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MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

This is our final Laudatio of the 2023-24 Academic Year. Next week, the final week of the Summer Term and the Academic Year, we will publish our Termly Newsletter – *Communitas*.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided both the inspiration and the content for our weekly bulletin on Fridays. Each week, this publication is animated with news from staff, students and families – evidence of the energy, achievements and fun that distinguish life at CCHS.

These qualities have been in the foreground over the past weeks with our year group prizegiving events. Each of these events saw a former student as the guest speaker. Inviting back members of the CCHS Alumnae is always a delight. Hearing their life stories as they deliver their speeches is a privilege for us. How proud we are of them, and the CCHS Alumnae more broadly.

CCHS has worked with and educated girls across a 117 year period. Each cohort of these remarkable young women has gone on to contribute to their communities and to the world in a multitude of ways. Our girls' school has always been a beacon of excellence and inspiration for so many – *Vitai Lampada Ferimus*. Indeed, Mr Lodge explored the roots and significance of our school motto during his wonderful whole school assemblies this week. His message to students and staff was to stay curious, ask questions and keep learning – a fine and fitting message as we move towards the summer period.

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down onto a circular spot on a dark blue background.

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

In my role as site manager for CCHS I have many responsibilities that include premises health and safety, security, cleaning and HR. I regularly remind my colleagues that the most important work that they perform is often invisible. It will be the litter that cannot be seen, the health and safety issue that has been quietly removed, the grass that has been mown or the security concern that has been carefully considered. One important and invisible responsibility I hold is to motivate and engage every member of my team for the purpose of achieving our common goal, therefore embracing a sense of community within the team. An effective way of engaging a teammate is to treat them with respect, we should all perhaps try to take a moment to think about how a considerate word of encouragement to a teammate will affect their performance. Remember, if your team performs well then you will also perform well, regardless of your position within the team.

Mr R. Free
Site Manager

I asked someone recently what they thought of the ESO's at CCHS, and the answer was that they are quite simply the backbone of the school – and I have to agree. It is obvious that we have exceptional teaching staff, and our students deserve that their teachers are able to spend all their energies on providing them with the best education. Our dedicated team of ESO's make this possible as they work in the background every day taking care of all the administrative tasks associated with each department. From ordering stationery to scheduling extra tuition and organising complex overseas trips, we work together to ensure the most efficient running of the school for both the teachers and the students.

Mrs K. Millar
Education Support Officer

Welcome to the Exams Office, where our small but mighty team ensures that every test, from internal exams to national public exams run like a well-oiled machine. We are all about keeping things smooth and following strict guidelines set by the exam boards. Our year is packed with mock exams, coursework submissions, teacher assessment reports, national challenges with the support of our fantastic team of invigilators.

At CCHS, I witnessed firsthand the dedication and focus of our students. Our mission is to make the exam process a positive part of their journey, alleviating stress and helping them thrive during these critical periods.

Behind the scenes, both Mrs Styles (Assistant Exams Officer) and I are busy with submitting information to exam boards, arranging seating plans, creating exam timetables, booking rooms, fixing exam clashes and providing additional support for students who need it most.

No two days are the same and that's what I love the most about my job. The variety keeps things exciting, and seeing our students perform well fills me with immense pride and also being part of the CCHS community. Here's to supporting our students as they grow into talented, successful young adults!

Mrs F. Hassan
Exams and Data Officer



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.

Evie, (8G), has recent had success at the Swim England Artistic Swimming Competition: The Combo Cup (Nationals), held in Sheffield on Saturday 6th July 2024. Evie is part of Chelmsford City Swimming Club's Artistic Swimming Team and their team; competing in Division 1, 13-15yrs category, came second to win them the silver medal and a much deserved place on the podium. We're all incredibly proud of the team and how well they all performed under pressure.



Well done, Evie!



Sarah, (9G), was the youngest person to take part in TriSport Essex's Adult Try-a-Tri last Sunday. She swam 200m, cycled 10km and ran 3km. Here she is after being presented with her medal by the Mayor of Brentwood.





On the 5th of July, CCHS's Gospel Choir took an exciting trip to Birmingham to perform at the CBSO centre (City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra), after being graciously invited to sing at this year's Music for Youth festival. After a lengthy 3-hour journey, the choir had a few final rehearsals and then were called on to perform as the last act in their session. We kicked off with a moving rendition of 'He Reigns', and then filled the venue with incredible energy with a gospel version of the famous 'Lovely Day'.

We really enjoyed performing to such a large public audience, truly giving it our all. This is especially true for the few Year 13s, for whom this performance was sadly their last. The other 7 acts in their session were absolutely amazing, mostly comprising of school choirs just like our own performing a range of different vocal musical genres! When everyone had finished performing, there were comments for each group from the two wonderful mentors, one of whom was involved in West End productions of Les Misérables and The Phantom of the Opera! Our gospel choir received wonderful feedback, being acknowledged for really bringing soul and passion in their delivery.

Overall, it was a thrilling and enriching experience- and many special thanks go to Martha and Maria who led the choir with these songs!

-Lucy



Yesterday, Mr Lawlor, Mrs Connolly and I were delighted to attend the 2024 CSES Awards Evening. The event was a celebration of talent, creativity, dedication and hard work, with thirty- four of our students receiving prizes. Additionally, CCHS was honoured with six trophies across various categories. This success would not have been possible without the commitment shown by students and support of staff. The event was a heartwarming celebration recognising all the efforts and commitment to excellence. We commend all the students for their outstanding achievements, and we look forward to their future endeavours.

Project	Students	Award
Saturday Club 2024	Aashrita, Anaiya, Debrotri, Emmanuella	Certificate of Achievement
Agar Art	Debotri	1st Prize
AI Robots in Healthcare (Poster Competition)	Aashrita	2nd Prize
Defence Assurance for Vulnerable Equipment (D.A.V.E)	Chloe, Deniz, Rujuta, Alice, Anna, Alyssa	Design Execution Award (Years 12-13)
Everguard	Eva, Aashrita, Abigail, Nesochi	Concept Design Award (Years 10-11)
Our School is an Island	Anshu, Akshatha, Anjana, Katie, Lexia, Vaishnavi	Concept Design Award (Years 7-9)
The Medic	Rucha, Rayana, Hannah, Camille, Leanne, Kirit	Technical Design Award (Years 12-13)
The Sunshine Project	Sharanya, Swati, Diya, Maryam	Lucy Pettet Innovation Award
Visidice	Ayame, Sophie, Niah, Hannah	Vic Leverett Enterprise Award



ESSA National Athletics Finals 2024

Stoke-on-Trent

We started the trip on a very wet day and loading the mini bus up with our one thousand and one things – to say we got drenched is an understatement! We hit the road for Stoke-on-Trent and thankfully it stopped raining, so we were able to follow Mrs Bellamy's bright yellow car without a problem, down the M6. After lots of (loud) singing we arrived at our hotel, ready to unpack and have a little relax before heading out for dinner. First thing to unpack was breakfast – expertly done by Caitlin and Sibylla! We had a lovely dinner, some opting for the kids menu and others with pies and bangers and mash! After dinner, it was time to start preparing for a good nights sleep before competition day – some had other plans making 'sugar water' just before bed...not sure that was one of Frankie's best ideas!



We had an early start the next morning, checking in for our yummy breakfast – we went to Miss G Sales and Mrs Bellamy's room for pastries, bread and spreads and then to Miss S Sales and Miss Burnham's room for cereals, juice and fruit.

Next stop – Northwood Stadium, and it was very dark, cold and gloomy; who knew we needed to pack out winter clothes for an athletics competition in the summer! We warmed-up wearing our new Nationals kit and were ready to go. First up was the track events where we scored 224 points. Excellent performances all-round; a particular shout out to Caitlin with ran 27s in the 200m, Lilly running sub 5minutes in the 1500m and Charlotte running a personal best in the 300m and Izzy winning her heat in style in the 800m.



We moved on to the field events in the afternoon, but the weather wasn't being very kind to us with strong winds and rain. Despite some of our field events going to plan, we still had some brilliant performances; Everly winning the long jump competition, Haneefah making her debut appearance in the shot putt and Lilly jumping a personal best in the long jump. We finished with the relay where Esme, Izzy, Isobel and Camilla sprinted round the track and got the baton round safely in an excellent time.

As we sat down for the results ceremony, we learned that we finished in a fantastic 10th place nationally – an absolutely phenomenal achievement!

We headed back to the mini bus for the journey home to stop off for some dinner on the way home and were lucky enough to watch the England penalty shoot out at the service station, with some of the other competing schools – a wonderful environment for everyone.

A big well done to everyone – as a department we could not be prouder of you all and we have made memories that we will never forget.

A big shout out to Imogen and Tomi who were our fantastic reserves on the day who fully supported the team in every way they could. Also, a big thank you to the staff who supported the trip; Mrs Bellamy, Miss G Sales, Miss S Sales and Miss Burnham.

Well done everyone on a fantastic competition and fantastic season!



Dear CCHS Community,

Invitation to join a girls' school research collaboration

This year, the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) is celebrating its 150th year. To mark this important moment for girls' education in the UK, the GSA is inviting girls' schools across the country to participate in a research collaboration.

The project aims to understand the benefits of girls' schools and to learn more about girls' schools' ability to equip girls for their lives after finishing school.

Please share your feedback using the appropriate link below – the short survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.

- Students: (KS3, KS4 and KS5): <https://impacted.typeform.com/GSAsecondary>
- Parents: <https://impacted.typeform.com/GSAparents>
- Staff: <https://impacted.typeform.com/GSAstaff>
- Alumnae: <https://impacted.typeform.com/GSAalumnae>

Thank you, in advance, for participating in this research project.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Lawlor.

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Zunairah, Year 9 for the detailed colour pencil drawing of her favourite sweets.

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



Congratulations to Mariam (Year 10), Vaishnavi (Year 9) and Zion (Year 9) who received awards for their entries to the competition “If you were an Engineer what would you do?”. The East of England Celebration Event was hosted by ARU on Tuesday 25th June. Thank you to all the students who participated and Dr Cannon for organising this competition.



On CCHS socials this week...

CCHS @CCHS4G · Jul 9

Our student musicians and Music Department have worked wonderfully well to prepare for tonight's Cabaret Concert, which we are really looking forward to.

The Arts - Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)



CCHS @CCHS4G · 1h

Many congratulations to the CCHS teams who achieved awards and prizes at last night's Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society Awards Ceremony, held at Anglia Ruskin University.

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Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society

CCHS @CCHS4G · 1h

We are looking forward to House Music today! Thank you to all the students and staff who will be involved and performing.

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CCHS @CCHS4G · Jul 8

We have a host of activities and trips running today on our Enrichment Day, including welcoming pupils from local primary schools for a day of creativity!

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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>

