

CCHS Laudatio

16th January 2026



Founded 1907

A leading academic school community,
inspired to excellence in education and opportunity for girls

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We held our annual Prefect Handover Assembly yesterday. This is always an important opportunity for us to thank students now in Year 13 for their significant contributions as prefects and officials last academic year and last term. All students in Year 12 are provided with leadership opportunities covering a broad range of areas, including subjects, events, outreach, alumnae and more. These opportunities for our senior students speak directly to our School vision: developing the leaders of tomorrow. This vision is an articulation of citizenship as we work to inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others.

As well as thanking Year 13 students, this assembly allowed us to also congratulate Year 12 students, who now take up their various leadership posts across our School. We know they will bring the same commitment and energy to the roles, and as happens each year with a new group of prefects, they will also bring new ideas, which always help us to progress as a school community.

A reminder as well that families can support our School through the CCHS Foundation: please follow the QR code below or see the information provided overleaf, and thank you, in advance.

CCHS Values

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

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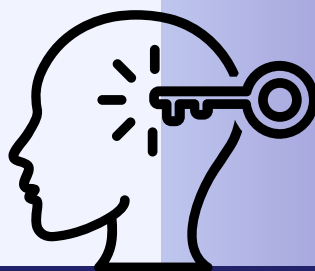
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Desiderata

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.

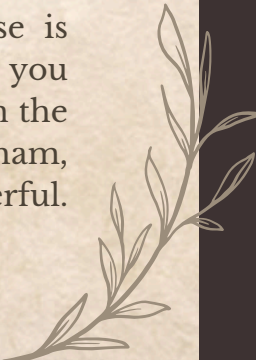
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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



Emma, (9H), was awarded the Jack Petchey award for outstanding achievement at Chelmsford Amateur Boxing Club

Well done, Emma!



Our Athlete of the week is, Aahana, 11S, for her brilliant performance in her recent tennis match and showcasing wonderful sportswomanship.

Well done, Aahana!



Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Serena in Year 9,
for her mixed media portrait. So talented, well done!

Histotripsy: incisionless liver surgery

An IOP/CSES lecture for the public, presented by
Dr Teik Choon See

Consultant Interventional Radiologist, University of Cambridge

Thursday 22nd January 2026 – 19:00 to 20:00
Refreshments available from 18:30



Have you ever imagined liver cancer being removed without a single needle or surgical knife? It may sound unreal, but groundbreaking advances are making this vision possible. What if focused ultrasound energy could one day replace the traditional scalpel? As medical innovation accelerates, new technologies aim to deliver safer, gentler, and more effective treatment experiences for patients. In this engaging talk, TC See will introduce the science behind ultrasound, reveal how a technique known as histotripsy can precisely break down cancer tissue without invasive procedures, and discuss the exciting possibilities this technology may open for the future of cancer care.

Location: MAB221 Lord Ashcroft Building, Anglia Ruskin University,
Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ Attendance is free and open
to all – no reservation required.

For further information please contact david.d.hall@physics.org

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

FRIDAY 30TH JAN
12:30PM - IN THE HALL

BUBBLE TEA SALE

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|  White Peach Iced Fruit Tea | With Mango Pops |
|  Mango Iced Fruit Tea | With Lychee Pops |
|  Watermelon Iced Fruit Tea | With Coconut Jelly |
|  Brown Sugar Boba Milk Tea | With Tapioca |

£5

MADE BY 'BOBA FRESH' CHELMSFORD. CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED.

SO EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE. IT'S ONE BUBBLE TEA PER PERSON
TO START WITH. AFTER EVERYONE'S BEEN SERVED, FEEL FREE TO
POP BACK AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY EXTRAS AVAILABLE!



WISH LIST LOTTERY

January

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| 1 st prize | S. Downey |
| 2 nd prize | Mr & Mrs S. Singh |
| 3 rd prize | Dr N. Parkar |

February

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| 1 st prize | E.J. Ahn |
| 2 nd prize | J. Patel |
| 3 rd prize | Y. Chen |

ANIMAL FARM

BY GEORGE ORWELL
ADAPTED BY TATTY HENNESSEY

*TICKETS AVAILABLE
ON PARENT PAY
NOW!*



THURSDAY 29TH AND FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM PERFORMANCES AT 7PM



GOT A GIFT YOU WON'T USE?

✧ ✧ WE'D LOVE IT! ✧ ✧

Please bring any unwanted gifts to the CCHS Dining Area during the House Clothing Competition on:

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY, 8-8.45AM

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If you are unable to make it that morning, donations can also be left at Reception at any time during school hours. All donated items will help support future fundraising events at the school.

We would also be very grateful for any items suitable for raffle prizes for our upcoming Quiz Night.

THANK YOU X

CCHS News this week...

ESSEX SCHOOLS INDOOR CRICKET COMPETITION

Posted: 12th January 2026

All the best to the CCHS Team, who are competing in the Essex Schools Indoor Cricket Competition today.

Sports - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



PREFECT HANDOVER ASSEMBLY

Posted: 15th January 2026

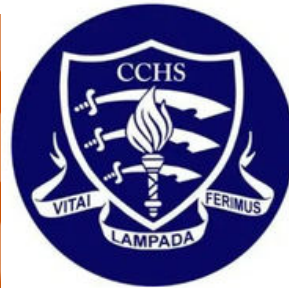
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YEAR 9 HOUSE BADMINTON

Posted: 15th January 2026

We are looking forward to the first round of Year 9 House badminton today!

House System - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



GOLD INDUSTRIAL CADETS, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

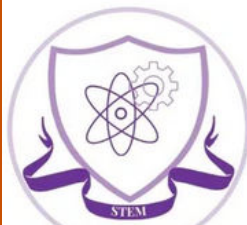
Posted: 14th January 2026

Our Sixth Form Industrial Cadets will be at the University of Cambridge today and tomorrow as part of their Gold Award projects.

STEM & STEAM - Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Programmes Industrial Cadets

University of Cambridge



COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE WORKSHOP

Posted: 14th January 2026

Our A-level Drama students are attending a Commedia dell'arte Workshop today.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION REHEARSAL - ANIMAL FARM

Posted: 16th January 2026

Our students will be continuing their rehearsals for our school production of Animal Farm this weekend.

The Arts - Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Our Commitment to Girls' Education

We are proud to be a **founding member of the UK division of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS)** – a global organisation dedicated to empowering girls through education and sharing research-based best practices.

The ICGS conducts extensive research into the benefits of an all-girls education, including improved academic outcomes, confidence, and leadership opportunities. These insights help us shape the very best learning environment for your daughter.

Why should parents engage with this research?

By exploring these studies, you can:

- ✓ Understand the proven advantages of an all-girls education.
- ✓ Gain practical strategies to support your daughter's learning journey.
- ✓ Stay informed about global trends and innovations in girls' education.

We regularly update our website with the latest research findings and will continue to share details when new studies are released.

👉 **Discover more here:** <https://www.cchs.co.uk/about-us/girls-education-research/>

Together, we can ensure every student thrives and becomes a leader of tomorrow.

This week in PSHE

YEAR GROUP	FRIDAY 23 rd JANUARY				PERIOD	3
	A	C	F	G	H	S
7	Puberty introduction			Peer pressure		Fire officer
8	Homophobia & Sex Discrimination					
9	Pornography & Saying “No”					
10	Reporting stalking					
11	Helping the community	Self defense		Helping the community		
12	Model United Nations					
13	<u>WizeUp</u> financial speaker.					



Elevate Education's Spring 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 Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

27th January 6:00pm (GMT)

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

10th February 6:00pm (GMT)

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

3rd March 6:00pm (GMT)

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

17th March 6:00pm (GMT)

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



**CCHS Parents'
Association Presents...**

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 6TH FEB

**at CCHS Main Hall.
Doors Open at 6:15pm**

**(PROMPT START AT 7PM WITH A
SCHEDULED FINISH TIME OF 10PM)**

**ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS,
STUDENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME.**

Tickets £10 each via Parent Pay

**HOT PRE-ORDERED FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE,
PLUS WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS AND OTHER
REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE DRAW.**

Contact us

by email at **PA@cchs.co.uk** if you wish to be
put together as a team of up to 10 people.



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 [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](#).

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 [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

