



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

Our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students continue with their public examinations. What an example they are to us all, with their dedication, industry and ambition. Our continued best wishes to all of them.

For other year groups, a key focus for the remainder of this term will relate to completing courses, in readiness for the transition to the 2024-25 academic year. This work will continue to be guided by our Achievement Strategy, which is hosted in the Parents' Portal section of our website. The rest of this term will also be marked with local and overseas trips, as well as House, music, art and sporting events. We will, of course, continue with [change@cchs](#) activities as well.

Additionally, this term allows us to start getting to know the students who will join us in Year 7 from September. The after-school sports programme on Wednesday, as well as the new intake welcome meetings on Thursday and today, allow our new students to begin meeting each other and start to appreciate the opportunities that await them at CCHS from September.

Importantly, we will also be holding our Sixth Form Induction Day this term, which will provide current Year 11 students with a chance to learn more about the wealth of academic, enrichment, UCAS and careers opportunities we provide. On that day, we will welcome lots of the students from other schools who are very keen to join us in September too.

As always, the CCHS community thanks the hard-working and talented school staff, who prioritise the wellbeing of and ambition for our wonderful students. As school staff, we are grateful to CCHS families for the support and encouragement of our work.

SPOTLIGHT

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

Each week, a member of staff provides a brief outline of their work in the school in our 'Spotlight' feature. This will enable the CCHS community to appreciate the nature, importance and impact of the industrious and talented staff who work at our school. Allied with our wonderful students, encouraging parents and supportive governors, our school community is blessed with people who are committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.

Mr Lawlor

We are extremely fortunate here at CCHS to have an incredible support team. Their roles incorporate a huge variety of office and administrative duties, medical and pastoral support. The front office team (Mrs Brown, Mrs Gross, Mrs Kempster, Mrs Denihan and Miss Silva) are often the first point of contact for students who are in need of any support, which can range from medical concerns to general queries. As well as offering this front-line assistance they also provide educational support in terms of parental communications, trip and event planning, supporting departments and managing absences.

Mrs Sheldon is our Principle First Aider and Reprographics Officer. Her role ranges from providing first aid and recording and updating student healthcare plans, first aid training for staff and organising our reprographics requests. Admissions at CCHS is supported by Mrs Maslin (Main School) and Mrs Bernard (Sixth Form) who both support our prospective students as well as providing invaluable pastoral support. They also arrange various events within the school. Mrs Davis is our Data Manager, she provides support with timetabling and looking after our student data.

Every member of our support team works together to help provide the best care and support for all our students and it is a pleasure to be part of this great school community.

Mrs A. Brown

Office Manager and PA to Deputy Headteacher (Academic)



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.

Ellen, (12RTH), has just completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, which was completed through Quo Vadis Explorer Scouts.

This follows on from obtaining the Bronze and Silver awards too.

Congratulations, Ellen!



Rosie, (10A), competed in the Essex Girls Championships in half term and won. She is now the Essex girls Net Champion!

Congratulations, Rosie!



Our Athlete of the Week is Chloe, (9G). Chloe volunteered to help out at the Year 6 taster sessions, where she led hockey drills for 30 students.

Her enthusiasm was outstanding throughout the entire session, and she couldn't have been more helpful. She will be a fantastic role model to the new year 7 students in September.

Well done, Chloe!



Please follow our CCHS PE Department Twitter account to keep up to date with our sporting news

@[CCHS4GPE](https://twitter.com/CCHS4GPE)



Please follow our PE Instagram account for everything PE & Sport.

@[pe_cchs](https://www.instagram.com/pe_cchs)





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Sarah, (10A), was selected to play at the Indoor Inter-Regional Volleyball Championships this year.

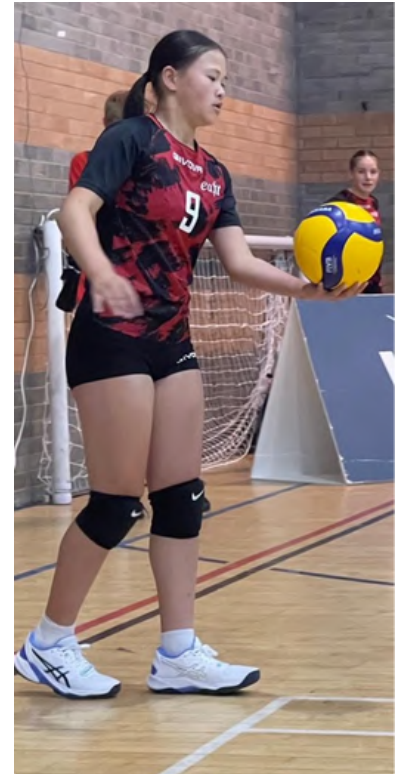
Team EAST is selected through trials from Schools and volleyball clubs that play in the areas from the Eastern Region which covers the following Counties: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Sarah was also selected to captain the U15 team, which competed against other regions from England in the championships held in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Unfortunately, the U15 team lost to Yorkshire (the winners), North West, and South East, leading them to the 7th-9th playoffs. They secured 7th position by winning against North East and East Midlands.

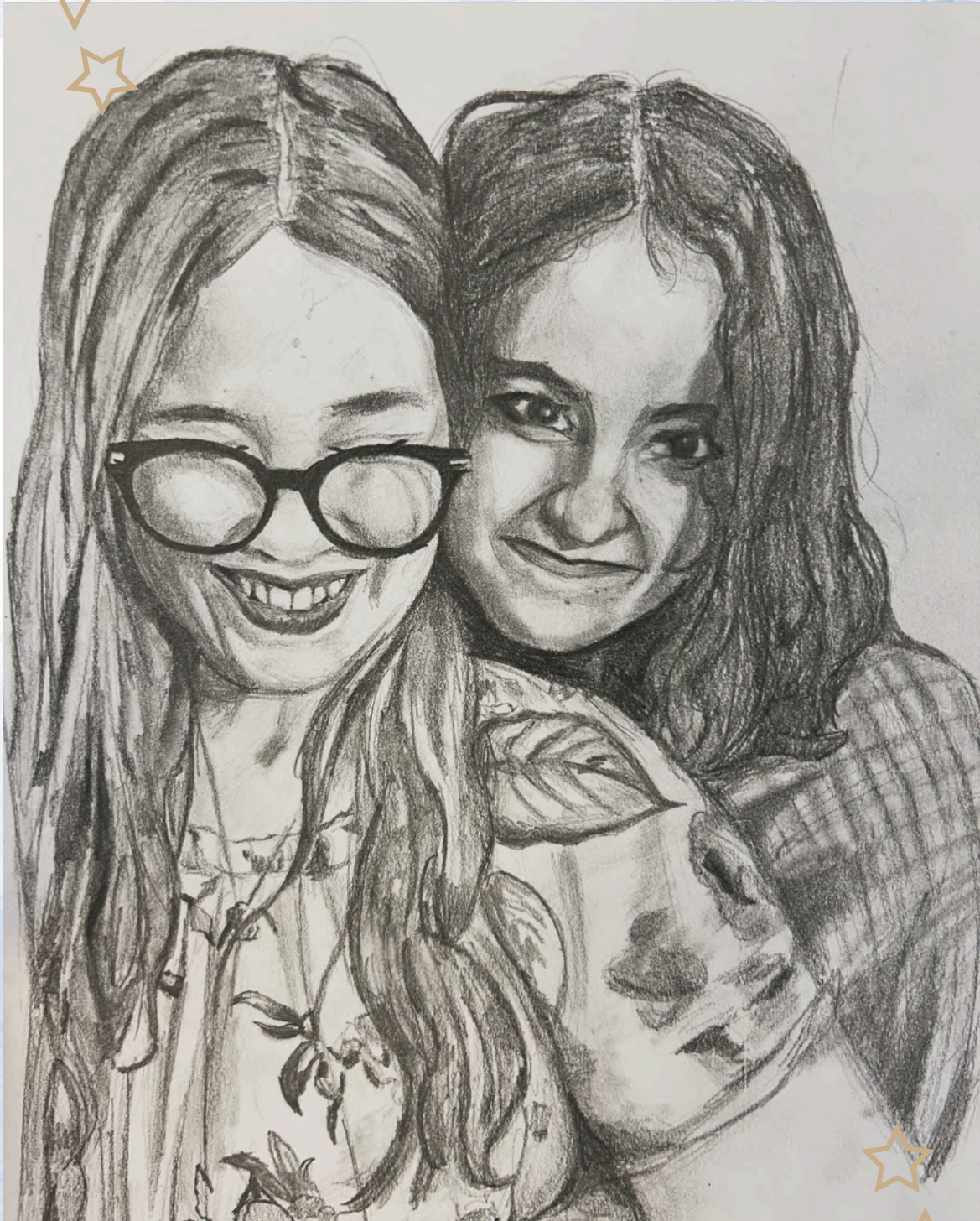
It was a fantastic weekend of volleyball and a valuable experience for Sarah as captain of a remarkable regional team!

Well done, Sarah!



Year 12 Nice Trip		Monday 10th June
Year 13 Book Return		Friday 14th June
CCHS Swimathon		Friday 21st June
CCHS Sixth Form Induction Day		Friday 28th June

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Stella, in Year 10, for capturing this wonderful image of friendship.

MARY KENYON POETRY PRIZE 2024 - WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

This year has been the most popular Mary Kenyon Poetry Competition yet with over fifty pages of poems submitted for the panel to judge! Thanks to everybody who entered – the imagination and creativity on display was stunning.

This year's theme was 'Inspirational Women' and it was truly inspirational to read your thoughts about those who inspire our students, from celebrities to historical figures to close family members.

The competition was judged by Caroline and Henry Kenyon with Mr Carter. The Kenyon family also kindly donate the winning prizes of £100 each for the older students and, for the first time this year, a £50 prize for the Year 7-9 category.

Congratulations to our winners below and well done to all those who entered!

YEARS 7-9

My Mother Says
By Neena, 9H



*My mother says the leaves talk in the twilight,
that the murmur of the trees makes some secret song,
her calloused palms tend so gently to the dying flowers.*

*My mother says we should listen to the hum of the earth,
of everything it houses and the words that go unspoken,
whilst she buries a lifeless bird underneath the dirt.*

*The bird's mate comes to our garden a few days later, hobbling with an injured wing.
Do not mar people with the fire on your tongue, till your fury has a rightful direction, but be their hope.
Somehow, the injured bird finds strength to fly again.*

*My mother is a woman with rigid determination,
wiping the sweat from her brow. Know when to stop, she says.
Do not give till you are empty husk more than woman, she means.
She ploughs through the earth, digging through ant nests,
thinking of the rose bushes she will plant when the leaves turn crackly orange.*

*My mother's hair is turning grey, and lines are etched onto her face,
sacrifice stains her skin, armour encases her bones.
My mother tends to other gardens now, ones she has always nurtured.
Time is a waiting woman, and my mother patiently wonders when her flowers will bloom.*

YEARS 10-11

Earhart's Absolute Ceiling

By Riya, 11G

*From Earhart's absolute ceiling she can still see the stars and she'll tell us
(clear for take-off) get the wind under your wings, chase them!
Pierce through the clouds, cruise on the crystal-clear winds (268 km/hr);
this blue silence is your new good friend—nothing reaches this high—congratulations.
Taking fully impossible breaths in the thinner-than-thread air
Rippling through it as a tender mirage, yet casting a winged shadow
to hold our hands and point the direction (measuring each degree) for us
Us: blinded, a blinking aeroplane, a shooting star, or an angel? We ask.
It doesn't matter; looking up is how you climb, love!
Climb: at full throttle to join the frosted blue sky brandishing the sun.
Icarus returns. Brushed by the sun he tumbled down (aircraft on ground).
She returns. From the absolute ceiling, having mapped the net of stars and clouds—
maybe fierce turbulence—
maybe paralysed, stalling—
maybe diving like a bird (uncontrolled flight into terrain),
floating, fluttering, with the fizz of a flame sparking out.
Wings not melted but glassified in the firing-sun.
Hold her as a reminder in your pocket of new worlds, greater velocities, higher ceilings,
and she'll hear us (clear for landing).*

YEARS 12-13

The Tapestry of Time

By Anvi, 12KRE



*Inspirational women, quietly sewn into
the tapestry of time
not the flashy embroidery, oh no, but the
small yet durable,
barely-there stitches
that hold together,
and sustain the
shape and form of society.
That turn the tears of adversity into tears of
strength, and courage
Gellhorn, Kare, Gibb; simply
slip stitches,
slip slip slipping away into the vibrant, rich
honorable tapestry
of history.
Into the tapestry of time.*



Junior Physics Challenge

In May, Year 10 took part in the Junior Physics Challenge. CCHS were one of the nine schools which entered more than 150 students. The UK entry to the Junior Physics Challenge this year was around 14868 students.

Twenty-four of our students achieved Gold awards, placing them in the top 16% of entries. Eighty-two CCHS students achieved Silver and Sixty-four students achieved Bronze awards in this National Physics Competition.

Well done, to all who took part.



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 – Tuesday 11th June – Period 3.

Year 7 – Careers in computer rooms

Year 8. – Coping Strategies

Year 9 – – Grief and Bereavement *

Year 10 – First Aid – 105 Samaritans.

Year 11. – Study leave

Year 12 – UCAS preparation

Year 13 – Study leave

* Please note that Yr9 will be learning about grief and bereavement over the next two weeks. Obviously as a school, we understand that this is a sensitive issue, although we do believe that this is an important issue to discuss with the students. The lessons are written by the UK bereavement charity – Winston's Wish – <https://www.winstonswish.org/> and are age-appropriate and deal with this sensitive issue with care and consideration.

If you would like any more information, please contact the PSHE coordinator – sbuckley@cchs.co.uk or Year 9 Leader – Bcopper@cchs.co.uk

On CCHS socials this week...



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Congratulations to Mrs Kurian (Subject Leader of Physics & STEM Leader) on achieving a Jack Petchey Leader Award for her tremendous work leading a host of colleagues to provide so many STEM opportunities for our students.

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Many thanks to our wonderful House Officials, who are running House Assemblies across the week. A great school tradition that is going from strength to strength as the school has grown.

House System - Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)



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CCHS @CCHS4G · 5h

Many congratulations to Neena, Riya and Anvi on their success in the Mary Kenyon Poetry Competition this year. Thank you, as always, to the Kenyon family for supporting this wonderful competition.

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"Commemorating D-Day 80" – 6th June 2024 marks 80 years since D-Day.

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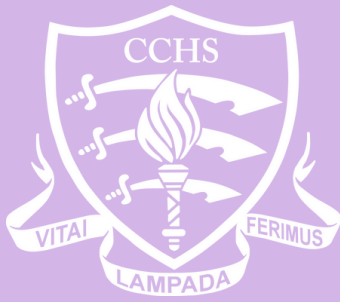
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CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The PA are pleased to announce that the winners of the Wishlist Lottery are:

For May:

1st Prize £50 Mr & Mrs A.J.MacLachan

2nd Prize £25 Mrs E.A. Jermiah

3rd Prize £25 Mrs T. Baker

For June:

1st Prize £50 Mr and Mrs G.Barman

2nd Prize £25 Mrs V. Walsh

3rd Prize £25 Mrs G.Nandha

Cheques will be given out at school.

The PA is holding its first Summer Social at The Club Lounge, Old Chelmsfordians Association, Lawford Lane, Roxwell Road, Chelmsford CM1 2NS on Tuesday 25th June 2024, 6-8pm.

This event is open to all friends of CCHS PA (not just volunteers) and will hopefully be a fun, informal and relaxing opportunity to meet up with and chat to parents and families from all year groups.

All parents / guardians automatically become PA members when their child joins CCHS. One of the main aims of the PA is to help build a strong community. Getting to know other parents and families involved in the school is a great way to achieve this and has a beneficial impact on everyone.

Thanks to Executive Committee members for their donations enabling the bar to be open where you can purchase refreshments. There will be some snacks and nibbles but please feel free to bring additional ones to share.

Tickets are available on ParentPay for a nominal amount of £2.50 which will cover the costs of venue hire. We hope to make this initial event a complete success, fostering collaboration, building community, strengthening the PA and helping to make a future event self-funding.

The Club Lounge at Old Chelmsfordians has a maximum capacity of 100, so places are limited. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. In case of any queries, please email the PA at pa@cchs.essex.sch.uk.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CCHS PA

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All friends of the PA welcome | Licensed bar | Feel free to bring nibbles | £2.50 admission - pay on Parentpay

June 2024

Tuesday

6-8pm

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**OLD CHELMSFORDIANS SPORTS &
SOCIAL CLUB, CLUB LOUNGE**

LAWFORD LANE, ROXWELL ROAD,
CHELMSFORD CM1 2NS

Summer Term Parent Support Series

Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60- minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

**How To Help Your Child Alleviate
Stress**

- 18th June @6:00pm

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

- 2nd July @6:00pm





CCHS

SWIMATHON



21ST JUNE 2024

Help us save our pool!

Please donate using the QR
code or the link below

**Reference - Swimathon &
child's name**



How far can we swim ?

The length of the

Chelmer River ?

English Channel ?

or even the Amazon ?

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Keep-CCHS-Swimming](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/Keep-CCHS-Swimming)



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>

