which is all the more noteworthy this academic year as we celebrate both the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first girls being taught at the school, and the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first alumna to complete university studies.

# CCHS – VISION, AIMS & VALUES

We amplify and fortify our vision and aims to cultivate core values which direct and drive our work. These values form our educational covenant with our school community:

## CITIZENSHIP

Inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others.

(Amplification of School Vision: 'Developing the leaders of tomorrow')



## DUTY

Students will conduct themselves with civility and compassion at all times, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves. (Amplification of School Aim 3: 'Contributing to the community')



## DISTINCTION

Students will be provided with an outstanding education and we expect them to do their best in all endeavours. (Amplification of School Aim 1: 'The pursuit of excellence')



## CHALLENGE

Students will be stimulated to acquire new knowledge & understanding and motivated to develop new skills & attributes. (Amplification of School Aim 2: 'Fulfilling individual potential')

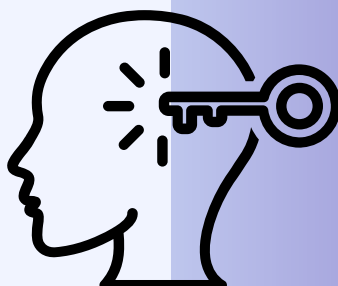
## IMAGINATION

Enable students to explore new ideas and empathise with the thinking of others, without limitation or risk. (English, Sport and Arts 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. (Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural 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. (Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences subjects)





# D e s i d e r a t a

## 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.

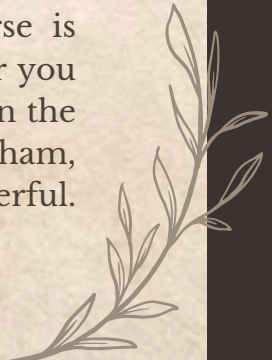
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face 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](mailto:jgross@cchs.co.uk)) and attach a photo or logo, if applicable.



After setting herself a New Year's resolution to train for a 5km run, Jasmine, (12RTH), completed the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 12th October! She had a target time of 2 hours and exceeded her expectations by completing this in 1h55!

Her biggest triumph was the £827 she raised so far, for the charity Young Lives vs Cancer. A teenage cancer charity that meant she could help support others her own age!.

Well done, Jasmine!



# 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 previously, 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.

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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





CCHS PARENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS PUDDING**  
SALE

**ORDER ON PARENTPAY**

**BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Traditional Plum 454g</i>      | <i>£7.50</i> |
| <i>Sticky Toffee Sponge 290g</i>  | <i>£7.00</i> |
| <i>Luscious Lemon Sponge 290g</i> | <i>£7.00</i> |

**WHICH FLAVOUR WILL  
YOU CHOOSE?!**



# CCHS News this week...

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

Posted: 11th October 2025

"Observed annually on 11<sup>th</sup> October, **International Day of the Girl** is a key global moment on which to celebrate girls everywhere, amplifying their voices, actions and leadership. It is a day that belongs to everyone who cares about girls and their rights. On this day, we come together to recognise and advocate for the full spectrum of girls' rights. This year's theme, as shaped by girl-led organisations and networks, is **The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis.**"

International Day of the Girl 2025 | UNICEF

International coalition of girls' schools - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



UNITED NATIONS

## ENRICHMENT DAY 1

Posted: 16th October 2025

We are looking forward to our first Enrichment Day of the academic year. Activities will be taking place across the school and beyond, including the Year 9 History trip to Ypres. We will also be welcoming girls from local primary schools for a day of scientific experiments as part of our *Leaders of Tomorrow* programme.

Enrichment Days - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



## CCHS ORGANISES AND HOSTS THE UK ICGS STUDENT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Posted: 17th October 2025

CCHS was proud to again organise, host, and run the UK International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) Student Leadership Symposium, for senior students, today.

Please see link below a link to the press release for more information about this wonderful event, which was organised by Miss Harrison (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Burnham (Year Leader).

PRESS RELEASE - CCHS Organises and Hosts the UK ICGS Student Leadership Symposium, October 2025



## CCHS 2025 GCSE RESULTS RANKED 15TH IN ENGLAND

Posted: 17th October 2025

The success of CCHS students in the summer 2025 GCSE examinations places their achievements 15<sup>th</sup> in the country, across state and independent schools, a total of 6,579 schools.

The Government released GCSE attainment data for England this week, which The Times has reported on. Many congratulations, again, to students, staff and CCHS families!

This is especially significant today as we host the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) Student Leadership Symposium - an important occasion to celebrate the place and power of girls' education and empowerment. Indeed, 11 of the Top 20 schools in The Times listing are girls' schools.

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## INNOVATIVE LEADERS OF TOMORROW WORK AT CCHS NOTED IN THE SUNDAY TIMES

Posted: 13th October 2025

An important article in the most recent edition of The Sunday Times (12th October 2025), has drawn attention to the various strands of social mobility work taking place in many grammar schools across the country. Our work at CCHS is noted, with nearly double the percentage of disadvantaged students now in the school compared to 2020-21. In February 2023, we became partners with the Future Stories Community Enterprise, demonstrating our commitment to be an actively socially inclusive grammar school.

Please see below a link to the press release.

PRESS RELEASE - Innovative Leaders of Tomorrow work at CCHS noted in The Sunday Times October 2025

# Reminder...

Help your daughter to be prepared for the school day by planning ahead the night before. This will help them to remember items such as; instruments, water bottles, homework, books, lunches...

If forgotten, please refrain from bringing them to school for delivery.

Thank you.

## This week in PSHE

| YEAR<br>GROUP | FRIDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER                            |           |   |                    | PERIOD    | 1 |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|-----------|---|
|               | A                                                          | C         | F | G                  | H         | S |
| 7             | Learner profile – ASE and JCR                              |           |   |                    |           |   |
| 8             | Fake News                                                  |           |   |                    |           |   |
| 9             | Enrichment trip to Ypres                                   |           |   |                    |           |   |
| 10            | Run, Hide & Tell and then end of friendship lesson.        |           |   |                    |           |   |
| 11            | Sexual<br>violence                                         | Extremism |   | Sexual<br>violence | Extremism |   |
| 12            | Cosmetic and plastic surgery                               |           |   |                    |           |   |
| 13            | Taking care of yourself when living independently (Part 2) |           |   |                    |           |   |



CCHS PA Presents....

**Matilda • The Musical** 

# MOVIE ★ NIGHT ★

**WEDS | 19TH NOV |**

**4:30PM TO 6:30PM**

Open to students in Years 7 to 9, come and watch Matilda • The Musical. Each ticket includes a drink and a bag of popcorn to enjoy during the film. Other snacks are available to purchase on the night via cash or card.

**TICKETS:**

**£8 IN ADVANCE VIA PARENT PAY  
OR £10 ON THE DOOR**



CCHS PA is a registered UK charity no. #187981, all funds raised benefit CCHS. Film viewing permitted under MMLC license 674845.



Elevate Education's Autumn 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***

18th November 6:00pm (GMT)

## ***How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child***

2nd December 6:00pm (GMT)

## ***How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress***

16th December 6:00pm (GMT)

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



The background is a vibrant green, decorated with various Christmas-themed elements. At the top, there are five ornaments: two red circles with white snowflake patterns, two gold circles with white star patterns, and one red circle with a white snowflake pattern. White snowflakes of various sizes are scattered throughout the background. Red holly leaves and berries are also present. A red and white striped candy cane is visible on the left side. The text is centered and uses a mix of red and white colors for emphasis.

CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

# CCHS WINTER FAYRE

CRAFT STALLS  
FOOD & DRINKS  
GAMES - RAFFLE  
LIVE MUSIC

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**  
**2025**

ADMISSION £1  
STUDENTS FREE  
CARD MACHINE AVAILABLE

CHELMSFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL,  
BROOMFIELD ROAD, CHELMSFORD



## 🎄 Winter Fayre – Call for Craft & Trade Stalls 🎄

**Date: Saturday 22nd November 11am - 2pm**

**Location: Chelmsford County High School for Girls**

We're excited to be holding our **Winter Fayre** and are inviting **established craft and trade stallholders** to join us!

👉 Do you run a craft or trade business?

👉 Would you like to showcase your work and be part of our festive community event?

✨ This is a great opportunity to share your creativity, promote your business, and support our school community.

### **Important:**

- **Stallholder must be an existing business**
- **Public Liability Insurance is required**

### **How to apply:**

If you'd like to book a stall or find out more, please contact:

✉️ [pa@cchs.co.uk](mailto:pa@cchs.co.uk)

We'd love to see your crafts, gifts, and festive creations at our Winter Fayre!



Help us do more for your daughters – success through community



## Success through Community

We are launching the CCHS Foundation<sup>1</sup> as a school community enterprise dedicated to raising funds, through voluntary contributions each year, to provide your daughters with more:

- more resources, including books, journals and websites
- more facilities, including
- ICT infrastructure and digital learning devices
- and more opportunities, including
- enrichment activities and educational visits

### **How to contribute financially towards the CCHS Foundation:**

#### **1. Set up a Regular payment by Standing Order with your Bank**

This provides the Foundation with a regular income to allow us to plan ahead more effectively, and can be set to a payment amount, frequency and date to suit you. Please contact the school at [finance@cchs.co.uk](mailto:finance@cchs.co.uk) for our bank details.

#### **2. Payment via ParentPay**

You should find a payment item assigned to your daughter on [ParentPay](#) entitled 'Donate to CCHS Foundation'. Payment may be made via debit or credit card, and the amount can be edited to suit your wishes. Payments may be made as often as you like to suit your circumstances.

Additional payment items may be available at various times, 'giving days', for donating towards a specific fundraising goal.

#### **3. Gift Aid**

However you choose to contribute, if you are a UK tax payer, we can benefit further if you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form. This means that we can reclaim from HMRC any income tax you have paid on your donations to us, at a basic tax rate of 20%. The form can be accessed [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The CCHS Foundation is not a distinct legal entity but a term we are using for this initiative under CCHS's exempt charitable status as an academy.



## **Ways to donate towards CCHS Capital projects:**

### **1. TotalGiving**

The School has set up an online fundraising page via [TotalGiving](#). This allows you to make regular or single contributions online using a credit or debit card. Gift Aid for eligible donations can also be processed through this route.

### **2. Giving through an employer scheme:**

#### **Payroll Giving**

Payroll Giving (also known as ‘Give As You Earn’) is a valuable, long term source of revenue, providing regular income to help charities budget and plan more effectively. Your donation can often be made from your pre-tax income. Please ask your employer about this scheme.

As an academy, the School is considered to be an exempt charity and as such does not need to register with the Charity Commission. However, our charitable status is registered with HMRC. ‘Chelmsford County High School for Girls’ should be used as the reference on the payroll giving paperwork.

#### **Company Gifts & Matched Funding**

Some companies operate schemes allowing employees to nominate a charity for a company donation. This is often under a ‘matched funding’ programme whereby a company will match the donation made by the employee to their chosen charity. Please ask your employer about this scheme.

### **3. CAF Giving – more details**

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) makes giving to charity easy. Through CAF, the value of your donation is increased via tax relief, and you have the option to donate anonymously.

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**Leaving a Legacy** Please consider leaving the School a legacy in your will. If you leave a gift to a charity such as CCHS, its value will be deducted from your estate (your money, possessions and property) before Inheritance Tax is calculated.

Thank you, in advance, for any support you can provide to the students of CCHS

