



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

It seems fitting to showcase the breathtaking aurora borealis that was witnessed in so many parts of the country, including Essex, over the past weekend. Such an extraordinary once in a generation event, with all the commentary that surrounded it, speaks to the essence of education: awe, wonder, enquiry and understanding. Whether one engaged with this scientifically, artistically or spiritually – or in multiple ways – what a natural spectacle to interest and inspire us.

It was lovely to welcome parents and families of our Year 8 students to the Parents' Evening yesterday. These events, and others, across all year groups are so important as we work together to motivate, support and inspire your daughters – our students. Thank you, as ever, to CCHS families and CCHS staff as we collaborate in this most important of enterprises.

And many congratulations to our fabulous Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they continue with their public examinations – two positive and wonderful year groups. Thank you to other year groups, who are supporting them with our 'quiet campus' approach over the next few weeks.



SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on the floor, positioned to the right of the word 'SPOTLIGHT'.

We are fortunate to work with a range of colleagues who have recently engaged with, or continue to engage with, external agencies to support their professional development. This not only supports in developing their role in our school, or developing their work as classroom practitioners, but also enables us as a wider school community to engage with educational research to improve our whole school practices. This spotlight feature acts as a mechanism to showcase to our school community the ongoing professional development work undertaken by our talented staff.

Mr Selby

The majority of students know me as Frau Hardy and I am a trainee teacher of German within the MFL Department at CCHS. Some students also know me as Señora Hardy as I also have the pleasure of teaching Spanish. I am completing my training with Mid Essex Initial Teacher Training and my PGCE is accredited by Anglia Ruskin University.

I have undertaken weekly Core and Subject Expert training with Mid Essex and the PGCE portion of the course consists of two assignments based on 'Reflective Practice'. For the second assignment I conducted a professional enquiry investigating research into the teaching of high quality grammar at KS3. I wished to explore this area further, primarily because of my own keen interest in this foundational concept for language learning, but also because students at CCHS are inquisitive and curious and equipping them with this knowledge successfully sets them up to pursue languages further!

The entire MFL department welcomed me wholeheartedly in the Autumn term and I have thrived on the collaborative efforts of the team to deliver the CCHS languages curriculum to all the key stages with passion and enthusiasm. Working alongside experienced and expert teachers has undeniably been the highlight of my training year; however, the sense of community that is felt around CCHS is remarkable. I have been only too pleased and proud to be a part of it.

Miss L Hardy

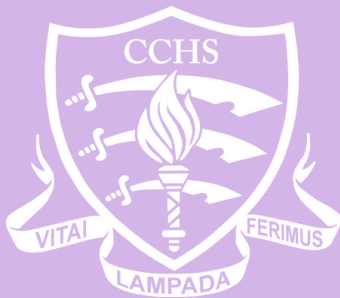


Student Achievements

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.

Anna, (7S), played piano in the Blackheath Music Festival on 12th May, where she was awarded a Bronze for Grade 6 class and Gold for the Duet with Teacher class.

The first Blackheath Music Festival was held in May 1988. It has been one of the most prominent music festivals in Southeast London.



CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We have a brilliant way to raise free donations for the school!

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Esther, (12FSE) for her colour pencil drawing. Well done and well deserved.

The International Coalition of Girls' Schools

In July 2022, CCHS became one of the founding UK schools of the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS). ICGS is now the leading advocate for girls' schools globally.

The work of ICGS is to advance the mission of girls' schools. Girls' schools play a vital role in educating and empowering girls, which is essential to overcoming our world's greatest challenges, from climate change to human rights, from global health to sustainable human development. The purpose of ICGS is to nurture the girls who will become the indispensable women leaders of tomorrow. We, at CCHS, will continue our work and commitment to excellence in girls' education and empowerment. When it comes to girls' education, there is always more we can do, together.

The ICGS produce a variety of resources to support both teachers and parents in supporting the development of girls and young women. This week we share with you a podcast called "Why Curious Girls Will Save the World". "Curiosity killed the cat" and "don't speak unless spoken to" are the kinds of phrases many adults grew up hearing. Yet research shows that cultivating curiosity leads to better learning, creativity, and well-being. Helping girls develop their curiosity has immense benefits. They're likely to take a keener interest in social justice issues, be more confident and self-aware, and take on more leadership roles. This audio short explores the many benefits of encouraging curious minds. Listen to the podcast here: <https://girlsschools.org/advocacy/blog/2024/04/18/on-educating-girls-podcast-short-why-curious-girls-will-save-the-world/>



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 students in the buslane.



ROAD SAFETY

Next week in PSHE – Friday 17th May, Period 5

Year 7 – Non-Verbal communication

Year 8 – Unifrog activities in computer rooms.

Year 9 – Revision Techniques

Year 10 – Blood and stem cell donations (105 Samaritans speakers)

Year 11. – Study leave.

Year 12 – WizUp financial speakers – Tax and Pensions.

Year 13 – Study leave.

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On CCHS socials this week...



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60- minute webinars designed to help you
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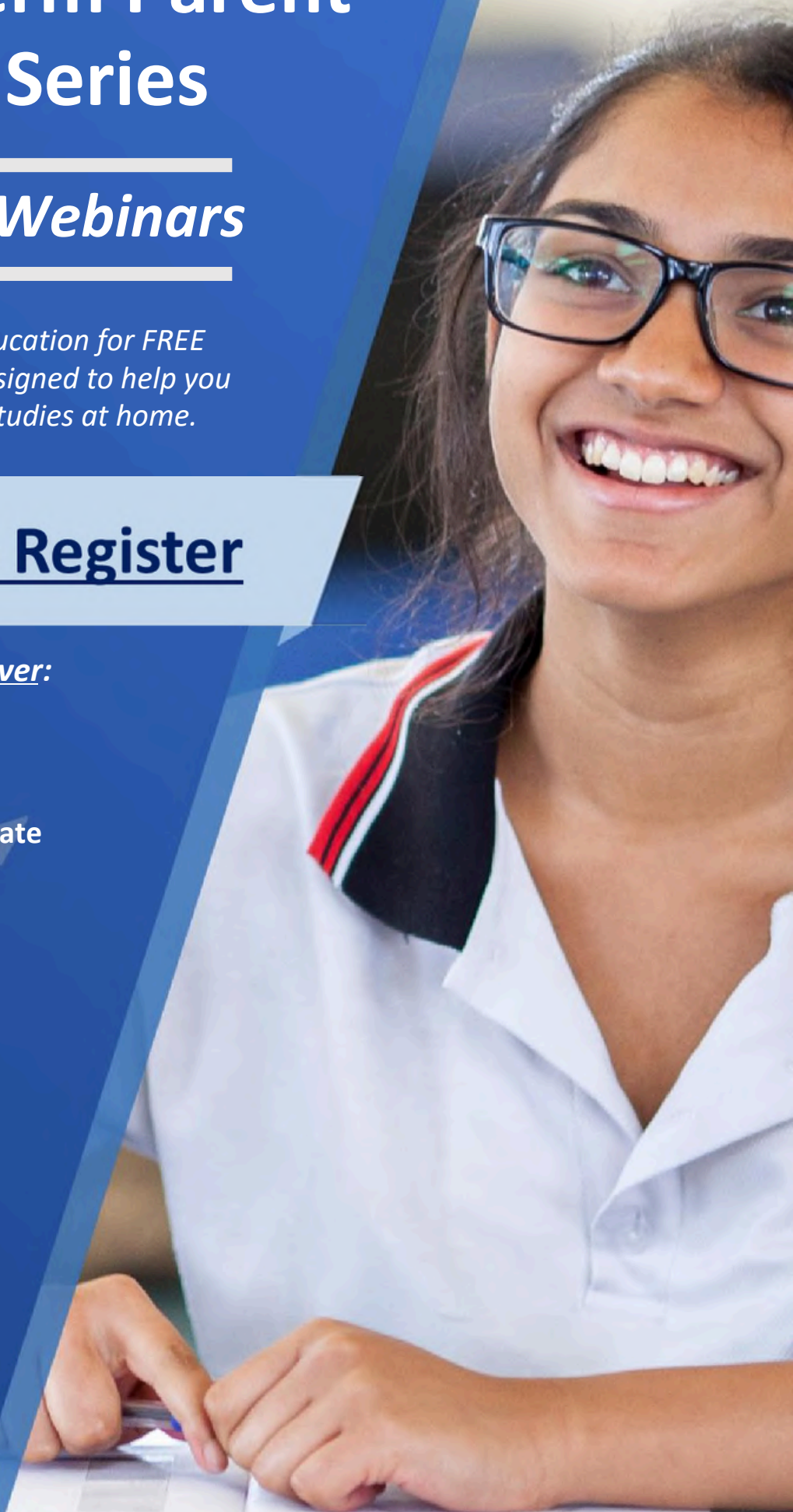
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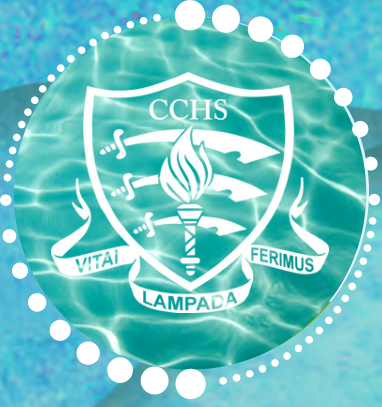
**How To Help Your Child Alleviate
Stress**

- 18th June @6:00pm

**How To Get (& Keep) Your
Child Motivated**

- 2nd July @6:00pm





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SWIMATHON



21ST JUNE 2004

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Chelmsford County High School for Girls

Keep on swimming!

Context

The CCHS swimming pool was built in the 1960s, partly from funds raised by CCHS families. Dedicated upgrading and maintenance work over the years has ensured that the pool has served generations of students and young people across the Chelmsford community.

At the moment, our pool supports the PE curriculum for our 1,162 students, as well as nearly 200 pupils from five local primary schools, and nearly 600 young people from the wider community who use our pool with clubs.

Our swimming pool is truly a community pool.

Goal

Now is the time to modernise this important community resource to preserve it for future generations of students, pupils and young people. We are asking for your support now, just as the CCHS community rallied in the 1960s to ensure a pool was built, to help us achieve this important goal.

Fundraising

We estimate that the pool will require up to £250,000 over the next two years to bring it back to a suitable condition to support swimming in our community for the foreseeable future.

Our immediate need is to replace our aged boiler and gas pipework, which will cost approximately £35,000.

We will be organising some sponsored events and other fundraising activities, however if you are able to support us with any amount, we have a fundraising page available at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/Keep-CCHS-Swimming>

