Press Release

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Chelmsford County High School for Girls ranked 8th in the country!

The achievements of the CCHS community have been recognised in The Telegraph 'Best Schools' listing, with a focus on grammar schools.

In the Top 10 of grammar schools in the country, CCHS is one of three girls' grammar schools to be celebrated for academic, behavioural and organisational performance, ranked 8th out of all grammar schools in England.

The Telegraph ranking states: "Grammar schools represent the pinnacle of state education in England. With 163 of them scattered across the country, the schools are…academically brilliant."

With International Day of the Girl being marked yesterday, it is timely to highlight what can be achieved by a girls' school community, embracing the opportunities that arise when gifted students, talented staff, encouraging parents, supportive trustees and an engaged alumnae work in common cause.

Indeed, the **Educating Girls Symposium** will take place in London next month, arranged by the International Coalition of Girls Schools. As a founding member of the Coalition, CCHS will be represented, along with teachers from across the UK, Ireland, Australia and Canada.

The Headteacher, Stephen Lawlor, said: "CCHS began life in 1906, with 76 pioneering students; now in 2026, there are 1,284 brilliant girls and young women. As a leading academic school community, CCHS is inspired to excellence in education and opportunity for girls."

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About Chelmsford County High School for Girls (CCHS)

Chelmsford County High School for Girls (CCHS) is a proud girls' school community. CCHS was formally opened on 1st May 1907, with 76 inspiring students on roll, to provide girls with an academic education. By 2026, there are 1,284 extraordinary girls and young women, representing cultures and traditions from the world over, who are part of our ambitious grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.

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