



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

MESSAGE FROM MR LAWLOR

We held our Sixth Form Open Evening, for September 2025 entry, this week. We welcomed a legion of families and students, from CCHS and a host of other schools in Essex and beyond. It is inspiring to witness this significant interest in a girls' school sixth form.

Entry to the CCHS Sixth Form is competitive, given that CCHS is one of the top-performing schools nationally every year. It is the exceptional ability of girls and young women, here at CCHS and elsewhere, which sets this high standard and record.

Following last year's Sixth Form Open Evening, we received over 400 applications from students then in other schools. When GCSE results were published in August 2024, we received a surge in additional applications from students wishing to move to a girls' school sixth form.

So, let us declare it plainly and proudly: bright and brilliant young women want to learn in an empowering and ambitious girls' school community.

In the living, a girls' school provides a safe, supportive and ambitious sorority. In the end, a girls' school ensures superb opportunities and outcomes.

Sixth Form – Chelmsford County High School for Girls (cchs.co.uk)

We were delighted to welcome so many students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening this week, to learn about the wealth of academic and enrichment opportunities on offer at CCHS. We are looking forward to working with our Year 11 students, and those students who will be joining us from other schools in September 2025, through the A level options choice process. This is an exciting and important moment for all students, as they begin to take control of their education, aligning their programmes of study with their future university ambitions and professional aspirations.

As you will have experienced at the Open Evening, we have many staff who are here to guide and support you. If you have any questions at this stage, please do contact the wonderful Mrs Bernard, our Sixth Form Administrator – tbernard@cchs.co.uk – who will be very happy to help.

Going forward, each Friday we will send you the link to our Bulletin so you can stay updated with school news.

Best wishes,

Mr Lawlor,
Headteacher.



 <p><i>'Every day brings a new opportunity'</i></p>	Key Information	
	 <p>Download our Sixth Form Admissions app</p>	 <p>Take a virtual school tour</p>
	 <p>View our Sixth Form prospectus</p>	 <p>Information on Sixth Form admissions</p>

One of our Year 7 students, Penelope, recited the poem below during last week's Culture Fest performances. Interestingly, in the past, this poem used to be read out regularly in the school.

D e s i d e r a t a



G O P L A C I D L Y amid the noise

and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

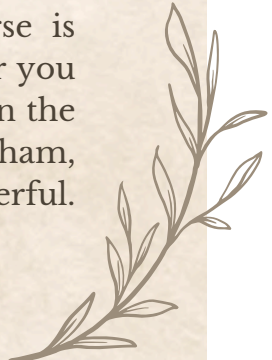
Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann ©1927



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**

Dear CCHS Community,

I am delighted to inform you that CCHS has been accredited with the NACE Challenge Award.

NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) is a long-established and highly regarded independent educational charity, with both a national and an international dimension. In essence...

“The NACE Challenge Award provides recognition of school-wide high-quality provision for more able learners within a context of challenge for all.”

About NACE

NACE Challenge Award

This prestigious award is a testament to excellent teaching & learning practice, which is underpinned by the commitment staff have to their professional development. A key part of our school securing this accreditation was a recent visit by two NACE colleagues, including Dr Anne McCarthy, NACE Director of Research & Development. The NACE colleagues were fulsome in their compliments about CCHS. They visited many lessons, spoke to staff, students, parents and trustees. Their praise for and positivity about our school was high indeed. They noted that if teaching was like this in other schools across the country, then education would be amazing.

It is wonderful as we move forward with this academic year, to have received such positive news about our school, following our “Outstanding” Ofsted inspection report in January. Many congratulations to all members of the school community, whose contributions mean we can progress our commitment to excellence in girls’ education and empowerment.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Lawlor.





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.



Amelia, (8H), played violin as one the principle of the National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain in U12 summer concert at the Guildhall Main Auditorium. She led the orchestra to successfully performed exciting pieces, such as How to train your Dragon & Pirates of the Caribbean.

WELL DONE

Our first Athlete of the Week is Hannah, 8F, who was a solid player in defence who turned over balls consistently which helped her team to get through to the county round of the National Schools Netball Competition.

Secondly, Evie in 10F, who played some outstanding hockey within the defensive formation. She made some vital decisions that impacted the team in a positive way.



WELL DONE



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

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YEAR 7 HISTORY TRIP

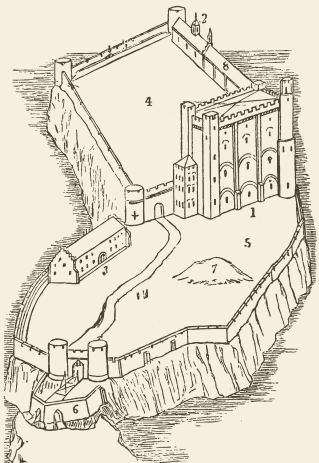
On the 30th of September all of Year 7 went on a school trip to Mountfitchet Castle. The rain was pouring and we were already soaked before even getting on the coach, but nothing could dampen our spirits! Once we had arrived, we clambered up the hill of the dried-up moat, whilst an abundance of deer and peacocks wandered about. We explored the castle and whilst filling in our worksheets learnt a lot of facts including:

- Another word for catapult is mangonel.
- They made cloth out of wool by using a wooden loom shuttle.
- They would wind the wool around the shuttle and place it back and forth.

A hell-hole was a way to torture people. It was used by putting the victim in the hole with bars on top along with rotting bodies, until the smell killed them.

After lunch we finished filling in our worksheets, then had the chance to go to the gift shop. We enjoyed the trip a lot even though it was raining very heavily. The water wheel was the best part, in my opinion, as it was fully functioning and very beautiful. It was a lovely day out for us year sevens as we have only just joined CCHS, yet we have already had a school trip on which we have made memories that will last a lifetime.

Emily, 7H



CCHS CRICKET SUCCESS

This summer saw the CCHS U13 & U15 Cricket teams achieve double success in both the Mid Essex Schools and Essex Schools Cricket Competitions.

Their opponents were Shenfield High School in both competitions and both age groups in 20 over matches.

In the U13 Final CCHS won by 22 runs.

In the U15 Final CCHS won by 7 wickets.

Well done to the captains for leading their teams so well - U13 Captain Caitlin & U15 Harriet and Congratulations to all the players involved.

A big thank you must also go to the Mr May for all he does with our students, as well as to our Yr15 students Javee & Sam and Yr14 student Amelia who supported the teams and Mr May



Next week in PSHE – Tuesday 8th October – Period 4.

Year 7 – Road safety play.

Year 8 – Filter bubbles.

Year 9 – Smoking and Vaping – Self-defence 9A

Year 10 – Friendship issues.

Year 11. – Study skills with Mr Selby.

Year 12 – Cosmetic and plastic surgery

Year 13 – Independent living – part 1

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



ARTIST OF THE WEEK- Anvesha in Year 7 for this painting inspired by our school. Great job.

On CCHS socials this week...

CCHS @CCHS4G · 3h
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The Librarians @cchs_library1 · 16m
 Celebrating #BlackHistoryMonth2024 on our big display board and with the Library reading list!



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 All the best to our athletes, who are competing at the ESSA East Region School Team Championships in Watford this evening.
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CCHS @CCHS4G · 1h
 We will welcome colleagues from the Jack Petchey Foundation today, who will be working with our Year 10 students on 'Speak Out' workshops.
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CCHS @CCHS4G · Sep 30
 We are looking forward to welcoming students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October.
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CCHS @CCHS4G · 5h
 Today, across the school we will be celebrating National Poetry Day, the largest mass celebration of poetry in the country – students in Years 7-9 will be reading and writing poetry throughout the day!
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Books for the Library!

In the John Moore Library we like to make sure that the students have access to the most up to date books to enhance both their learning and reading for pleasure.

Please consider helping us to keep our stock fresh by donating a book from our Amazon wishlist

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**Thank you
Mrs Howell and Mrs Davis**

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3. **Can Build Resilience in Your Child**
- 3rd December @6:00pm **How to**
4. **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>

