



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



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## **Chelmsford County High School for Girls receives prestigious Artsmark Award**

Chelmsford County High School for Girls is thrilled to have received a prestigious Artsmark Gold Award.

Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It transforms teaching through creativity, empowering teachers with the skills they need to embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum, and is proven to support student outcomes and wellbeing.

To achieve their Artsmark Award, Chelmsford County High School for Girls developed their arts and cultural provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Chelmsford County High School for Girls worked with the Artsmark delivery partner, Goldsmiths, University of London, who are world-renowned leaders in creative pedagogy.

The Artsmark Assessor commended Chelmsford County High School for Girls for their commitment to embedding arts culture and creativity across the whole school.

On receiving the award, Mr Stephen Lawlor, Headteacher said: “We are thrilled that the wonderful work of our staff and students has been recognised with an Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to delivering high-quality arts and cultural education to our students. Many thanks to Mr Harvey and Mr Lamberti for their leading work on our Artsmark project.”

Dr Darren Henley OBE, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, said: “I would like to congratulate Chelmsford County High School for Girls on their Artsmark Award. Creative activities and cultural experiences enrich our lives, open our minds to new possibilities and help us make sense of the world around us. As an awarded Artsmark school, you are demonstrating that by offering a broad, ambitious and creative curriculum, your young people will develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life.”

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## **Notes to editor:**

### **About Chelmsford County High School for Girls**

Chelmsford County High School (CCHS) is a proud girls' school community. CCHS was formally opened on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1907, with 76 inspiring students on roll, to provide girls with an academic education. By 2025, there are 1,236 extraordinary girls and young women, representing cultures and traditions from the world over, who are part of our progressive grammar school community, committed to excellence in girls' education and empowerment. [Home - Chelmsford County High School for Girls](#)

### **About Artsmark**

Artsmark empowers teachers with the skills they need to embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum through CPD training from our partner, Goldsmiths, University of London. The programme recognises schools' exceptional commitment to creativity with the Artsmark Award - the only award for arts and cultural provision in England. The Artsmark Award is accredited by [Arts Council England](#).

Artsmark is open to primary, secondary, special schools and hospital schools, as well as pupil referral units, youth offending teams and sixth form colleges in England. Artsmark is awarded at three levels; Silver, Gold and Platinum. As of September 2024, 51% of Artsmark schools have achieved Artsmark Silver, 40% Artsmark Gold and just 9% hold Artsmark Platinum – find out more about schools on their Artsmark journey [here. www.artsmark.org.uk](http://www.artsmark.org.uk)

### **About Arts Council England**

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in Let's Create that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where every one of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. From 2023 to 2026 we will invest over £467 million of public money from Government and an estimated £250 million from The National Lottery each year to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. This year the National Lottery will celebrate 30 years of supporting good causes in the United Kingdom through raising £49 billion and awarding over 690,000 individual grants since the first draw was held in 1994. Visit the Arts Council's [website](#) to learn more.

### **About Goldsmiths, University of London**

Founded in 1891, Goldsmiths has trained artists, creatives, and educators, shaping the arts and cultural landscape with its distinctive approach. Its staff, students and graduates are deeply engrained in arts and cultural life; and whether as household names in the arts, classroom teachers, cultural and community leaders, their contributions make a difference. [www.gold.ac.uk](http://www.gold.ac.uk)