



Chelmsford County High School for Girls

School Development Plan 2022-23

MID-TERM REVIEW



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A progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment

Section 1. SCHOOL ETHOS (vision, aims and values)

- (Vision) Developing the leaders of tomorrow – **CITIZENSHIP**: *inspire future citizens to think for themselves and to act for others.*
- (Aim 1) The pursuit of excellence – **DISTINCTION**: *provide students with an outstanding education, with students doing their best in all endeavours.*
- (Aim 2) Fulfilling individual potential – **CHALLENGE**: *motivate students to acquire new knowledge & understanding and stimulate them to develop new skills & attributes.*
- (Aim 3) Contributing to the community – **DUTY**: *ensure students conduct themselves with civility and compassion at all times, supporting each other and looking beyond themselves.*
- English, Sport and Arts subjects – **IMAGINATION**: *enable students to explore new ideas and empathise with the thinking of others, without limitation or risk.*
- Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences 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.*
- Humanities, Languages and Social 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.*



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Area & Objectives	Action	Mid-Review (February 2023)	Final Review and Further Development Required (June 2023)
Fair Access Progress our FAPP initiative with more partner schools and additional programmes.	Refine this as 'Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow' through social mobility. Launch 'The Leaders of Tomorrow Programme'. New Entrance Test – moving away from CEM. Year 2 new style Primary Outreach, including work to dispel myths in the community.	New test agreed – presented to FGB and to staff. Launched on website. Initial organisation in progress. Primary Outreach going out before the Open Eve where possible. All systems go on the revised approach.	
change@cchs (Disadvantaged) Agree a new CCHS Entrance Test for September 2023.	Complete research on alternatives, consult Gobs, decide on new test, and implement. Feedback on ICGS Conference to staff.	New test options presented to FGB at their Conf on 28.1.23. Agreed to proceed with new provider, Future Stories Enterprise Community. Gobs also agreed to the principles of the new 'Leaders of Tomorrow' programme.	
PPG (Main School) Ensure Yrs7-11 disadvantaged students realise their potential.	Use Provision Map to track spend and impact. Use Student Progress Meetings to inform intervention. Continue with Homework Club. Looking forward – launch of 'Leaders of tomorrow Programme'	Provision Map is tracking spend. Progress meetings used to identify intervention need. My Tutor being offered. Homework Club continues to be successful – staff working with targeted students. 'Leaders of Tomorrow Programme' approved and spoken about to staff and FGB.	



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Bursary (Sixth Form) Ensure Yrs12-13 disadvantaged students realise their potential.	Circulate names to staff, note on SIMS, solicit suggestions for spend from staff, monitor at department and year group level. Ensure these students in the bracket for other interventions with wider criteria.	Students being supported in lessons and via interventions, as specified in post-TA Student Progress meetings. Spend being monitored.	
SEND (Yrs 7-13) Ensure students with SEND realise their potential.	SENCO transition arrangements - draw up and progress a transition plan from KAD to HPO, including inhouse training and formal course accreditation.	HPO working on her SDL project – making classrooms accessible to all. Work ongoing with the ‘classroom toolkit’. HPO observed students and made recommendations to teachers. Training attended. ASHE/ Autism/etc.	
Digital learning Progress lessons from remote schooling to benefit classroom practice.	Recruit a new ICT colleague to focus on digital learning, supporting teaching staff across all Departments.	New colleague recruited and settling in very well. Digital Learning Strategy group has met to draw up a plan to link to next year and beyond. Draft Digital Strategy in place for further review.	
Curriculum offer Explore possibilities to broaden the curriculum.	Consider options to offer additional course opportunities, e.g. AL PE.	A level PE included in the Year 12 offer pack. PE staff attending formal training courses on the specification as well as meeting colleagues in other schools who teach this course.	



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Multi-Academy Trusts Take positive and forward-thinking steps to respond to the Schools Bill.	Progress research on possible approaches with Govs, including taking legal and other professional advice, and speaking with other schools about possible MAT relationships.	Schools Bill has been removed, including the date of 2030 for schools to be in or on journey to be in MAT. SLT remain vigilant on the MATs matter.	
More Able Policy (Yrs 7-13) Progress the implementation of the policy across the school.	Develop working relationship with NACE and Elevate Education to strengthen practice across the school.	More Able Policy established and students monitored through the TA process. SDL focus on delivering NACE Challenge Award (MCT). More Able CPD delivered to all staff as part of new staff induction.	
Teaching standards Ensure the highest standards of teaching across Departments.	Professional learning and practice development - lesson observations and work scrutinies – developing SDLs strategically e.g. MCT, teaching standards and GLO, lesson observations.	Whole School Learning Walk cycle has taken place for Years 11 & 13 teachers (remainder of teachers reviewed later in the year). 4x Depts have been ‘deep dived’, with targeted support given to Depts that require it.	
Learning standards Ensure the highest standards of learning across year groups.	Whole school assessment policy and practice - to embed the work re: EMAs TLR3 assessment project, ensuring a research-informed consistent approach across all subjects and key stages.	Whole school work scrutiny completed in Depts using the framework of EMAs assessment project. Dept level assessment policies in place and agreed. CPD shared with subject leaders on assessment codes.	



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UCAS Provide excellent support to prepare students for highly competitive course applications (Year 12 into Year 13).	Continue to support AHO as she develops in this role. Bring on new team for Parent Interviews and support them. Work to rebuild provision for specialist academic interviews. MPA/AHO to support new HODs especially in their efforts to support/encourage students. CCHS Lectures and societies also relevant here.	UCAS cycle successfully completed in terms of references. AHO has embarked on professional qualification as well as leading on introduction of 'Unifrog' – an online careers platform. Significant changes now afoot in UCAS references for 2023/4. Parent interviews successfully completed in Autumn Term. A limited number of (very successful) lectures run.	
Public examinations Ensure the best possible experience for our Year 11 and Year 13 students.	Modify lettings business relationships to release the Sports Hall for high candidate number summer term public examinations. Complete the move of the staff work room to an alternate location in order to introduce the current work room (the old Hall) as the secondary examination location for all other public examinations.	Achievement Strategy in place, published to staff, students and parents, outlining a cohesive plan for our Yr11 and Yr13 students, given their particular pandemic experiences.	



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Student wellbeing Provide students with a range of school services and external points of support.	Year 2 of Pastoral Hub. MCH as Senior Pastoral Leader. Art Therapy offer with JST. An additional day counselling provision from Renew. Scheduled MHFA drop-in sessions. Young Carers drop-in sessions. Year 2 of Pastoral Cards. Open Door Policy with pastoral key staff.	EHI making fine progress in her role supporting Young Carers. MCH working fabulously as SPL. We now have 3 full days of counselling. The school nurse has returned. JST doing excellent work with Art Therapy – this is a real success. Pastoral Cards are being used and outside services being accessed if needed. CAHMS referrals being used. Using our Social Care link colleague more and more. Pastoral Hub is busy – monitoring use. MHFA every Friday.	
Staff wellbeing Provide staff with enrichment opportunities.	As part of our 'Commitment to Staff', broaden existing staff enrichment offer (reading, art and dance) to include sports and singing/choir. Adult MHFA drop-in sessions to be offered.	'Commitment to Staff' updated with Menopause Policy. Staff school gym offer now taking place. MHFA drop-in sessions now happening weekly with 4 colleagues MHFA-trained. Colleagues utilising mental health provision, referrals made where appropriate.	



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CCHS Alumnae Involve former students in the academic enrichment life of the school.	RCA to continue to work on developing relationships – e.g. Alumnae emails and communications. MPA and Subject Leaders to work on developing lecture/seminar provision under the umbrella of the CCHS Institute. AHN to run a half-termly careers event at lunchtime – alumnae key in this.	RCA continues to make excellent progress in developing alumnae relations. Three reunions planned for summer 2023. Excellent support from alumnae at recent Careers Evening and planned for future events.	
PSHE Ensure a coherent set of programmes across each of the three key stages.	PSHE - transition to a whole-school conception and experience of PSHE, with SBU taking on a Yr7-13 brief to create a coherent whole school model. Pilot 'Peer Educators Scheme'. Rebrand RTP as a broader life skills provision.	SBU is looking after the whole school. Moving towards Personal Development Model – the website to be updated with flowcharts showing how we achieve this. Full reform will then be achieved with gained time in the summer.	
Assemblies Produce an assembly rota to involve a wider range of colleagues, addressing key change@cchs themes.	Extended SLT colleagues to deliver whole school assemblies. House Assemblies to be delivered in-person again. Year Group Assemblies to be delivered in-person again. Responding to world events – keeping assemblies relevant, purposeful and thoughtful.	All assemblies are delivered in person – apart from during school/public examination periods. Extended SLT colleagues are on the assembly rota.	



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Curriculum development Review, update and innovate across each of the three key stages.	Curriculum - refresh the place of the CCHS Learner Profile within the curriculum.	GSHA Curriculum survey run by CCHS to review our provision is current. Learner Profile being refreshed through PSHE and assemblies. Staff CPD time dedicated to cross-curricular links and schema.	
Networks Support leading the launch of the ICGS.	Year 2 of our participation on the UK Advisory Board (one of only x7 schools across the country). Helping to establish the UK arm of ICGS as a presence in girls’ education.	SLA and MMU represented CCHS at the Inaugural ICGS UK Conference (London), with MMU presenting on school finance planning.	
CCHS CPD Programme Provide a research-informed offer to colleagues.	Inform our CPD provision with ideas and resources from 2022 ICGS International Conference.	FHR shared finding from ICGS as part of Leadership Development Programme CPD. Additional research informed CPD reviewed with staff around: meta cognition and curriculum sequencing (schema). CPD offers shared in staff briefing (inc. details from ICGS).	
Subject specific CPD Provide a research-informed offer to colleagues in all departments.	Allocate time through the calendar for colleagues to share best practice and CPD.	Department CPD time now established with positive feedback from colleagues.	
CCHS Leadership programme Recruit a new cohort for the 2022-23 academic year.	Using the Performance Management process to establish a new cohort of colleagues for this academic year.	New cohort engaging in a new presentation of the CCHS Leadership Programme, with all	



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		members of SLT involved in delivering sessions.	
School Development Leaders Review Year 1 and pursue a Year 2+ focus for each colleague.	Year 2 of this senior middle leadership reform, with each SDL having a permanent whole school development focus, linked to school need, identified areas of expertise and declared professional interests.	Our 6 SDLs now have a set development responsibility, linked to their strengths and school needs. These colleagues are also members of a new group - Extended SLT – with Associate SLT status.	

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Co-curricular provision Provide a range of extra-curricular & enrichment offers for each year group and monitor participation.	Re-establish a full Enrichment Day programme for all year groups – x3 days across the year, including work with primary pupils from partner schools re: FAPP.	Enrichment Day 1 took place for the whole school as well as inviting primary colleagues. ED2 planned for March. Duke of Edinburgh’s Bronze and Gold Awards taking place this year. Ypres trip took place for Year 9.	
CCHS Institute Provide a programme of activities across all three terms.	Year 2 of this initiative. Develop by initially inviting each of the patrons to deliver a talk/lecture/seminar.	One patron has delivered a very successful lecture. A second planned to be in school in April. Sian Cleaver invited but work commitments on a	



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		major international project are leaving her with limited time.	
CCHS Citizenship Programme Capitalise on our Learner Profile (curriculum) and PSHE (pastoral) work to create a new programme to address emerging issues.	Establish this across all main school year groups in year 1, with year 2 to extend to the Sixth Form. Bring under the auspices of change@cchs.	CCHS Citizenship Programme published to staff, students and parents as the Spring Term 1 change@cchs update.	
Global Citizenship Programme Progress this programme through local, national and international charities.	Year 2 of this project, with a new colleague leading on it.	JPO has a good set of new officials and is making sound progress in developing strategies and targeting causes. Relations with Nepalese charity re-established and funds sent.	
Educational trips Re-establish a coherent provision for all appropriate year groups.	Investigate opportunities for key year groups, mindful of cost, educational value and Covid-related realities, to experience learning beyond the classroom.	Ypres trip took place during the Autumn Term. Exchange-style trips in place for later in the year for German and French. Trips planning session held with Dept colleagues who run overseas trips. An outline framework has been put together for review.	
Campus development Progress thinking, discussion and planning for a new stage of development.	Commence planning work with Govs, staff and students for a Sixth Form Centre proposal, including identifying grant/funding opportunities.	Analysis on viability of Sixth Form Centre completed and included in Estate Strategy document. Currently a long-term goal; not financially viable at present time.	



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	Develop and implement the first phase of a decarbonisation plan. Commence upgrade works for the swimming pool to ensure medium to long term viability.	CIF bid submitted for replacement of main school boilers and replacement of swimming pool boiler - approved for Easter '23 and analysis underway for carbon efficient replacement of Cadbury building boiler.	

Section 7: Glossary of terms

ALIS	Advanced Level Information System
ALPS	Advanced Level Performance System
ASGS	Association of State Girls' Schools
ASHE	Association of Secondary Heads in Essex
BAME	Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic
BHM	Black History Month
BMAT	Biomedical Admissions Test
CAT	Cognitive Abilities Test
CEM	Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (Durham)
CIF	Condition Improvement Fund
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CSR Partners	Corporate Social Responsibility Partners
EPQ	Extended Project Qualification
FAPP	Fair Access and Partnership Plan
F&F	Facilities & Finance Committee
FFT	Fischer Family Trust
GSHA	Grammar School Heads' Association



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ICGS	International Coalition of Girls' Schools
INSET	In-Service Training
ITT	Initial Teacher Training
KS	Key Stage
LAC	Looked after Children
MAT	Multi-Academy Trust
MESH	Mid-Essex Secondary Heads
MHFA	Mental Health First Aid(er)
NACE	National Association for Able Children in Education
NCGS	National Coalition of Girls' Schools
NPWE	New Parents' Welcome Evening
PPG	Pupil Premium Girls
PSHE	Personal, social, health and education
PTI	Prince's Teaching Institute
RTP	Rolling Tutor Period (to deliver PSHE)
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SDL	School Development Leader
SDP	School Development Plan
SF	Sixth Form
SIMS	Management Information System from Capita
SL	Subject Leader
SLT	Senior Leadership Team: SLA Stephen Lawlor, MPA Michael Palmer, MMU Melissa Mulgrew, JCR Jo Cross, FHR Fiona Harrison, ASE Adam Selby
SSEF	Selective Schools Expansion Fund
SSGS	Successful Selective Girls' Schools
SSMCo	Staff & Student Matters Committee
TA	Teacher Assessment
T&L	Teaching & Learning
TLR3	Teaching & Learning Responsibility 3 (time-limited paid project)
UKCAT	UK Clinical Aptitude Test
YL	Year Leader