CCHSG E-Newsletter

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Executive Principal's Notes

It has been a pleasure to see the wide variety of activities taking place this half term and to meet so many parents, students and staff at the various events. Our popular annual Winter Concert provided a showcase for the excellent work of our GCSE and A level Music students and illustrated the quality and range of the many extracurricular Music groups. Thanks go to all the staff who supported with the organisation of the concert and particularly to Mrs Jefferies and Mrs Cudmore-Rice.

CCHSG Top in Essex for Progress 8

The official figures from the Department for Education for the August 2022 GCSE results give CCHSG a Progress 8 score of +0.92, placing CCHSG top in Essex. Progress 8 is a measure of the progress that students make from arrival in Year 7 until GCSE results. Progress 8 figures are produced annually but were suspended for two years during the disruption caused by the pandemic. Based on the student's best 8 GCSE grades, including English and Maths, if a student makes the progress expected the school's Progress 8 score is 0.0. Our Progress 8 score of +0.92 means that students on average achieved almost a whole GCSE grade higher than would have been expected. This is particularly pleasing given that students join us already achieving at a high level and provides strong evidence of the value added by the school to the overall academic progress of our students.

We are delighted with the school's performance in both academic attainment and progress, and we commend our students for the dedication and commitment that they have shown in achieving these results. However, a broad and balanced education is about far more than academic success. Our students also deserve to be recognised for attributes not reflected in league tables, such as their kindness and their contribution to our supportive and vibrant school community. Student wellbeing is our absolute priority. Students benefit from our strong pastoral system, with support provided by Tutors, Year Leaders and Assistant Year Leaders. This year we have also had valuable additional onsite support from the



Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health Service – WARMS, through the charity “Mind”. Students themselves are also encouraged to take an active role in the promotion of health and wellbeing throughout the school, through involvement in groups such as Student Voice, or as part of our team of Wellbeing Ambassadors.

We are always grateful for the tremendous support that we receive from the parents and families of our students. The PTFA ran a very successful Christmas Market on 26 November. Not only was this a lovely community event, over £5,600 was raised towards the purchase of equipment and resources for students. Thanks to all our PTFA volunteers, particularly Anni Cullen the new PTFA Chair and Agness O’Brien.

We are also grateful to those parents who have been contributing to our careers education programme, giving presentations about their professions and fields of work, to provide insight and advice for students. All parents are warmly invited to our termly Parental Voice Meetings which are advertised in the Parent Bulletin. This term the meeting focused on school to home communication and parents provided useful feedback to guide our future planning. We are also very fortunate to have a group of Governors and Trustees who work tirelessly to promote the interests of the school and students. If you are a parent interested in greater involvement with the governance of the school, look out for information about the upcoming Parent Governor elections.

At the end of term we say goodbye and best wishes to the following members of staff who are leaving us:

Dr Iona Martin trained with the Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC) and joined the school in 2007 as a Newly Qualified Teacher. She has successfully led the Biology Department since 2012. Her passion for Biology, coupled with her innovative approach to lessons have inspired many students to pursue STEM subjects beyond A Level. She has made a significant contribution to the co-curricular and extracurricular enrichment available to students. This has included Biology Field Trips, competitions such as the British Biology Olympiad, opportunities with the Sanger Institute and Babraham Research Institute and organising a wide variety of external speakers. Dr Martin has also supported many newly qualified teachers and trainees over the years.

Mr Dominic Gosling trained with CTTC and joined the Maths Department at CCHSG in 2014. He has embraced a variety of opportunities and made school wide impact with his progressive approach to the use of technology. He has been a valued member of the Maths Department and has more recently supported with whole school Careers which has included preparing a cross Trust programme of Careers talks.

Mrs Cheryl Croxson started with CCHSG as a Teacher of English in 2018. She has led successful initiatives in the English Department including World Book Day and Book of the Month. Mrs Croxson has worked with Year 5 students as part of the school’s Fair Access Programme. She has also supported the transition of students from Year 6 to Year 7 as part of her role as Transition Coordinator.

We wish them all every success in their new roles and thank them for their contribution to the school.

We thank all our hard working teaching and support staff who aim high and always want the best for all our students. Finally, thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who support the school in many different ways; you are a pleasure to work with.

We wish all our staff, students and parents an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

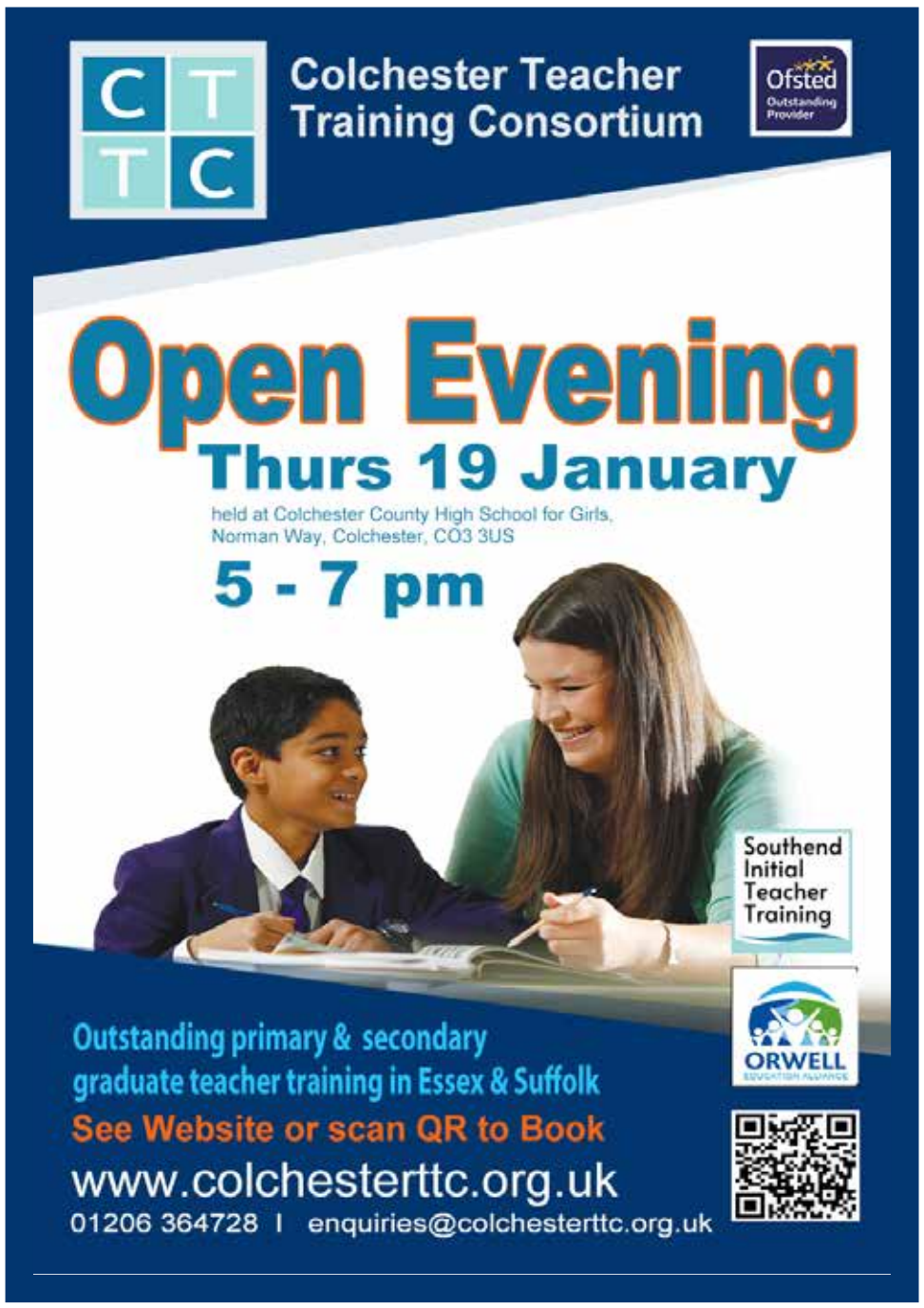
Mrs Gillian Marshall MSc NPQH
Executive Principal & CEO

Save the date for our next school production - “Les Miserables” on 2 & 3 February 2023.



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Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC)



Are you looking for new opportunities and the chance to develop new skills while pursuing a professional career pathway? Do you want to join a profession where you can make a real difference to the lives of children and young people? If you already have a degree, or are currently studying for a degree, now is the time to explore the opportunities to train to teach in Primary or Secondary education with CTTC.

Established in 2003, CTTC works in partnership with over 60 schools and colleges across North Essex and Suffolk. The training hubs are located in both Colchester, on the CCHSG site, and Ipswich, to serve the local schools. The school centred programme allows trainees to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) alongside a Master's level PGCE (opt-in required for salaried trainees), through a combination of taught sessions, academic reading and research and guided school based teaching.

Our programmes are run in collaboration with our partner schools and CTTC was judged outstanding across all areas by Ofsted. In 2022, 100% of trainees commended the quality of CTTC's curriculum and programme.

Local schools are keen to employ trainees from the partnership and many Early Career Teachers and former trainees move quickly into leadership and management roles.

Why not join us at our next Open Evening on 19 January to find out more?

English Department Writing Competitions

She

By Zopheen Moghal (13)

She went up Everest
She went to space
She discovered a whole new race.

I've heard of Everest
I'd seen the stars of space
I'd read of that whole new race.

Why didn't I do what she did?
Why could she see what I couldn't?

She can.
I can't.
But that's what they said to her…
"You can't."
And she said,
"I can.
I will."

The English Department are so proud of all the students who have entered writing competitions this year. A record number of students have had their work published. 14 students had their poems published in the 'Empowered' Poetry Anthology and 33 CCHSG entries were chosen to be a part of the Young Writers Annual Showcase Anthology!

Quoted in this article is one of the 'Empowered' poems selected to be published. We hope our students continue to get recognised for their amazing writing and that their work can inspire others.





Sixth Form Open Evening - 3 November

It was good to see so many visitors at our Sixth Form Open Evening. The Sixth Form students were excellent ambassadors for the school, giving guided tours and talking to prospective students in the various subject departments. Visitors attending the very busy welcome talk were able to hear from Mrs Marshall, Dr Parrott, Mrs Hughes, Head of Sixth Form, and from students on the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

There is a presentation available on the website at
https://www.cchsg.com/sixth-form-open-evening/

Thank you to everyone involved with the event, particularly Mrs Hughes and the Sixth Form team.



Societies and Clubs

Students had created stands in the common room to represent some of their societies and clubs.











An exceptional range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities are available in the Sixth Form. Students are also encouraged to organise their own clubs to reflect their particular interests and to run clubs for younger students:

English Oxbridge Club
Engineering Society
MedSoc
VetSoc
Debating Society
Christian Union
Psychology Society
European Youth Parliament
South Asian Society
DentSoc
Young Enterprise
BioSoc
Creative Writing Club
GeogSoc
Law Society
Afro-Caribbean Society
Ecology Society
Drama Club and productions
DofE
Charity Fundraising
Feminist Society
History Society

Music

Chamber Music Groups & Choir
Senior Choir
Wind Band
Guitar Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Junior Orchestra (>grade 5)
Senior Orchestra (<grade 5)

Sports

Football
Netball
Cricket
Dance
Fitness classes including:
yoga, zumba and aerobics
Tennis
Swimming
Running club
Trampolining



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The school has a very well established DofE programme and is officially accredited to run the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, with over 120 students taking part each year. Completion rates are excellent, with an average 95% completion of the Bronze Award. The participants volunteer with many local and national charities, undertake a range of physical activities, gain new experiences and master a new skill, or hone their abilities in an existing one. Students also support CCHSG PTFA by volunteering at events. At each level they also undertake overnight camping expeditions, which get more challenging as they progress from Bronze to Gold.

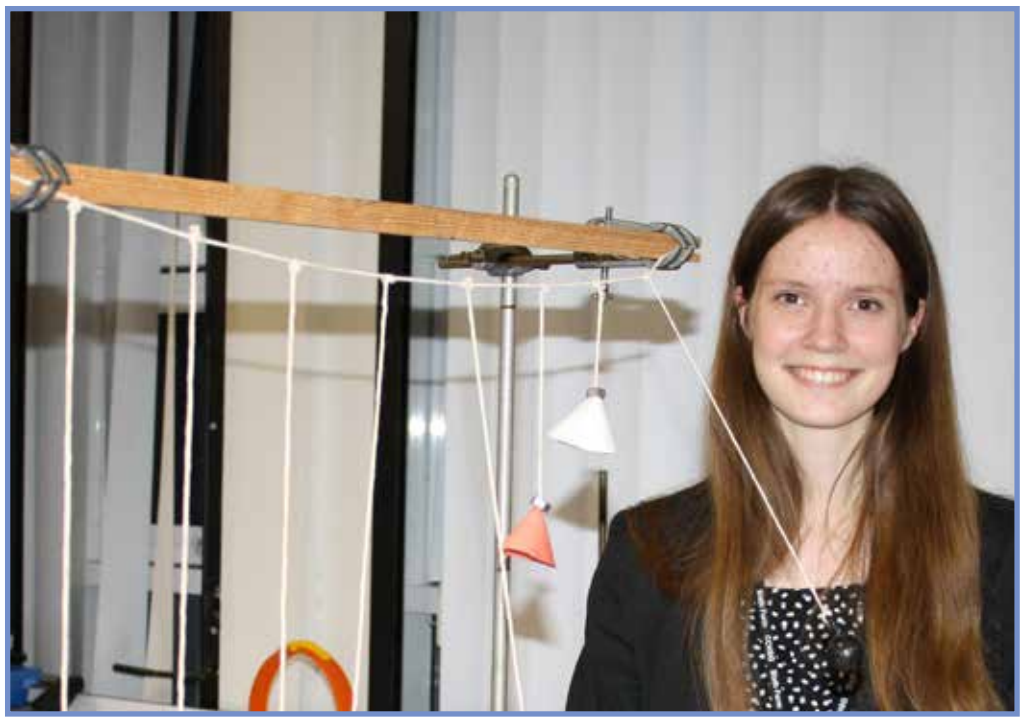
Sixth Form Open Evening - Subject Departments







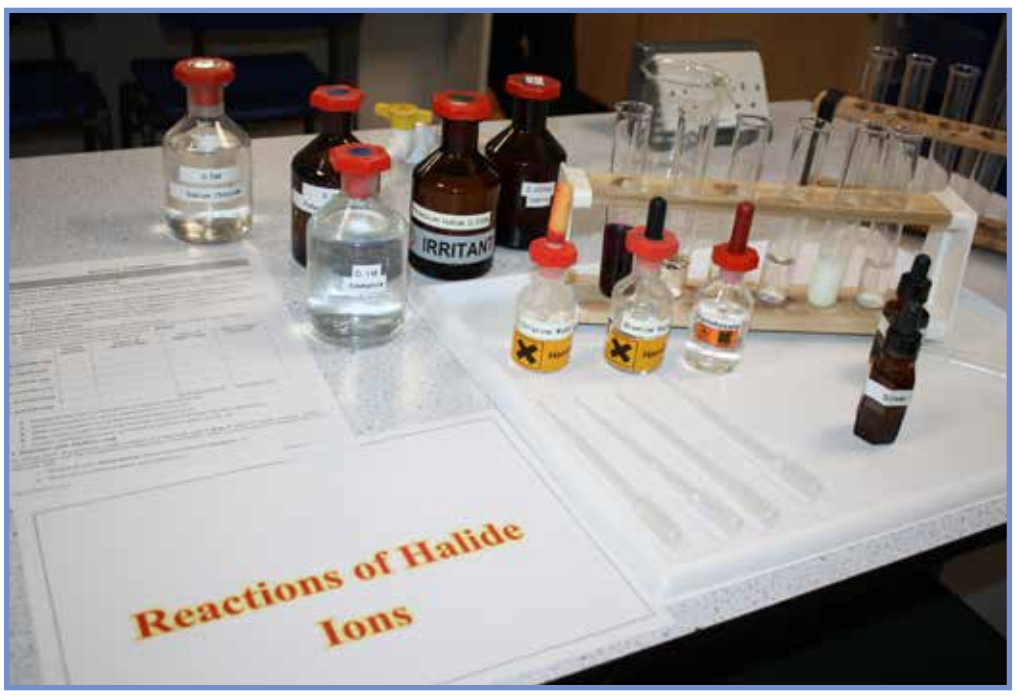












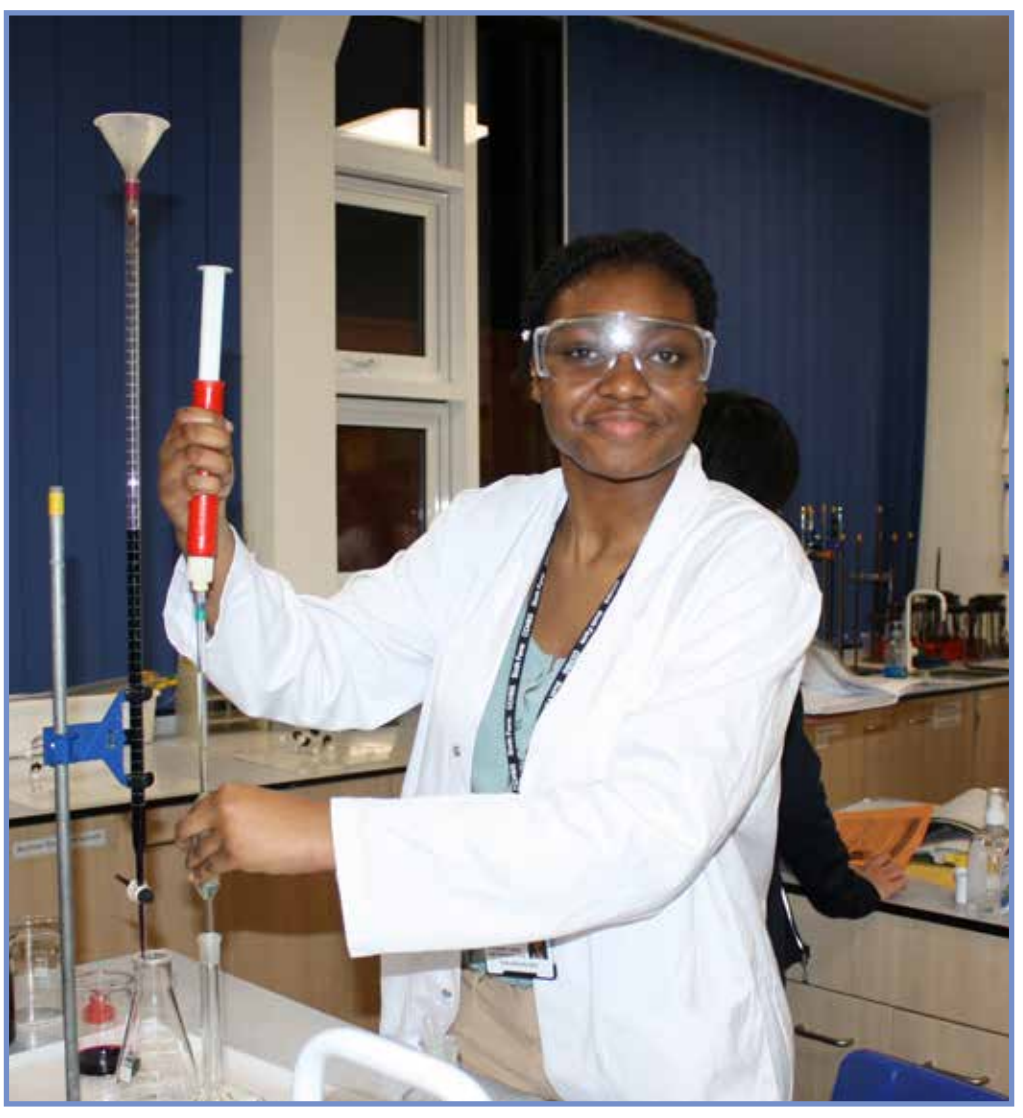


There are presentations from individual subject areas available on the CCHSG website at

https://www.cchsg.com/sixth-form-open-evening/







Senior Mathematics Challenge Success 2022

Year 12 and 13 students at CCHSG did fantastically well in this year's UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge achieving 2 Gold, 7 Silver and 15 Bronze Awards. All students will receive a certificate of participation. To recognize the highest performers in the Challenge, UKMT award the top-scoring 66% of participants Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Our congratulations go to Isadora Drew for achieving "Best in Year" accolade, as well as qualifying for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo follow on round and Leah Levett for achieving "Best in School" accolade as well as qualifying for British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 follow on round. Congratulations to Isadora and Leah and well done to all the students who participated. The Mathematics department are very proud of you all.

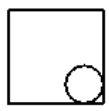
1. How many times does the digit 9 appear in the answer to 987654321×9 ?

   A 0 B 1 C 5 D 8 E 9

2. On a Monday, all prices in Isla's shop are 10% more than normal. On Friday all prices in Isla's shop are 10% less than normal. James bought a book on Monday for £5.50. What would be the price of another copy of this book on Friday?

   A £5.50 B £5.00 C £4.95 D £4.50 E £4.40

3. The diagram shows a circle with radius 1 that rolls without slipping around the inside of a square with sides of length 5.
   The circle rolls once around the square, returning to its starting point.
   What distance does the centre of the circle travel?



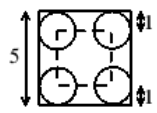
   A $16 - 2\pi$ B 12 C $6 + \pi$ D $20 - 2\pi$ E 20

Answers

1. **B** Since the answer to 987654321×9 is 8 888 888 889, the digit 9 appears once.

2. **D** James bought a book for £5.50, so the normal price would be £5. On Friday, another copy of this book would therefore cost £4.50.

3. **B** As the circle rolls, the centre of the circle moves along four straight lines shown as dashed lines. Each dashed line has length $5 - (1 + 1)$ so the total distance travelled is 4×3 which is 12.



Bebras Computing Challenge

https://www.bebras.uk/index.php?action=welcome

All computing students from Year 7 to 13 competed in a national computing challenge which is sponsored by Oxford University, the Raspberry Pi foundation, Google, ARM and Computing at School.

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. In one of their Computing (Years 7 & 8) or Computer Science lessons (Years 9 to 11) between 7 and 18 November, each student completed the challenge online. This involved answering questions that focused on computational and logical thinking. All other students in Years 9 to 13 who do not study Computer Science as a GCSE subject were also welcome to participate if they chose.

All students will receive a certificate of attainment or participation and those that have performed best will be invited to complete the prestigious Oxford University Computing Challenge in January.



ZSL Prince Philip Award and Marsh Prize



CCHSG Students Wins Top ZSL Animal Study Prize

Anna Robson who left CCHSG in July 2022 on finishing her A Levels, has won the Zoological Society of London's top prize in their annual Prince Philip Award and Marsh Prize. The award is open



to students under 19 years old and in school. It involves undertaking some practical work involving animal biology e.g. behaviour, physiology or ecology and writing up the study in a scientific report of 3000 words.

Each year one or two students from CCHSG have taken part in the award and for the first time one of our students has won. Anna undertook a study looking at the effects of feeding willow to lambs and her study was titled: "Investigation into the Effect of Willow as a Dietary Additive on the Growth Rate of Wiltshire Horn Lambs". Willow is a natural de-wormer in sheep, but she wanted to find out if it effected the lamb's mass and body condition. The lambs gained more weight with willow. It was a great study that she undertook and she so impressed the ZSL judges that she won the national competition and was awarded £600. Anna is due to start studying veterinary science at Nottingham University in April 2023, so the money will help support her time at university.

The 2023 ZSL competition is now open, and the deadline to submit a written report on a study is 15/01/2023. Details here:

https://www.zsl.org/about-us/zsl-awards

A Level PE - Visit from University of Essex

On Monday 14 November, the A Level PE students were visited by a lecturer from the University of Essex to speak about the sport courses that they offer at degree level. Students were then given the opportunity to try out some of the machines and technology that are used to test elite athlete's fitness levels, such as the 505 agility test.



After the practical testing, students applied their results to nutrition and training programmes, and saw how the results are analysed at the university – including a urine sample to test hydration! This provided a good insight into Sport Science at university and the type of equipment used during the course. The talk was also helpful in providing and understanding of the course from a more practical point of view to expand students' understanding of diet, nutrition and physiology.





PTFA Christmas Market

The Christmas Market was very popular and successful. Thanks to all our PTFA volunteers, particularly Anni Cullen, the new PTFA Chair, and Agness O'Brien. Thanks also to the school staff, the Site Team and student helpers who worked so hard to make this our best event ever. We were delighted by the number of people that attended.

There were around 30 lovely stalls with a range of gifts and crafts in the hall and the cafe was also very popular.

Festive music was provided by Mrs Jefferies with students from the Music Department and we were also delighted to have a performance from local vocalist Serena Grant.

"School's Out" provided fun for the younger visitors with their inflatable "Total Wipe Out" game in the gym and there were lots of games run by students.

Not only was this a very enjoyable event, we also raised over £5,600.

Well done to all involved!














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How to play:-
1. Pick your ticket(s).
2. Numbers 1-24 win a prize.
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Merry Christmas
SWEET SHOP

Young Enterprise at CCHSG

Colchester County High School for Girls Enterprise

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CCHSG Enterprise Award (Years 7-10)

This year we are also giving younger students the opportunity to take part in their own enterprise competition.

Students, working in groups of 3 or 4, have the chance to create a proposal for their own social enterprise and enter a competition to win £100. With staff support, the winners will then set up the business. Students will also have the opportunity to sell their products on an Enterprise stand in school at lunchtimes. Interested students should contact Mr Fletcher tfletcher@cchsg.com to be added to the Microsoft teams group and be provided with the template for their proposal.

ye company programme

CCHSG Sixth Form has been involved with the Young Enterprise Company Programme for many years. This scheme provides a real-life learning opportunity that introduces students to the realities of the world of work. Students set up and run their own Young Enterprise student company under the guidance of a Business Volunteer from outside school and Mr Fletcher from the Economics Department here at CCHSG.

Teams make all the decisions about their business, from deciding on the company name, managing company finances as well as selling to the public through pop up shops and an e-commerce platform. The scheme allows students to gain practical business experience, enterprising mindset and employability skills.

With the growth of digital technology and the increase of artificial intelligence, employers are increasingly looking for people who are innovative, creative and adaptable, and who have the ability to apply these skills and attitudes, irrespective of the role. This development of wider skills also enriches their academic learning.

Student companies have opportunities to compete in competitions at a local, county, regional and national level. This offers a variety of learning development opportunities including public speaking, interview skills and a chance to network with other companies locally, regionally and across the UK.



https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/programmes/company-programme/

Young Enterprise Teams 2022/23

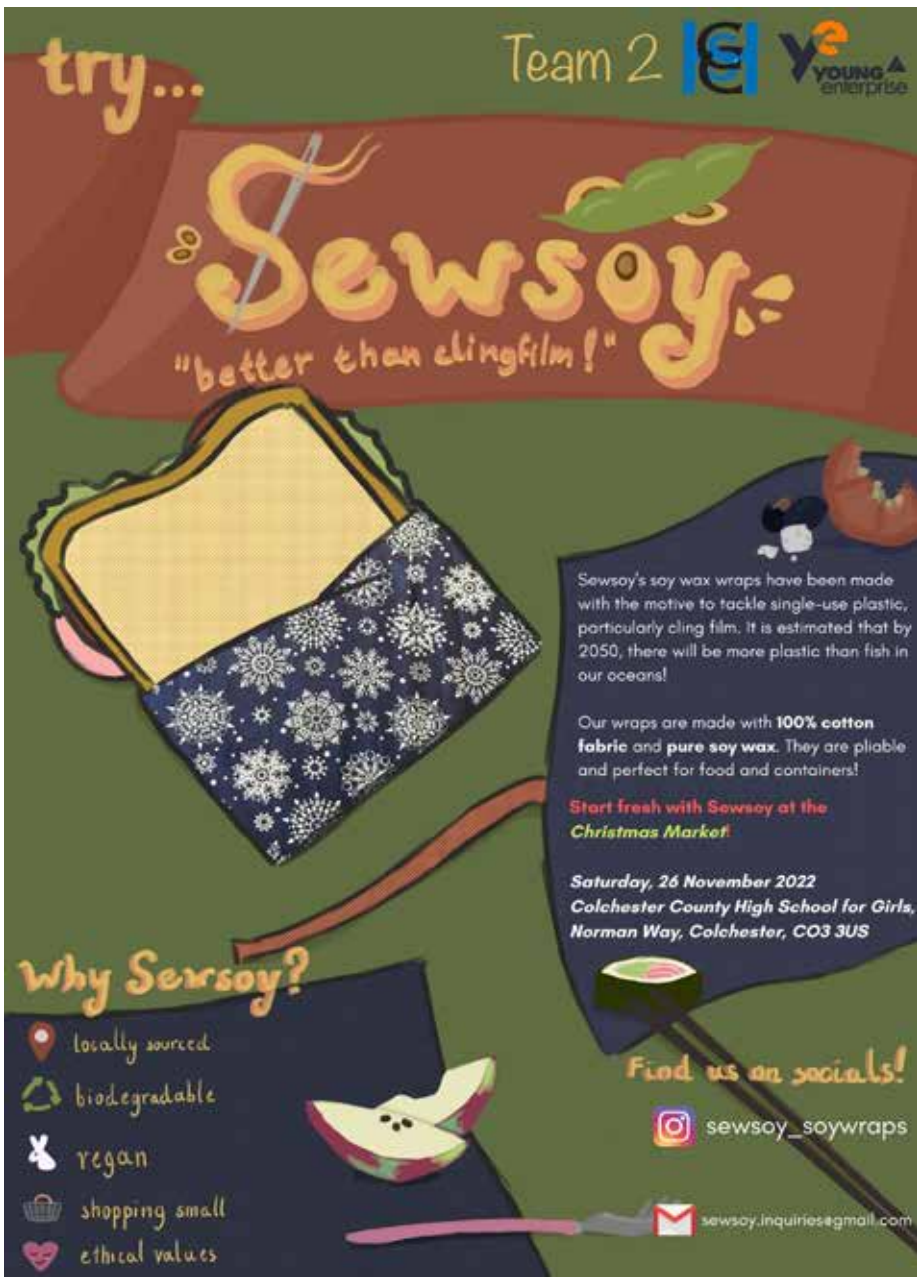




Sewsoy

Team “Sewsoy” are aiming to address the issue of single use plastics - such as clingfilm. Their 100% cotton fabric squares are biodegradable and coated in pure soya wax. They have multiple uses in keeping food fresh and covering food containers, avoiding the need for plastic coverings.

sewsoy.enquiries@gmail.com







All For The Tote

Our second Young Enterprise team also had an ethical theme to their products. Aiming to reduce the use of plastic bags, the group are marketing a range of hand printed cotton tote bags, designed by a member of the team.



Year 8 Visit Colchester Zoo

Miss Barrett and other members of staff greatly enjoyed the opportunity to take Year 8 to Colchester Zoo for their Biology trip in October. We were very lucky with the weather as the rain stopped as soon as we got to the zoo carpark meaning we could really enjoy our day.

Students spent time observing the different animals and attended a talk on Evolutionary Biology to support their study of natural selection. In this session, they were able to examine real scientific study skins. They then used their observations to create evolutionary hypotheses based on real historical data from natural history collections around the world. Prior to developing their hypotheses, the session introduced the concept of evolution, based on Darwin's work and the Galapagos Finches. This included a discussion of variation (environmental/genetic and continuous/discontinuous). The session then delved into phenotype and genotype in more detail (and their inherent complexities).

Our Visit to the Zoo

By Semilore Ajibola, Lillian Lawrence, Kate Hodgson and Vanshika Popat 8H

Colchester Zoo - a place filled with a myriad of toddlers and doting parents… so many you'd think it would be a bore! But our Year Group makes everything fun; it was a day I don't think we're going to forget!

Semi
Two words: The. Chimps. The award for the funniest animal goes to… this chimp who was absolutely bananas! The wild dancing in the enclosure and swinging into the windows was hilarious. Go on, buy a day pass to the zoo, these chimpanzees will match any Friday night dancing you have ever done.

Kate
As we embraced the sea lions, watched them sweep over our heads majestically like no creature before. Our eyes were dazzled by their beauty. Embedded in an underground tunnel filled with water, we watched the magic happen! Synchronised swimming- more like synchronised sea lions!

Lillian
Look at that rock floating in the water...wait no it's moving. It's a turtle! As we approached a large tank, we saw the array of fish among the elongated tree branches, twisted amongst one another whilst they rested upon the sandy shore. That was when we saw the rock that was floating around at the water's surface, then it swam forwards and up poked an inquisitive head, belonging to the turtle! I really loved how the fish stayed together and never left one another!

Vanshika
What was the best part of the zoo? The goats! As we walked through the bleating goats walked past us lazily, as if they were royalty. They were enjoying all the attention as we gently stroked and cuddled them. Some goats occupied themselves by devouring all the food while others took a glance at us and strode along. As we reached the end, the goats bid us farewell, and I even gave one a hug. I definitely know where I'm going to first when I visit the zoo again!

A photo competition was run during the visit and the winner of this was Alice Wrigley of 8O with her fantastic tiger picture. We hope the students enjoyed their day as much as the staff.

Miss Barratt



Zoo Trip - Photography Competition

Aswell as an overall winner, each Form Group allocated 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners, some of which are featured here.



Enaiyah Rashid 8C
1st place



Imogen Kalynuk 8C
2nd place



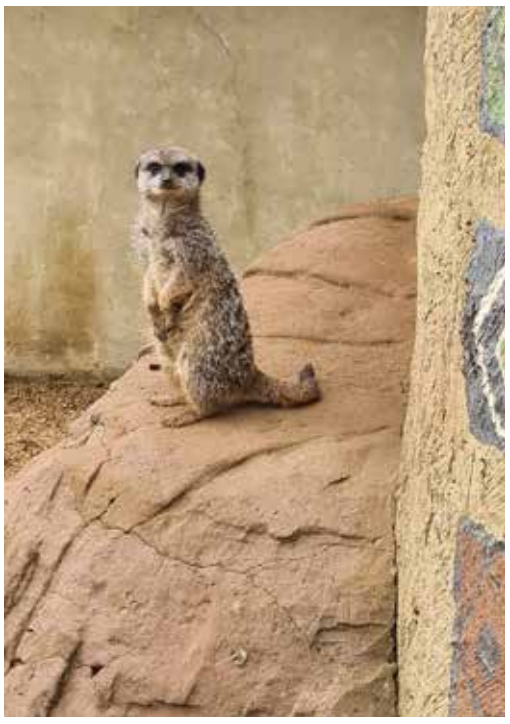
Alisha Naqvi 8E
1st place



Phoebe Ollett 8L
1st place



Semilore Ajibola 8H
2nd place



Lucy Jewell 8S
2nd place



Chloe Probert 8S
3rd place



Amarni Asmil 8H
1st place



Isabella Kwok 8S
1st place

Alumni Update

Alumni profile – career story and advice from former CCHSG student, Laura Pyman



Having left CCHS in 2009, I went on to study Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London. Throughout my degree I interned at various companies (including charities, a marketing agency and the BBC), before moving into my first role at a business marketing agency after graduating (a role I gained directly from networking at a previous internship). After obtaining some invaluable experience, I decided that I wanted to change direction; to do something similar but in the not for profit sector, where I could utilise my newly acquired marketing and project management experience.

My first charity sector employer funded me through further study where I undertook a post graduate marketing qualification, and I have been forging a career managing direct-marketing programmes and teams since. This type of work involves running large marketing and fundraising campaigns which generate income through donations for charities; anything from a mailing pack that comes through your door, to the creation of new TV adverts. I love the variety of my work (no day is the same), and the opportunity to apply my skillset to fund vital charitable work.

My advice to any students would be to seek out internships and opportunities early on - having lots of practical experience really helped me both get some incredible interning opportunities and land my first full-time job before graduating. I would also say don't be scared to change direction in your career - there are always transferable skills, and it's so important to enjoy the work you do. It's hard to truly know what types of roles are out there but employers are often willing to provide support for relevant qualifications to help you develop your expertise.



We are very grateful to all those parents and friends of the school who have been contributing to our careers and progression programme. The presentations about their areas of work provided invaluable insight and advice for students. CCHSG is building a library of careers presentations which will be shared for use by students across the Trust.



Economics Talk from CCHSG Alumni Tori Youngman

We are grateful to Tori Youngman, who spoke to students via Teams during a lunchtime session, about studying Economics at university and her career progression at KPMG.

The students had the opportunity to ask questions after the talk and were able to get some advice on their studies at university and opportunities beyond. Tori also explained how she has become a tax consultant and the recruitment process involved. She also outlined the process of working towards the ACCA accounting qualification.

LinkedIn

Connect CCHSG

https://uk.linkedin.com/company/colchester-county-high-school-for-girls

CCHSG Connect is a Linkedin network for Colchester County High School for Girls staff and students, past and present.

English Speaking Union - Sixth Form Competition

On Wednesday 30 November I competed in the English Speaking Union (ESU) Public Speaking Competition final.

The topic I chose to speak about was: 'Should there be limits to free speech?' by outlining how the systematic demolition of democracy in the 21st century is not being achieved through revolution or radical means, but through the unabating censorship climate across all corners of the world. Other candidates chose to address topics such as mental health, whether the Labour Party is capable of winning the next general election and concerns regarding the privatisation of the NHS.

My personal favourite speech was orated by a fellow CCHSG student and friend, Aaminah Rizwan, who made it through to the semi-finals after speaking about the hypocrisy in the different treatments of the situation in Palestine and Ukraine invasion.

The ESU competition gave me the wonderful opportunity of debating issues that drive our world and improve my oracy skills, having received constructive feedback from a number of judges including BBC political correspondent Charlotte Rose, Louis Preston (the co-chair of the ESU Young Members Forum), and James Raven who is a history lecturer from the University of Cambridge.

I would also like to thank Mr Paz for co-ordinating this public speaking competition.

Evie Tongue, 12T

English Speaking Union - Churchill Competition

In November, two teams from CCHSG took part in the ESU-Churchill Public Speaking Competition, sponsored by the International Churchill Society. This is the largest such contest in England and Wales, with around 400 teams competing nationally (each comprising a speaker, questioner, and a chairperson).

CCHSG was represented by two teams:

Team A - Sophie Hanslow, Tanya Parackal, and Chikosi Onyenwere

Team B - Sophie Cliff, Adaya Izekor-Moses, and Senoli Ranaweera, and were supported by Mr Paz.

Our Team A Speaker Sophie Hanslow, spoke about how she believes universities should be a bastion of free speech, and our Team B Speaker Sophie Cliff shared her opinion on whether fiction can teach us more than fact.

Our competition from Thomas Gainsborough School spoke about spirituality. The first heat went extremely well with both teams performing incredibly: Team A's Sophie Hanslow won Best Speaker, Team B's Adaya Izekor-Moses won Best Chair, and Team B's Senoli Ranaweera won Best Questioner.

Excitingly, Team B will be going through to the next round in January.

The team members thoroughly enjoyed the process, our Team B Chair Adaya said, "I really enjoyed participating in the first round! I loved listening to all the speeches and had a great time chairing for Sophie H!"

The members also enjoyed the experiences and skills they gained from taking part. Our Team A Chair Tanya said, "It was a really good experience in learning how to think quickly on your feet and approach problems with confidence. It's a great opportunity for all students in developing public speaking and communication skills".

All in all, the competition was an exciting and insightful experience, which allowed us to develop our quick thinking, social, and public speaking skills, and we are all extremely grateful to Mr Paz for introducing us to this opportunity and helping us along the way.

Senoli Ranaweera 10O

Year 8 Remembrance Day Artwork

Congratulations to Year 8 for their excellent Remembrance Day display “Women in World War I”, focusing on the contribution of women to the war effort. Thanks to Mrs Saunders and the Art Department for organising the display.



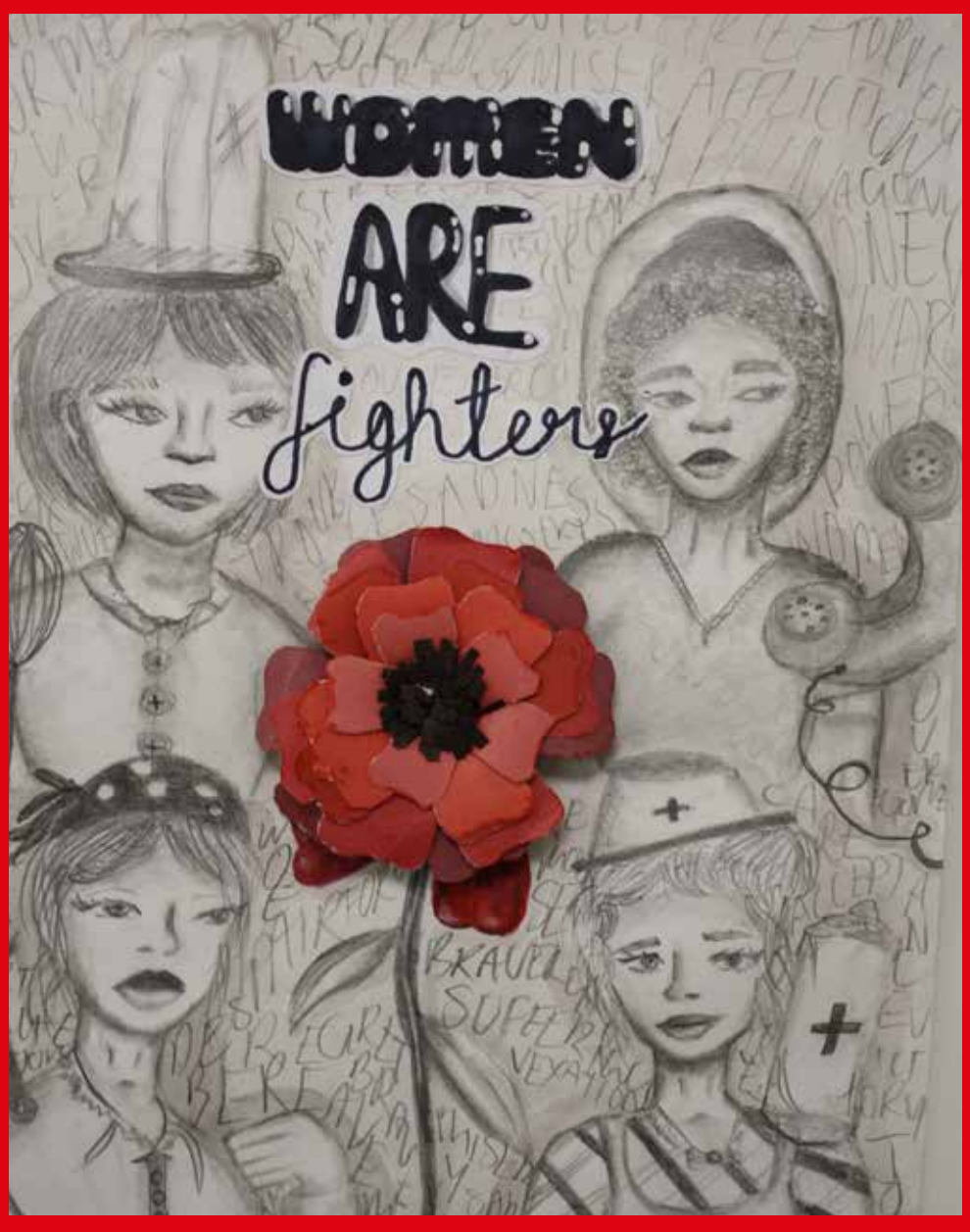


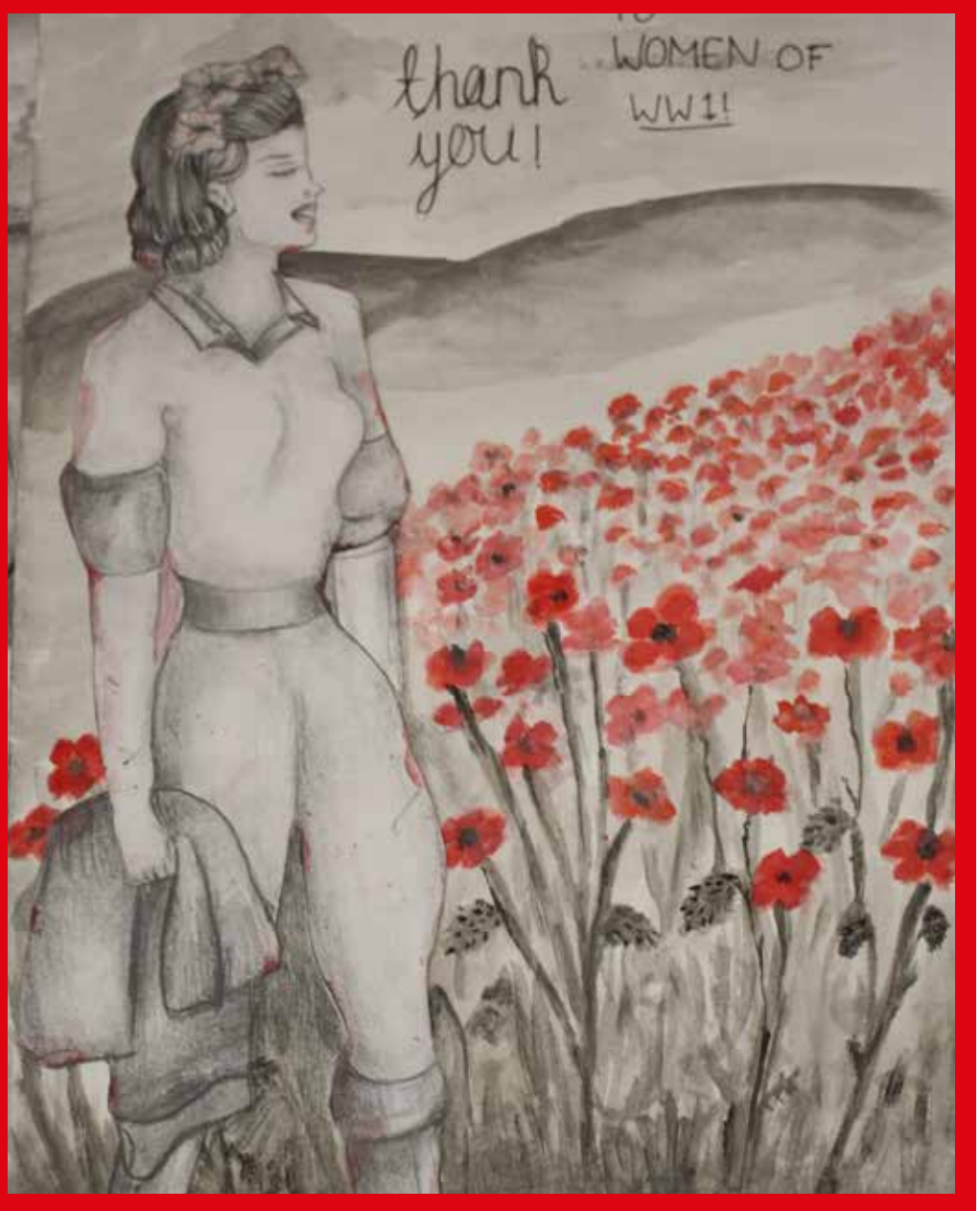


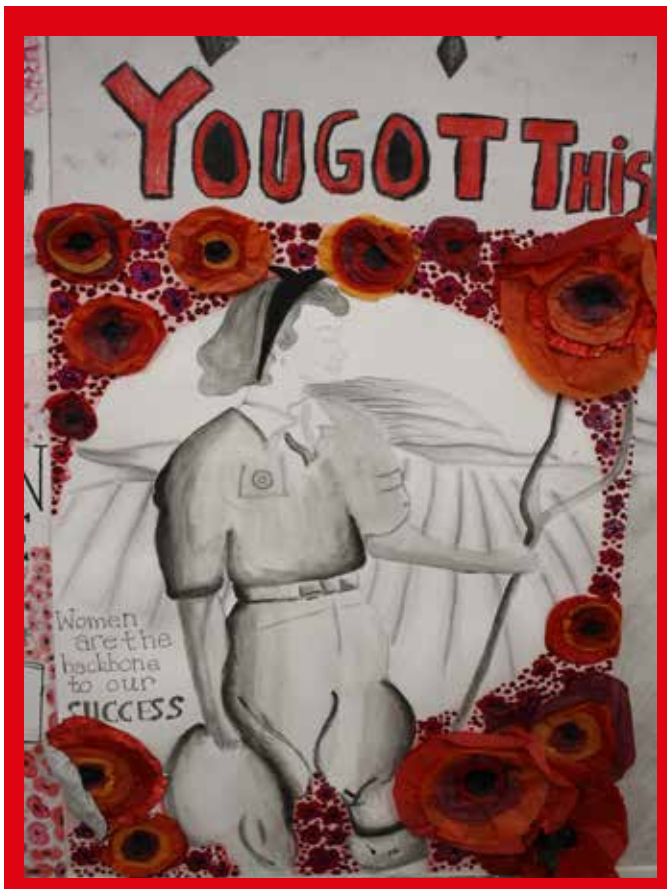
This years display will focus on women’s efforts during the war

- Women were not allowed to fight as soldiers in World War One, so they found other ways to help on the front line.
- Conditions were dangerous for women travelling to the war zones, and they were at near constant risk from enemy fire.
- After working long hours, they slept on uncomfortable camp beds and had to be up early for duty.
- Women worked bravely in many roles on the front line. For many, this was the first time they had ever been away from Britain.





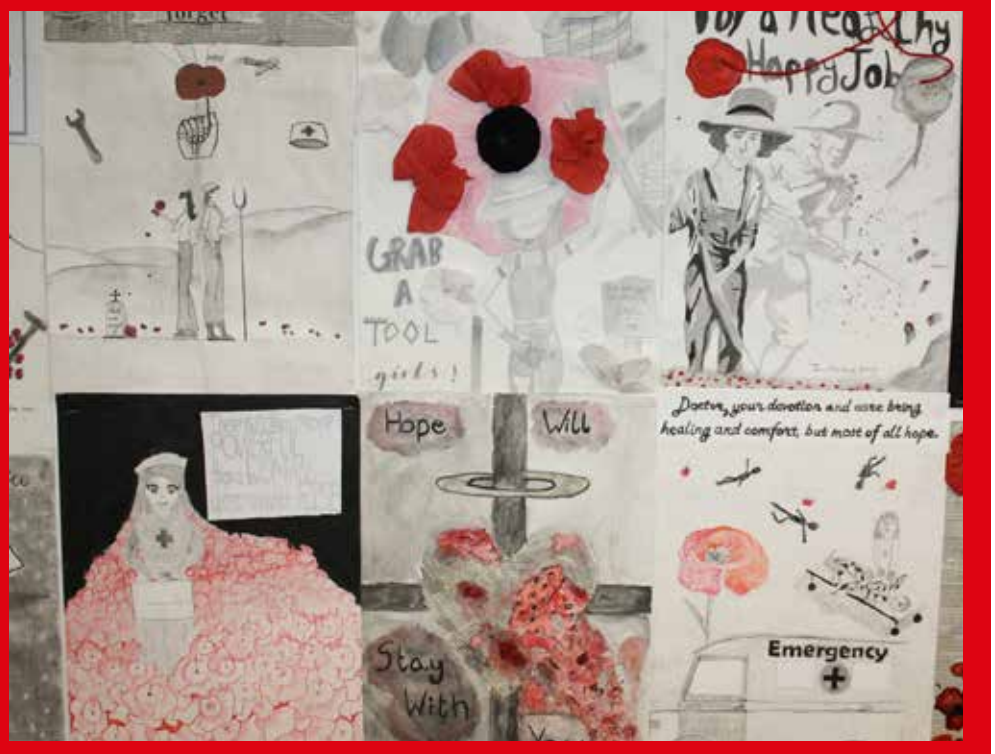



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Women are the backbone to our SUCCESS


PERHAPS NOT WITH GUNS
BUT SHE PLAYED HER PART


QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS.
WE'RE LOOKING TO YOU TO JOIN OUR CIRCLE!
ENROL TO-DAY
FULL PARTICULARS AND FORMS OF APPLICATION FROM THE NEAREST




GRAB A TOOL girls!
Hope
Will
Stay With
Emergency


WOMEN IN THE WAR
LEST WE forget
For a Healthy Happy Job
GRAB A TOOL girls!
Hope
Will
Stay With
Emergency
There is HOPE...
NEVER FORGOTTE

Winter Concert







Our Concert Programme

Music from Frozen
Arr. Johnnie Vinson
Concert Orchestra

Chloe Probert, Emma Kingston, Esme Quayle, Eleeza Chowhan, Emily Wong, Elodie Bennett, Anagha Sharma, Isabel Cato, Sophia Tse, Ella Gong, Hollie Hardy, Erin Lancelott, Dan Bradley, Alice Renshaw, Jasmine Anolue, Eliza Pampapathi, Evangeline Innasi, Eveline Gaydon, Leah Levett, Celeste Bell, Hoy Ching Yeung, Abhishta Kodam, Hannah Karlsson, Anantashree Arun, Tomi Lekan-Olawoye, Katie Shine, Rhea Pillai, Anna Witrykus, Claudia Foulds, Amy Ndung'u, Senaya De Silva, Roisin Bridge, Eva Black, Iris Walker, Comfort Odejimi, Madeleine Smith, Adanna Udechuku, Keira Muddar, Calista Lechner, Rebecca Sholoye, Sophia Bhutta, Scarlet He, Maya Suchy, Alice Wargent, Hannah Tsang, Charlotte Finlay, Jenletha Durairaj Arpudassamy, Bessie Ratley, Maisy Brookes, Hayley Sandum, Mar Torres-Gonzalez

Arctic Night
by Amy Beach
Iris Walker

Singing in the Rain
by Arthur Freed, & Nacio Herb Brown
Recorder Group

Maya Suchy, Hannah Tsang, Lindsey Wicker, Charlotte Finlay

Winter Song
by Sara Bareilles
Sixth Formers

Alana Coyle, Heather Dick, Kayla Jardine, Mia Ong

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Tears
by Clean Bandit
Year 9 GCSE Music Class

Emma Kingston, Niamh Cullen, Navita Kondreddi, Aniya Zamee, Lipika Fangoo, Georgia Brindley, Aradhya Goyal, Akhani Srikanth, Claudia Foulds, Jadesola Fawehinmi, Ellen Heppell, Comfort Odejimi, Isobel Veldon

Just Around the Riverbend from Pocahontas
by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz
& Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow
The Bluebirds

Anna-Maria Birsan, Lillian Lawrence, Vanshu Smith, Kate Hodgson, Eleeza Chowhan, Aarya Kolpyakwar, Élodie Bennett, Anagha Sharma, Isla Farquharson, Aarthi Sridhar, Sreevitha Nagarajan, Emily Rawson, Allison Fianko, Nayeli Ratnayake, Willow Cross, Janet Piggott, Grace Ajani, Nithila Subramanian, ManishaBhattacharjee, Eliza Pampapathi, Scarlett Webb, Hephzibah Adeleke, Isha Sapre, Abisaye Abimbola, Asiya Baghal, Portia Fortes Mayer, Vanshika Popat, Faye Holliday, Prisha Brijwani, Mia Smith, Amaya Sheth, Simran Dasoar, Annabel Murphy, Senaya De Silva, Millie-Lola Mason, Sophie O'Neill, Ananya Kaza, Julianne Adebanji, Atiya Rahman, Anantashree Arun, Sophie Reed, Chrystobella Owusu-Amponsah, Adanna Udechuku, Keira Muddar, Selba Dehghan Nayyeri, Rebecca Sholoye, Semilore Ajibola, Harshini Katta, Tanvee Lenkalapally, Isabelle Baddiley-Hubbard, Sophia Lichtwardt-Kalloglou

We're at the seaside, We're at the sea -
By Shaila Kanga
Senaya De Silva

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The Production Team

Musical Directors:	Mrs F Jefferies
Lighting and Sound:	Mrs K Sharp, Kirsty Ray, Tilly Sharp, Grace Puckey
Stage Manager:	Mrs M Cudmore-Rice
Backstage Crew:	Chantelle Mbugua, Anna Martin
Programme & Publicity:	Ms K Stubbs & Mrs S Webster-Hirst
Ticket Sales:	Mrs S Aves
Backstage & Front of House:	Mr T Adamson, Mrs N Knight, Miss K Mather-Hutchinson, Mrs S Webster-Hirst, Mrs S Stinson, Mrs A Swannell, Mr P Fogarty, Mr J Garland
Special thanks to:	Mr J Kalisz and The Site Team

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The Winter Concert was an excellent way to celebrate the end of another successful term. There were over 200 students involved and we heard performances from a range of extracurricular music clubs as well as GCSE and A level Music students.

Thanks go to Mrs Jefferies and Mrs Cudmore-Rice and to all the staff who helped backstage and front of house on the evenings of the performances. We also thank the PTFA volunteers who provided the refreshments.

Waterloo
by ABBA
Kazoo Group

Katie Shine, Eleeza Chowhan, Anagha Sharma, Riddhi Bandela, Isabelle Honey, Scarlett Webb, Tomi Lekan-Olawoye, Safia Chowhan, Vandana Manivannan, Amber Pugh, Elizabeth Poulson, Isabelle Baddiley-Hubbard, Lindsey Wicker

I'll Be Your Candle On the Water
by Helen Reddy
Sanhave Ahillan and Lipika Fangoo

How Far I'll Go from Moana
by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Mark Mancini
Year 10 GCSE Music Class

Sophia Tse, Ella Gong, Diya Vinoop, Dan Bradley, Meredith Moss, Emily Bean, Roisin Bridge, Celeste Bell, Punyatoa Roy, Esther Soyomba, Olivia Forrest, Ananya Salla

It's Raining Men by The Weather Girls
& The Bells of Christmas - medley
The Nightingales

Heather Dick, Alana Coyle, Elizabeth Martin, Morenike Olubanjo, Niamh Cullen, Eloise Morton Morley, Heidi De La Cruz, Nivrita Kondireddi, Aisha De Mendonca, Matilda Croney, Natalie Bruell, Hetty Fowles, Caitlin Feakes, Georgia Brindley, Eveline Gaydon, Hannah Karlsson, Isla McDougall, Rhea Pillai, Eleanor Woodroof, Emily Bean, Claudia Foulds, Eva Bareham, Mia Ong, Matilda Francis, Ellen Heppell, Kaela Swaine, Katelyn Parfitt, Maria Chennattu, Calista Lechner, Isobel Hagan, Sophia Wisbey, Megan Sainty, Faye Eade, Lily Locke, Olivia Forrest, Sumaiya Chowhan, Anna Martin, Jess Bowden, Deborah Freeman, Millie Peters Hearn, Aishani Srikanth, Leah Levett, Iman Nofal, Morenike Olubanjo

INTERVAL

The licenced bar and refreshments are kindly being provided by volunteers from CCHSG PTFA.

PTFA

Part Of Your World from A Little Mermaid
By Howard Ashman and Alan Menken
Georgia Brindley

Under the Sea from A Little Mermaid
By Howard Ashman and Alan Menken
Boom whacker Group

Hannah Tsang, Charlotte Finlay, Isabelle Saunders, Ayur Kelzang, Riddhi Bandela, Alice Renshaw, Michaela Cherian, Asiya Baghal, Tomi Lekan-Olawoye, Katie Shine, Rimona Christian, Srinika Tamang, Safia Chowhan, Lindsey Wicker, Maya Suchy, Amber Pugh, Elizabeth Poulson

Oceans
by Hillsong United
Onose Iluobe & Christa Ugorji

Merry Christmas Everyone
By Shakin' Stevens
Year 11 GCSE Music Class

Sophia Manjura, Isabel Cato, Amelia Wales, Hannah Karlsson, Mar Torres-Gonzalez, Katie Shine, Rhea Pillai, Maisy Brookes, Charlotte Finlay, Eva Bareham, Calista Lechner, Maya Suchy, Hannah Tsang

Hold Back The River
by James Bay
Mufaro Mavhinga

Surf Crazy from Teen Beach Movie
by David Lawrence and Faye Greenberg
A Level Music Students

Onose Iluobe, Caitlin Feakes, Maria Chennattu

Bridge Over Troubled Water
by Simon & Garfunkel
Alana Coyle

Let The River Run
by Carly Simon
The Bluebirds and The Nightingales

FINALE

Do You Hear The People Sing?
From *Les Misérables* by Claude-Michel Schönberg
All performers







Library Cushion Design Competition

The CCHSG library has capacity to seat 58 students & has 455 non-fiction, 3285 fiction books in stock. There are also 35 Cloudbooks for student use and a printer/copier. To create an even more comfortable and creative space for readers, the Library ran competition to design and make cushions for the soft seating area. The winners were:
Sophie Cliff (10E)



"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx

Asmi Bhatia (11L)



Mia Wren (8E)



Nannila Gowrishankar (9C)





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Mia Wren (8E)

Extracurricular Maths Clubs



Maths Mentoring Club:

Students in the Sixth Form are very keen to mentor and impart their knowledge to younger students. We have an established mentoring system in the Mathematics Department. This gives the A level students an opportunity to be responsible and improve their leadership skills. It also encourages younger students to be proactive and to manage their time well.

History of Maths Club:

Run by Sixth Form Student Grace Puckey every Friday, this very popular club focuses on the history of Maths and also creativity.



New Student Voice Group Elected



Congratulations to our new Student Voice Team!

Student Voice recruits two representatives from each Year Group, via a student vote, in October of each academic year. Each Tutor Group is assigned one of these students as their Student Voice Representative and they are responsible for representing the views of the group at Student Voice meetings and for communicating Student Voice activities to the Tutor Group. Student Voice meets on a weekly basis with Mrs Frost.

Student Voice aims to:

- Support the continuous quality improvement of the school Represent the views of all students in a positive dialogue with senior staff
- Encourage student leadership and allow this to be a driver for change
- Provide opportunities for students to take responsibility, to suggest, research and present positive changes to the school and to contribute to decision making
- To communicate the work of Student Voice clearly to students, staff, governors and the wider school community

Psychology Society

Running Psychology Society was the perfect opportunity to develop our leadership qualities as well as explore areas of psychology that are not taught in lessons. We were able to make presentations that interested not only us, but also younger students and this led to detailed discussions. To spread the workload, we all collectively created a rota and took it in turns to prepare discussion points and presentations for each session and we believe this helped us prioritise tasks and develop our organisational skills. Some of the topics we have previously covered were triggers for serial killers, the impact of social media on mental health, various conspiracy theories and the psychology behind déjà vu.

Giving these presentations meant that we developed our confidence and public speaking skills as well as research skills that we will take with us to university. It was an amazing chance to be able to encourage and educate the younger years and develop a connection with various people from different years, especially through the debates that were started throughout different sessions on the various topics we covered, giving all students a chance to voice their opinions about what was covered. PsychSoc leader Siona Fernando (13T) has said that running the society “was a great opportunity to take a leadership role and provided a creative outlet to research topics that would not be covered in the GCSE and A level curriculum.” We attended the Sixth Form Open Evening where we compiled a display board that we used to demonstrate to prospective students what PsychSoc was about. Overall, we agree that running PsychSoc was a brilliant opportunity and helped us become well-rounded people. The skills we have developed are universal and can be applicable anywhere, regardless of what we choose to study in the future as well as it being a good discussion point on our personal statement for UCAS. If you are thinking of becoming a future leader of PsychSoc, we can assure you that you will truly love it!



PsychSoc leaders: Ananya Upadhyay, Molly Jones, Siona Fernando, Amber Clare and Hanna Davidson

MedSoc

This half term, MedSoc has been busy with guest speakers, student presentations, and interview preparation sessions for the Year 13s.

We began the half term with a discussion session about our book club book from last half term – “Life, Death and Biscuits” written by Anthea Allen, an Intensive Care Nurse working during the pandemic. It was great to welcome all years to discuss the key themes of the book including the effect of COVID-19 on the NHS, the impacts of worker shortages, and disparities between the NHS and government. MedSoc would recommend this book to those in Year 9 upwards.



Beth Jackson Talk

On 17 November, Dr Beth Jackson, an ex-CCHSG student, delivered a talk at MedSoc about her journey to where she is currently training as a radiologist in London. She told us all about going to medical school at the University of East Anglia and continuing there in Norwich for her foundation years working as a doctor. With plenty of time to ask all our questions, we received valuable insight into the realistic life of training and working and a doctor – both the positives and negatives.

MedSoc was grateful to have Vivien Wong and Sandra Djoumessi Tonle, ex-CCHSG students take time out of their busy schedules to talk to us about life in Liverpool medical school on 22 November. They talked about the brilliant time they have had assimilating into the new city and starting their journey as medical students. We were also lucky to receive some well needed interview advice, getting an introduction into the different interview styles, such as MMI and traditional. It was wonderful to see the two previous leaders of MedSoc achieve their goals and get into their chosen universities!

We also started our series of student presentations on “hot topics” of healthcare which not only make for interesting discussion with all Year Groups, but have also been very helpful for Year 13s preparing for interview season. So far we have had presentations about abortion and contraception, and organ donation where we have debated the ethics involved and learnt about the NHS approach to them.

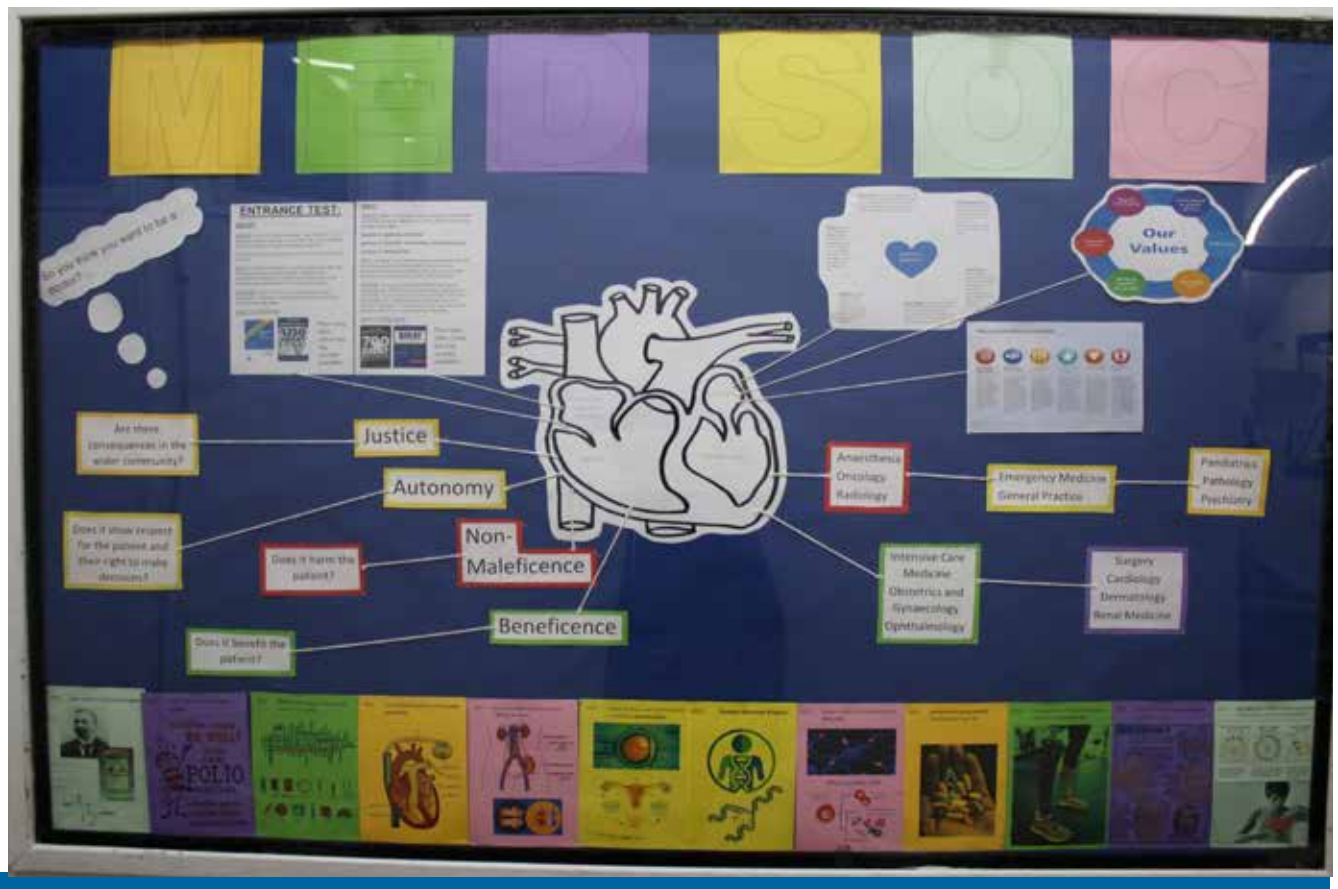


Talk by Vivien Wong and Sandra Djoumessi Tonle

Year 13s have been really grateful for the opportunity to attend MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) sessions run by Mrs Cliff this half term, providing valuable practice time and tips for how we can prepare for medical school interviews.

In the upcoming weeks, MedSoc are excited to continue our “hot topics” student presentations discussing Brexit and NHS, and the impact of striking on the NHS to name a few. With our mentor scheme for the Year 12s starting this week as well, we hope to continue supporting the Year 13s in getting into medical school and inspire the younger years too. Next term we have booked a local radiologist who specialises in paediatrics to give a talk.

Annabel Brookes and Bliss Falowo



RSC Chemistry Mastermind Competition

Chemistry Mastermind is a competition for Year 9- 11 students to select the team to represent the Essex section in the National Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition. Congratulations to the following students for winning the competition for Essex:

Zopheen Moghal, Sienna Foster, Rebeca Balanescu and Emily Wong.

They came first out of a total of 38 schools in Essex and they were a credit to the school. They approached all tasks enthusiastically and worked excellently as a team. Next year, they will go on to compete nationally representing Essex in the National RSC Top of the Bench Competition.





The national final is held in the spring each year and takes place at a UK university.

Activities on the finals day will include:

- An individual test of factual chemical knowledge
- A team practical exercise
- An interactive lecture
- A prize giving ceremony

First prize is awarded to the best overall school performance, with five further teams receiving runners up prizes. We wish the team all the best for the next stage of the competition.

A huge well done to them all!

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

UK National Dance Competition

Congratulations to Lindsey Wicker who competed at the UKA National Dance Competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on 1 October.

Lindsey was entered for two individual events:

- Solo slow dance
- Hip hop/Street dance

After making it through a number of elimination rounds she got to the final in both, winning the Hip Hop/Street to become the champion and being placed 5th for the Slow Dance.

Lindsey is also to be congratulated for passing her Platinum Dance Award, which allowed her to compete in this high level contest. Well done Lindsey!





PE Department Updates

Cross Country Success

Cross country is fast becoming a CCHSG specialism, showing an increase in talent and passion in the sport.

On 17 November, runners from Years 7 to 13 headed to the Northern Gateway to defend the title of District Cross Country Champions across all age groups. Despite the very (very) wet conditions, the students were utterly fantastic, winning the team event in every age group! We had a CCHSG runner winning each Year Group, and the senior girls team scored the lowest possible with an impressive 10 points (due to each CCHSG runner placing 1st-6th).

A huge congratulations to each of our teams and to the following individuals who medalled in their age category: Mya Atkins (Year 7) Gold Medallist, Naomi Sandercock (Year 9) Gold Medallist, Lyla Belshaw (Year 10) Gold Medallist, Lily Tyler (Year 10) Silver Medallist and Beatrice Sivyer (Year 10) Bronze Medallist.



Year 7 Girls team scores

Pos	School	Points
1st	Colchester County High School for Girls	32
2nd	Stanway	71
3rd	Philip Morant	111



Year 10/11 Intermediate Girls team scores

Pos.	School	Points
1st	Colchester County High Girls	10
2nd	Gilberd	64
3rd	St Mary's	90



Year 8/9 Junior Girls team scores

Pos.	School	Points
1st	Colchester County High Girls	21
2nd	St Mary's	47
3rd	Gilberd	87

Cross Country Cup - National Finalists

We have also had a team of 5 represent CCHSG in a team cross country event, English Schools Cross Country Cup. This is where they are trying to achieve the lowest team score (1st place = 1 point etc.). Their first round was at The Campion School where they qualified for the regional competition which was held at Felsted School on Saturday 12 November. From this, the Inters team have gone from strength to strength and managed to qualify for the National Finals which took place in Leeds on 3 December. The team consists of: Lyla Belshaw, Beatrice Sivyer, Lily Tyler, Francesca Howell and Naomi Sandercock. Best of luck to the five runners, we are extremely proud of each and every one of you.



Athelete Spotlight

Every half term the PE Department will be selecting an athlete to be in our "Athlete Spotlight". Athletes are invited to share their sporting success in and outside school as well as their training schedule, long-term goals and more!

Please meet our first Athlete in the Spotlight…

Georgia Banyard



CLUB:
Essex FA Girls' Regional Talent Club

TRAINING SCHEDULE:
Monday 6:00pm-8:00pm Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm Saturday Match Day

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
Trialling and being selected for Essex Schools Football Team

LONG TERM GOAL:
To play for England Women's Football Team

INSPIRATION:
The Lionesses

PREMATCH MEAL:
Pasta

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Annual PTFA Christmas Market 2022

The Christmas Market was a huge success. Thanks to all our PTFA volunteers, school staff and student helpers who worked so hard to make this our best event ever. We were delighted by the number of people that attended. Our stallholders created a wonderful festive display and the café, with a range of amazing curries and cakes, was incredibly popular. Not only was this a lovely community event which made a great start to the Christmas season, we also raised over £5,600. Well done to all involved!







PTFA Calendar 2023

Spring Term

PTFA Meeting	Mon January 30 19.00 - 20.30
School Production – Les Miserables	Wed February 1 - Friday February 3 19.00 - 21.30
Spring Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale (Open to ALL Year Groups)	Sat March 4 10.00 - 12.30
Year 7 Parents and Students Social Evening Disco & Refreshments for students, Refreshments & Raffle Draw for parents	Fri March 10 19.00 - 21.30
PTFA Meeting	Mon March 27 19.00 - 20.30

Summer Term

Quiz & Curry Night Food to be catered, PTFA run Bar & Cafe	Fri April 28 19.00 - 22.00
Summer Term Nearly New Uniform Sale (1) (New Year 7 September 2023 intake only)	(TBC) 16.00-20.00
Summer Term Nearly New Uniform Sale (2) (Open to ALL Year Groups)	Tues 18 July 16.00 - 18.30
School Production Refreshments	Thur July 13 & Fri July 14 19.00 - 21.30

Season's Greetings from CCHSG PTFA

We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful holiday and a very happy 2023!