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## MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

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We were delighted to welcome the parents of Year 12 students on Tuesday, with our Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening. Moving from GCSE to A level study is a significant step for all students. The opportunity for us to meet and speak with parents to provide information and receive feedback is important to us as we work to support our students. Moreover, it was great for us to meet the families of the students who joined us as new students in Year 12 – we are fortunate indeed that these wonderful students have chosen to join CCHS.

On Thursday, we welcomed the families of Year 7 students to our New Parents' Welcome Evening. Certainly, the transition from primary school to secondary school is a major move for students and their families. We look forward to the seven years that this group of students will spend at CCHS, learning, building friendships and enjoying their time in their school community. Indeed, this academic year represents the final phase of our main school expansion, which began in September 2020, as we increased from five forms of entry to six forms of entry. Each main school year group (Years 7 to 11) now has 180 students, which is excellent. We now also have nearly 340 students in our Sixth Form, which we are thrilled with.

As this academic year progresses, there will be further opportunities for parents and families to attend the school, with other Meet the Tutor events, Parents' Evenings, the Dance Show, Music Concerts and the School Production. Our continued thanks to CCHS families for all the support and encouragement of our work with your daughters – our students – as we work together to progress our commitment to excellence in girls' education and empowerment.

A superb demonstration of student leadership was seen with our Culture Fest Week over the past days. Credit to our wonderful Change & Diversity Prefects, who inspired and co-ordinated a wonderful programme across all year groups. Please do see their piece in our bulletin this week. Many thanks to them, and all the students and staff who contributed to this important celebration of culture. A particular thanks to Mrs Watt, for her vision and ideas, which are seeing this new school tradition go from strength to strength.

Dear CCHS Community,

RE: Arrival at and departure from school

I have received feedback from local residents about their experiences during periods when students are arriving at and departing from school. Each week, in our Friday bulletin, we include a reminder about the importance of road safety at these times. Local residents have raised associated issues, with some parents parking inappropriately, e.g. across driveways, and dangerously, e.g. on footpaths.

CCHS has been part of this local community since 1907 and our relationships with and respect for our local community are very important to us, as I know they will be for you. Clearly we are a big school, as all the other local schools are. You may have noticed that CCHS senior staff are out on gate duty each morning and afternoon to ensure the safety of students as they leave, board buses and coaches, etc.

I ask for your continued vigilance and co-operation, please, to ensure that if you are dropping off or collecting your daughter, you remain mindful of the local residents around the school, including First Avenue, Corporation Road, Swiss Avenue, Westfield Avenue and Elms Drive, please.

Thank you in advance for your support with this – it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Lawlor.

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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/picking up students in the buslane.



**ROAD  
SAFETY**



# 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.

Congratulations to Arushi and Siya, (13KRE), who were finalists in the John Locke Institute essay competition both being awarded a Merit. The Institute is an independent educational organisation that works to embolden the best and brightest students to become more academically ambitious and more intellectually adventurous and is named in honour of the seventeenth century Oxford philosopher, John Locke.

This year there were over 35,000 entrants with only 16.9% of entrants shortlisted. Their prize included attendance at Grosvenor House in Mayfair where they attended a meal with other finalists and subject experts from Philosophy, Politics, Economics, History, Law, Theology, and Psychology. Besides networking with a number of subject experts Arushi and Siya stated that the delicious Madagascan vanilla cheesecake was also a highlight. 'We are both so grateful to our economics teachers for fostering a passion for economics within us which we brought out in our writing.' Congratulations to Arushi and Siya on this remarkable achievement.



Our Athlete of the week is Eleanor, (10S), who got three wickets in three consecutive overs during the U15 Essex Cup Cricket final. This helped her team to become the Essex Champions.

Well done, Eleanor!



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)





Please find the outcome of the SLQ STEM Leadership Programme, Quality Assurance Review Meeting that took place on Friday. A huge thank you to Dr Cannon, for creating exemplary resources and running the Level 1 programme to such a high standard.

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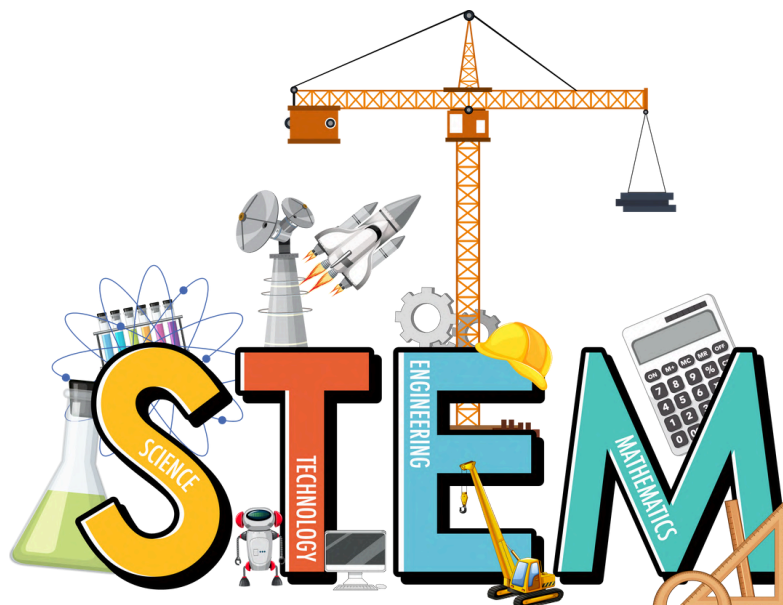
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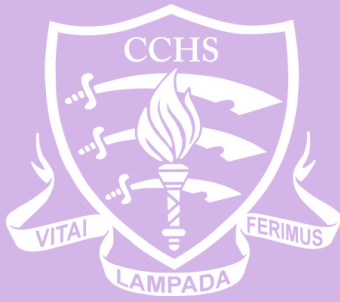
With Culture Fest Week concluding today with a sparkling set of performances at lunchtime, the Change and Diversity Prefects appreciate that we are at a school where this can be possible. Taking the time to acknowledge our many rich and vibrant cultures and history is vital: uplifting those around us and appreciating how much the world has to offer. We were thrilled that so many students attended the lunchtime performances, and that people took the time to ask a friend something about their culture, learning something new!

At our school, we are so fortunate to have such a diverse community that is willing to be actively involved in our annual Culture Fest Week. But, as some of us may remember, Change Festival was not always an event at CCHS. The change@cchs project occurred around the lockdown after the BLM movement. Many students around the country felt more could be done in schools and CCHS responded. Our school leads the way here to underline that this is a safe and inclusive space, where everyone can thrive. Part of this relates to the joyful celebrations we witnessed this week, which were so exciting because they are unique experiences. We haven't heard of this in any other schools ever!

We hope that Culture Fest Week and our other change@cchs initiatives continue to be a lasting tradition that is enjoyed for years to come, and that we continue to deliver on the providing opportunities for people to show their talents and skills. Celebrating our great diversity of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs, within and beyond the School, is so valuable. We hope that everyone enjoyed it and had fun, sharing these special parts of themselves in an enthusiastically supportive environment.

Details provided by Aurora, (13JBR)





# CCHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

All parents are warmly invited to attend the annual general meeting of the CCHS Parents' Association which will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, 7:00 for 7:30pm in the School Library.

The purpose of the meeting is to formally accept the accounts for the previous year and to elect officers and the committee as well as to give an overview of activities held during the year and the ways in which funds raised have been applied for the benefit of the girls.

**The current officers are:**

Chair: Julie Martyn (year 13 parent standing down)

Vice chair: Alex Hitch (year 13 parent standing down)

Treasurer: Samira Ayyubi (year 8 parent)

Secretary: Elaine Reade (year 8 parent)

The proposed agenda for the meeting will be:

Apologies for absence (requested from officers/committee only)

Acceptance of previous minutes

Matters arising

Chair's report

Treasurer's report

Proposed amendments to PA Constitution (including number of bank signatories, number of Committee Members, and sharing of named roles)

Election of officers

Election of committee members

Any other business

Date of next meeting

If you have any queries please feel free to get in touch via email at:

[pa@cchs.co.uk](mailto:pa@cchs.co.uk)



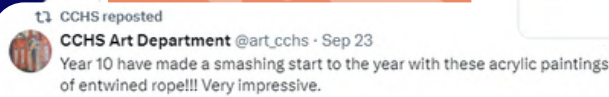
# ARTIST OF THE WEEK



**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**- Cordelia, (12DMI), for her Annegret Soltai inspired piece.



# On CCHS socials this week...



twitter.com/CCHS4G



instagram.com/cchs4g/



facebook.com/cchsessex



youtube.com/@chelmsfordcountyhighschool2697



Next week in PSHE – Tuesday 1st October – Period 3.

Year 7 – First Aid – part 1

Year 8 – Privacy on Social Media

Year 9 – Alcohol case studies.

Year 10 – Social pressures.

Year 11. – Social attitudes to nudes. Self-defence 11C

Year 12 – Elevate follow up with ASE

Year 13 – UCAS preparation session.



On Thursday, we celebrated the European Day of Languages in conjunction with CCHS Culture Week with a focus on all the languages spoken in our community. Students filled in a questionnaire about which languages they speak. Of the 349 students who responded, 73% speak more than one language and 56 different languages were mentioned, reflecting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our community. Staff also displayed posters showing which languages they speak and which they would like to learn, revealing some hidden talents and ambitions. Finally, the Friday Frenzy quiz was designed around the same theme - did you know that over 7000 languages are spoken globally and there are more than 300 sign languages?

Frau Bennett

# Autumn Term Parent Support Series

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## Free Parent Webinars

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

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*In the Autumn Term, we'll cover:*

### How You Can Help Your Child Manage

1. **Their Time**  
- 1st October @6:00pm
2. **How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams**  
- 15th October @6:00pm
3. **How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**  
- 19th November @6:00pm
4. **How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**  
- 3rd December @6:00pm
5. **How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**  
- 17th December @6:00pm







# 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>

