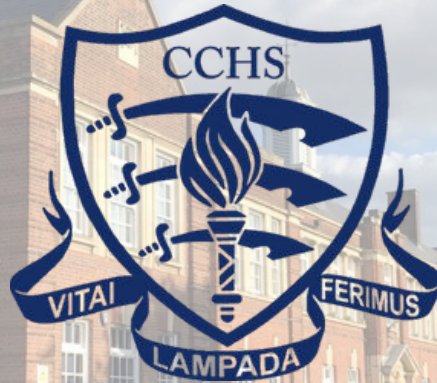


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20th March 2026



Founded 1907

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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Many thanks to the wonderful CCHS Parents' Association, who arranged and ran a tremendous event at lunchtime last Friday, enabling students to buy gifts for Mother's Day. The range of gifts on offer was superb and it was heartening to see so many students, from across all year groups, come along.

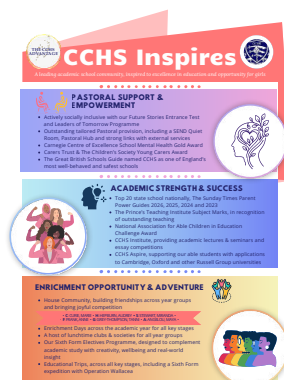
As the sale was underway, the 'Night at the Musicals' band and several performers played a number pieces. Indeed, all the hard work preparing for the 'Night at the Musicals' came to fruition with the full show on Wednesday evening. As a student inspired and led event, this was a clear and compelling testament to how talented and positive our students are, with the proceeds from the show also being donated to charity. Congratulations to all the students involved in this fantastic show, particularly the student organisers – Katherine, Ella and Ava – and the staff who supported them. A big thank you to all the family and friends who came to watch the show and support the students.

And this evening, the CCHS Parents' Association is providing another opportunity for students with the Spring Disco. We hope the students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who attend have a lovely time. Thank you, as ever, to the wonderful CCHS Parents' Association for all they do for our school community.

Earlier in the week, we held our second Enrichment Day, with activities taking place across the school, including a languages day for girls from local primary schools, related to our Leaders of Tomorrow programme.

[Leaders of Tomorrow - Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)

This will be our final weekly bulletin of the term, with our Spring Term newsletter, *Communitas*, being published next week. I take this opportunity to pass on my thanks to the CCHS Community for all that is done to support the school.



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')

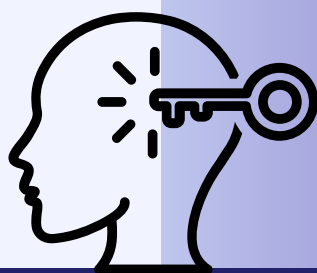
IMAGINATION

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

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

G O P L A C I D L Y 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.

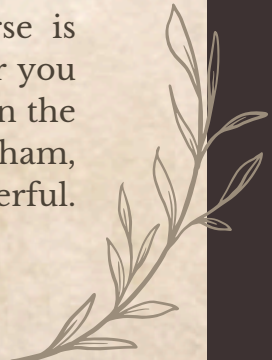
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face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

Ella, 8G, raised £375 for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity with a sponsored silence at school, earlier this month.

Congratulations, Ella!



Niamh, 10C, has passed her Ukulele, grade 3, with distinction. She gained full marks in most sections. She is looking forward to her grade 4 guitar examination coming up in a few weeks.

Well done, Niamh!

“My name is Camilla, 12FSE, and this is my fourth time fundraising for cancer research. I couldn't be more passionate about this cause. I am excited to take on a 5K swim challenge to raise important funds for two amazing organisations: Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie.

As someone eager to work in the cancer research field, I get to see firsthand the incredible breakthroughs made possible by generous donations like yours. Every pound you contribute helps support cutting-edge research, provides assistance to patients and their families, and brings us closer to better treatments and, ultimately, finding a cure. Thank you for being a part of this journey with me! “

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/camillacassinda-1767038402680?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Good Luck, Camilla!



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[English Schools' Athletic Association](#)

Artist *of the week*



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Emilia in Year 10 for this great acrylic painting. Very thought provoking. Well done.

Further to the meningitis outbreak in Kent, if you have any concerns please visit the [NHS Webpage on meningitis](#) and [UK Health Security's update](#) for information.

CCHS does not hold any information regarding which vaccines your daughter may have had in school.

To obtain medical information relating to your daughter, please contact your GP or the Community and School Aged Immunisation Service - 0300 5555055.

Mrs A. Sheldon, Principal First Aider

CCHS RECOMMENDS

For budding classicists CCHS recommends the following online talks and podcasts which are examples of the really interesting work which is being done to bring new light to bear on aspects of the history of the ancient world. Thanks to Mr Lodge for his recommendations; he has many more excellent ideas for all those interested in Classics and Ancient History.

- [Instant Classics](#) with Mary Beard and Charlotte Higgins.
- [Natalie Haynes Stands Up For The Classics](#) covers ancient characters and topics with brisk humour.
- [Past Lives](#) is a recent podcast focusing on more overlooked figures in the ancient world, such as slaves.



POLICY REMINDER

In line with the NHS guidance, it is mandatory that any student experiencing diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms remains away from the school setting until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours (the *48-hour rule*) and are feeling well.

This policy helps reduce the spread of contagious illnesses such as stomach bugs (norovirus or rotavirus), which can spread quickly in classrooms.

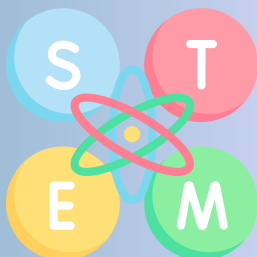


[Click here for NHS information on this topic](#)

ENRICHMENT DAY

17TH MARCH 2026

YEAR 7



STEM

YEAR 8



GLOBAL MUSIC & DANCE

YEAR 9



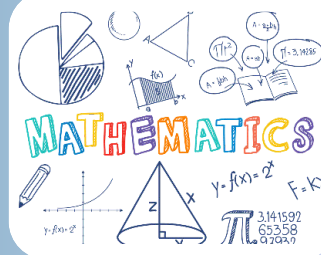
RSE

YEAR 10



SIXTH FORM

YEAR 11



MATHS MASTERCLASS

YEAR 12
LEADERSHIP DAY



LANGUAGES

YEAR 13



STUDY SUBJECT

CONGRATULATIONS

to students for their engagement

Thank You

to staff for their work

HOUSE CLOTHING COMPETITION



28TH APRIL – CAN YOUR HOUSE BEAT ITS RECORD?

Turn unwanted clothes into cash for the school! Bags will be delivered to tutor groups by 27th March, so you can get collecting over the holidays. Bring your full bags of clothes back to the school Dining Hall on **Tuesday 28th April between 8am and 8.45am**. Extra bags will be available from the front office if needed, but you can also use any plastic bags.



THANK YOU X.

HOW DID YOUR HOUSE DO LAST TIME?



✓ Accepted Items:

- Adult and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Fashion accessories
- Handbags
- Belts
- Hats and scarves
- Jewellery, perfumes
- Unwanted Gifts

✗ Please Don't Bring:

- Dirty or damaged clothes
- Toys or books
- DVDs
- Duvets, pillows or linen
- Uniform
- Underclothing
- Curtains, rugs or carpets
- Bric-a-brac



SAVE THE DATE

AFTERNOON TEA



IN SUPPORT OF **CCHS** 
Parents' Association

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

2PM TO 4PM

IN THE MAIN HALL

(MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!)

Photonics!!!

How Quantum Light is rewriting the future of Computing and Communications

An IOP / CSES lecture for the public, presented by

Dr Cathy White, BT Research

Thursday 26th March 2026 at ARU 19:00 to 20:00

Refreshments available from 18:30

**CCHS will be holding an early edition of this lecture
in Room V10 at 4:00 pm**

Light has always shaped the way we communicate, but in the quantum era it is starting to *compute*, *protect*, and even *prove things* in ways classical physics simply cannot.

Towards the goal of *protect*, we have **quantum random number generation** (QRNG) and **quantum key distribution** (QKD), where single photons and entangled states enable information-theoretic security guaranteed by the laws of physics. Beyond QKD, we look at emerging forms of quantum cryptography which promise entirely new security capabilities—including cryptographic tasks impossible classically.

However, real world quantum devices are generally imperfect in their implementation. *Quantum hacking* explores how attacks might exploit some such imperfections—from detector blinding attacks to trojan horse attacks—and how assurance frameworks, standards, and rigorous testing mitigate these risks to ensure that real-world systems remain secure.

This leads naturally into **device independence**: security based on using quantum properties such as entanglement to *prove things* about the security of your device and make fewer or no assumptions about the internal workings of your hardware, closing entire classes of implementation vulnerabilities.

Finally, we step into **quantum computing**: how photonic quantum states are being used to *compute*, providing scalable quantum computation, and how **quantum networks** may one day interconnect processors into a distributed quantum internet.

**QUE101, 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





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- **Each voucher = a wristband for a full day of fun!**

ORDER NOW ON PARENTPAY

How to get your reduced price wristbands:

Order via ParentPay. Vouchers will be available for collection from the Finance Office the week following purchase.

We have limited availability, so once they're gone, they're gone. Vouchers are non-refundable.



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 News this week...

ABRSM EXAMS

Posted: 16th March 2026

Best of luck to all our student musicians taking their ABRSM exams today.

The Arts - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



ABRSM EXAMS

Posted: 20th March 2026

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The Arts - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



ENRICHMENT DAY 2

Posted: 17th March 2026

We are looking forward to our Enrichment Day today, including welcoming pupils from local primary schools for a day of language learning.

Enrichment Days - Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Leaders of Tomorrow - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



CCHS STUDENT SELECTED TO REPRESENT ENGLAND IN INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Posted: 17th March 2026

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INTERMEDIATE MATHS KANGAROO & OLYMPIAD

Posted: 19th March 2026

Good luck to all our students who are participating in the Intermediate Maths Kangaroo & Olympiad competitions today.

STEM & STEAM - Chelmsford County High School for Girls



'A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS'

Posted: 18th March 2026

We are looking forward to this evening's performance of 'A Night at the Musicals'. Congratulations and thank you to all those involved who have worked exceptionally hard to rehearse and prepare for what will be a fantastic performance.



A-LEVEL TASTER LESSONS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

Posted: 18th March 2026

We look forward to welcoming our prospective new Sixth Form Students into school for A-Level taster lessons across today, Thursday and Friday. This valuable opportunity will provide a clearer sense of what makes the Sixth Form at CCHS both special and successful.



PA SPRING DISCO

Posted: 20th March 2026

Thank you to the Parents' Association, who have organised this evening's Spring Disco for students.

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



CCHS Parents' Association

Working to Support

**Chelmsford County High School
for Girls**

A Grammar School with Academy Status

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

As we approach the examination period, PSHE will be temporarily suspended for all year groups. This is to ensure that Year 11 and Year 13 students receive uninterrupted lesson time as they prepare for their upcoming exams.

Key Dates to Note:

One-off RTP Session:

Wednesday, 25th March (Lesson 1) – Form tutors will use this time to discuss students' TA2 progress.

RTP Rota Resumes:

Friday, 1st May (Week A, Lesson 4) after the Easter break.

We appreciate your support in helping our students focus on their studies during this important time.

Mrs. Buckley.

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

