Headteacher - Mr Stephen Lawlor



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

A big thank you to the magnificent CCHS Parents' Association for all their hard and successful work on Saturday last with the Winter Fayre. And many thanks to all the staff, students and families who attended to join in the fun and fundraising. Events like this are great ways to bring the school community together.

The CCHS Parents' Association work tirelessly to support our school community and we are most grateful to them all for this. If you wish to find out more about the work of the CCHS PA and join the team, please use the QR code and/or link below – thank you.



Parents' Association (The PA) - Chelmsford County High School for Girls

CCHS Parents' Association



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')

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')



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')

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)

Desiderata

JO 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.

Vikki, 8H, participated South East Performing Arts Festival on 23rd November and secured 1st place / gold medal for her Jazz Solo.

She also achieved the Technique Award for the best dance technique.

Congratulations, Vikki!



Rafi, 10S, and her Elite Team from Taylor's Dance Company in Braintree, took the gold in the group commercial category of the South East Performing Arts Challenge last Sunday.

Their Principal was proud of the team's hard work, achievement and sportswomanlike support of all the competing crews.

Well done, Rafi!

This week in PSHE

Next week's RTP will be on Wednesday 3rd December period 1 and will consist of TA1 discussions for the whole school

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.

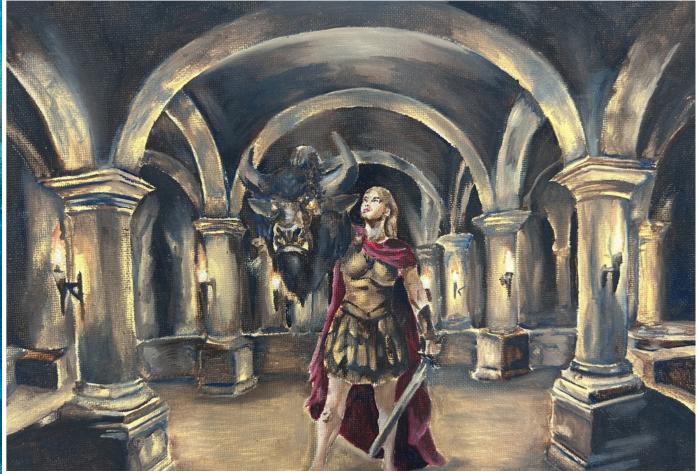
Please be aware of your surroundings when dropping off and picking up students to and from school. The area directly outside our school, in Broomfield Road, is a very busy thoroughfare. A vehicle which is not parked safely can be dangerous for other vehicles, as can dropping off/picking up students in the buslane.











ARTIST OF THE WEEKFran in Year 12 for her Herbert James Draper inspired oil painting. So moody.



Keeping Well in the Winter



As we enter the winter period, respiratory and gastric viruses begin to thrive. Please practice good hygiene to help prevent these viruses from flourishing. Use the simple rules of "Catch It, Bin It, Kill It", and remember to wash hands before eating, before and after food preparation, after using the toilet and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Hand sanitizer can be used but remember, it does not kill norovirus – only washing with soap and water will.







Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.













Thankyou tothose parents who have generously donated books to the library.

If you would still like to view our updated wish list please use the link below and send the book to the John Moore Library.

Thank you Click HERE

HELP BRING NEW BOOKS TO THE CCHS STUDENTS



Winter Fayre 2025

Thank you so much for helping to make the 2025 Winter Fayre such a fantastic success. Together, we raised over £6,000 (before expenses), which is an incredible achievement!

We are so grateful for your generous donations, the amazing volunteers (especially the children who helped set up and run the stalls), and everyone who supported us by coming along to enjoy the day. Your efforts and enthusiasm truly made all the difference.

Thanks again for being part of this wonderful event.



KEGS AND CCHS PA CHOIR

Mistral

Raising funds for CCHS Parents Association.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 2:30PM AT CCHS SCHOOL HALL

Tickets available in advance from sraybould@hotmail.com or on the door.

£10 adults, £5 under 18s.

Music Director: Clive Smith Accompanist: Tim Carey

Includes a wide range of music from the choir, plus solos from talented young instrumentalists.





CCHS News this week.

INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS LECTURE

Posted: 26th November 2025

Dr Gemma Richardson from British Geological Survey will be presenting an Institute of Physics and Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society public lecture tomorrow afternoom: "What has the Earth's magnetic field ever done for usp". The lecture will cover topics such as how the Earth's magnetic field protects life on Earth, why space weather is becoming a critical challenge for technology and how we measure and model the magnetic field.

Thank you to Mrs Kurian for arranging this academic enrichment opportunity for students and staff.



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CCHS DANCE SHOW - EUPHORIA

Posted: 26th November 2023

We are looking forward to this year's Dance Show, 'Euphoria'. Congratulations to the Dance Officials and all those involved in the shows who have worked incredibly hard to rehearse and prepare for what will be another set of fantastic performances.



LAMPADA



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 Build Resilience in Your Child 2nd December 6:00pm (GMT) How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress 16th December 6:00pm (GMT)



Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday camp for children aged 4 to 14 years, will be open at our school in 2026. 80+ exciting activities including arts and crafts, sports, teambuilding and much more! We also have specialist activities including archery and motorsports offered at our Easter and summer camps.

Ofsted registered, confidence building camps with high staff to child ratios.

Save up to £125 with their Early Booking offer and your exclusive code!

Book now at www.Barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567.

Parent discounts:

Parents can get £25 off a full week or £5 off a day by applying this code in the promotions box: HSCP26

*can't be used in conjunction with other codes (apart from our Early Booking Offer)

Help us do more for your daughters – success through community



Success through Community

We are launching the CCHS Foundation⁽¹⁾ 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 for our bank details.

2. Payment via ParentPay

You should find a payment item assigned to your daughter on <u>ParentPay</u> 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.

¹ 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 <u>TotalGiving</u>. 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

<u>Some companies operate schemes</u> 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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This provides the School with a regular income to allow us to plan 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 for our bank details.

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You should find a payment item assigned to your daughter on ParentPay entitled 'CCHS Buildings Appeal'. 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.

Help us do more for your daughters – success through community

6. Gift Aid

Should you choose to contribute via bank standing order or ParentPay, 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.

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

