Headteacher - Mr Stephen Lawlor



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We were informed this week that CCHS, as last year, has been awarded 'Best Practice in Quality Assurance' from the Leadership Skills Foundation for our work on their STEM Leadership programmes. This award recognises the outstanding work of Dr Cannon, Mr Moller and Miss Guy in delivering and assessing the programmes to such a high standard. And this is reflected in the achievement of the students involved, with x25 Year 9 students completing the Level 1 Qualification and x23 Year 10 students completing the Level 2 Qualification in Leading STEM Activities. As the Leadership Skills Foundation notes:

"The STEM Leaders programme has been developed to include a mixture of theory and practical experience and encourages peer-to-peer learning in a way that develops students' self-belief, confidence and their ability to work as a team. From leading STEM activities and delivering sessions during class time to establishing extra-curricular or after-school clubs, learners are able to take that confidence into situations that will support themselves and others in their communities and futures."

Congratulations to colleagues and students involved in the programmes, and thank you to Mrs Kurian (Subject Leader of Physics & STEM Leader), whose vision and work is driving these opportunities across our school.

STEM Leadership | Our Programmes | Leadership Skills Foundation

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This is to recognise that

Chelmsford County High School For Girls



best practice in quality assurance for 2024/25

5 November 2025

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Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE President, Leadership Skills Foundation

leadershipskillsfoundation.org

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.

CCHS Athlete of the Week

Our first Athlete of the week is Charlotte, 10C, who ran an outstanding race at the regional round of the national cross-country competition. Her and the rest of the inter girls' team are through to the National finals in December.

Secondly, Camilla, 9A, who stepped up last minute to run in the regional round of the national cross-country competition. She ran phenomenally and helped the inter girls' team make it to the national finals in December.



Congratulations to Mariam, 9G, for being awarded a Jack Petchey Achievement Award for contributions to her community and in scouting.

Well done, Mariam!



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.







CCHS News this week.

CCHS SPORTS TEAMS

Posted: 3rd November 2025

All the best to our Tennis and Cross-Country teams, who are competing in fixtures and competitions this

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CCHS RECOGNISED FOR BEST PRACTICE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE BY THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOUNDATION

6th November 2025

CCHS has once again been recognised for Best Practice in Quality Assurance by the Leadership Skills Foundation for their delivery of the STEM leaders programme in 2024/25. Many thanks to Dr Cannon, Mr Moller, and Miss Guy for their outstanding delivery of the programme and for undertaking a rigorous and high-standard assessment process. Many congratulations...

BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Posted: 6th November 2025

All the best to our students, who will be competing in the British Physics Olympiad today.

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ESAA SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CUP FINAL

Posted: 7th November 2025

Many congratulations to Camilla (Year 9), Lilly (Year 10), Frankie (Year 10), Esme (Year 10), Charlotte (Year 10), Vivien (Year 10) and Izzy (Year 10), who have qualified for the 2025 ESAA Schools Cross Country Cup Final taking place in December. We are very proud of our CCHS sportswomen and thankful to the PE Department for all their wonderful work.



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

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7	Elevate recap – with Mr Selby.					
8	Stereotyping					
9	Borrowing money			Self	Financi	al scams
				defence		
10	Perfectionism – part 2					
11	MOCK EXAMINATIONS					
12	Consent - part 2					
13	Elective / Life Skills – session 2					





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)

CCHS STUDENTS, PLEASE SUPPORT THE CCHS...

Winters Tayres 2025

The Winter Fayre is the Parents' Association's biggest fundraiser, raising over £5,000 last year to support school improvements! This year's Winter Fayre will take place on SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER between 11am and 2pm.

The following items are <u>essential</u> for us to use as prizes on the stalls at the Winter Fayre and we'd be <u>really grateful</u> for student donations.

- **Small Gifts**
- Sweets & Chocolate
- Stationery
- **7** Toiletries
- **Toys**













Please bring any donations into your form room, where they will be collected by Senior Prefects. Alternatively please bring to the canteen before school on Tues 18th, Weds 19th or Fri 21st November.





Help us do more for your daughters – success through community



Success through Community

We are launching the CCHS Foundation1 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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Help us do more for your daughters – success through community

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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

