



COLCHESTER  
PREP AND HIGH SCHOOL

# CPHS

# CONNECT

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## Why Teach?

On occasion, I along with other colleagues within the teaching profession, am asked – ‘What made you want to be a teacher?’

Well, the answer to this question – having dedicated over 25 years to the field of education, is easy. In the words of Nelson Mandela, ‘Education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world.’ I chose to become a teacher as I wanted to have a positive impact on children’s lives and to witness the diversity of growth in young people and to see their sense of curiosity, wonder and excitement and to help them develop that love of learning.

The role of a teacher is indeed a great privilege as every day we help young people to realise their potential, to pursue their talents and to find new opportunities. To this day I can still recall the teacher (Mrs Walker) who, when I was only 7, inspired me with a life-long love of learning and a passion to teach – the best teachers, of course, teach children to love learning.



One such amazing teacher, is **Mrs Hull**, our Nursery Manager and Head of Early Years. Today she celebrated **30 years of teaching in our Nursery** with us all. A fantastic Early Year’s Education is vital for success in the future and we are so fortunate to have Mrs Hull guiding and inspiring our youngest pupils.

Looking forward to the next generation of teachers, I am delighted to also introduce you to Master Barney Baulch, Headmaster of the Cobham Oak School. Barney, in Year 4, had informed me of his dream to be a Headteacher, so I thought it would be lovely for him to enjoy some work experience with our Year 1 pupils. Barney wrote a detailed lesson plan and implemented it with enthusiasm and passion.

With warmest wishes

Karen Gracie-Langrick

## My Handwriting Lesson by Barney

On Tuesday 20 June I taught handwriting to the Year 1 Class. The reason I taught the Year 1 Class is because, when I am older, I want to be a teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching them! I prepared for the lesson by writing a lesson plan and finding out the year 1 and 2 common exception words. I also printed handwriting paper because I didn’t know whether they had handwriting books or not. The students worked hard and I gave them stickers for handwriting neatly. I would like to thank Ms. Gracie-Langrick for letting me teach the class. I enjoyed it so much that I now want to be a teacher even more.



*"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world"*

**Malala Yousafzai**

# CPHS Connected

## Head Pupil Speeches

Congratulations to our pupils who delivered such eloquent and persuasive speeches to their peers as part of the application process to become the next Head pupils for 2023-24.



Year 5 - Phebe, Ella, Lily, Darcey, Charlotte, Thomas and Ben



Year 10 - Lewis, Jack, Jude Ben, Ahill, Jessica and Millie

## Former Pupil Stars in London Show "A Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

We are so proud to see former pupil Molly Osborne appearing on stage in London in "A Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The Musical." Mrs. Croydon and Ms Romero-Fernandez went to see it and say it is a must-see, especially to experience Molly singing, acting, and playing an instrument!



# Academically Connected

## Hertfordshire Reading Test Results

Congratulations to our Pre-Prep pupils on some outstanding Hertfordshire Reading Test Results!

- Reception achieved a reading age on average of 2 years and 1 months above their chronological age
- Year 1 enjoyed a 100% pass rate for Year 1 Phonics Test and achieved a reading age on average of 2 years and 3 months above their chronological age
- Year 2 - achieved a reading age on average of 2 years above their chronological age



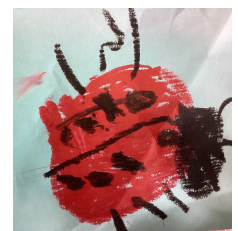
## Year 4 Poetry Published!

Last term, Year 4 wrote and illustrated some beautiful poems about rivers as part of their Humanities topics on the British Isles and rivers and we are delighted to announce that they have all been chosen to be entered for publication in "Poetry Towers - Worlds of Wonder", a competition by Young Writers. Having all your pupils' work chosen is not something that happens every day!



## Reception Ladybird ISA Entries

Good luck to Taylor and Matilda who were our ISA Reception Ladybird Competition entries. What amazing artistic talent!





## UKMT Junior Maths Challenge Results

We are pleased to report yet more academic success in the UKMT Maths Challenges. Pupils from years 5 to 8 participated in the Junior Challenge earlier this half term and achieved 2 Golds, 2 Silvers and 13 Bronze certificates. Well done to all pupils involved and especially to Lo Pak Ching who qualified for the next round Junior Olympiad.

Pictured: Year 5 and 6 with their certificates.



## ISA Sports Cover Design Competition

Good luck to our pupils who are representing the school in the ISA Sports Cover Design Competition. Winning artwork will be used for the ISA National Sports Programme Covers for the 2023/24 academic year.



# Character Connected

## Wellesley Award Character Development Presentations 2023

Tuesday 27 June was Wellesley Award Character Development Presentation Day 2023 and pupils from Reception to Year 10 presented their character development portfolios to their Form groups. It is always so inspiring to hear about the pupils' wide range of activities and achievements over the year that will help develop their personal character, sense of social responsibility, creative expression, and physical and mental well-being and ensure that they become happy, confident, and balanced citizens of the future.

Following each of the presentations, their peers then nominated someone from their form to go through to the final round of the Wellesley Award and present to the headteacher, Ms. Gracie-Langrick and the Senior and Prep School Pastoral Leads, Miss Banks and Mrs Smith.

Congratulations to our Form candidates : Reception - Taylor, Year 1 - Joshua, Year 2 - Amelia, Year 3- Robbie, Year 4 - Freddie, 5H - Thomas, 5S - Phebe, 6R - William, 6S - Ted, 7R- Hannalee, 7S- Edward, 8T- Teddy, 8D- Chloe 9B- Hugo, 9A- Jacob, 9MS- Christopher, 10H- Ben, 10P- Tom, 10L- Jess .





## Year 7 - 8 Cuffley Residential Trip

For their end-of-year trip, Years 7 and 8 attended an action packed outdoor activity week at Cuffley focused on embracing nature, developing skills of resilience and teamwork, and boosting their confidence and mental and physical well-being. This is what they had to say about their experience:

"We were at Cuffley for four days and three nights sleeping in pods outdoors, doing a range of activities from archery tag to night line. Wednesday, we spent the day at Lee Valley doing paddle boarding and water wipe-out. It was a great chance to work together and improve our survival skills!" **Emily**

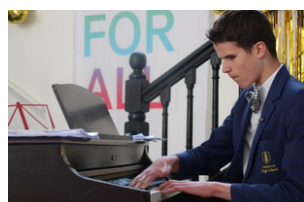
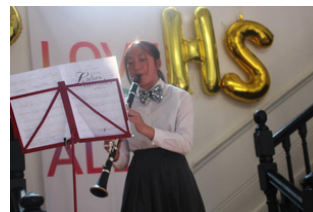
"I enjoyed the games we played like laser tag and archery tag." **Amy**

"Cuffley was a lot of fun and I enjoyed all the free time we had in the woods after activities" **Hannalee**



## A Night at the Movies

Congratulations to all our pupils who transported us to a movie set at last night's Summer Concert. From guessing the name of the movie soundtrack performed by our Drumming and Percussion Club to the Mercury Theatre Dance Club's dance routine to an Aladdin Medley, The A Capella and Signing Choir's rendition of The Climb by Miley Cyrus to The Bare Necessities performed by the School Orchestra and so much more, there was something for every movie lover!



# Actively Connected

## SPORTS & CLUBS UPDATE

*Working together to provide sporting opportunities for our young people.*

### Double ISA Sports Champion

Congratulations to Taylor (Y9) who is a double ISA Sports Champion! Incredible performances from Taylor at the ISA Athletics National finals in the Shot Putt (winning by over 1 metre) and the javelin. We are so proud of your accomplishment and can't wait to see what else you can do!



Congratulations also go to Rosemary (Y4) who finished in a superb 12th place out of 18 runners in the Year 4 Girls 600m. A fantastic achievement for your first qualification.

### House Tug of War Results

Congratulations to the Normans, 2023 House Tug of War champions!

	NORMANS	ROMANS	SAXONS	DANES
Year 5 & 6	6	0	9	3
Year 7	6	9	3	0
Year 8	9	3	6	0
Year 9	3	3	9	3
Year 10	6	3	0	9
Final Scores	30	18	27	15



### CONGRATULATIONS GO TO.....

**Margaret** (Y6) who was nominated as Most improved Footballer of the Year for Stanway Rovers Fireflies!

**Jacob** (Y6) who won the Tiegan Rose Cup from Bouncability.

**Arthur** (Y11) who, following his success at the Essex Schools has qualified for the English Schools Athletics. He will be running 3000m for Essex at the end of June/start of July.



# Digitally Connected

## MOS Exams

Congratulations to our most recent MOS digital champions :

**PowerPoint** - Bryce, Theo, David, Nico and Gyorgy (Y7)

**Word** - Archie , Ashton (Y9)

**Excel** - Martha

## MIEE Community Engagement Award

Please join us in congratulating Ms Romero-Fernandez, Head of Music for receiving the MIEE Community Engagement Award for "Driving the Conversation and sharing".





# Globally Connected

## New Diversity Library

The Diversity Coordinators are delighted to announce that our new 'Diversity Library' is now open! All books have been catalogued and there is a booking out sheet which will also indicate age suitability of the books. Diversity Ambassadors will be manning the library

- Tuesday Lunch time (1-1.25pm)
- Friday Break time (11-11.25am)



## CPHS participates in ISC Sustainability Pupil Focus Group



Thank you to Millie (Y10) for representing CPHS, as one of 5 independent schools, on the ISC Sustainability Focus Group Panel on Thursday. This is one of five group discussions taking part in the ISC Sustainability Project and was designed specifically to hear the voice of pupils on why sustainability is important to them and what they feel schools should be doing to help the planet and teach about climate change within the classroom.



# Community Connected

## Celebrating our Community - Yogan Yoganathan by Jaya (Y6)



Yogan Yoganathan is my grandfather. He was also the Mayor of Kingston Upon Thames this year with my grandma as Mayoress. A Mayor is the first citizen of the Royal Borough, and they raise money for charities of their choice for the community.

My grandfather has been a local councillor in Kingston since 2002. Back in 2005, he became the first Sri Lankan Mayor of Kingston and he was honoured by the Queen in 2010 with an MBE (Member of the British Empire). Then in 2022, he was happy to become the Mayor again.

My family and I have gone to many places with him – for instance, we joined him at many street parties to celebrate the Queen's jubilee. During the Easter holidays, we also went to take official photos with him as a Mayor. It was a lovely day because it was also his birthday, so we cut a cake in the mayor's parlour and went out for lunch with him after.

I am very proud of my grandfather and all his achievements.



# Notices

## Clubs and End of Term Information

Please be reminded that:

- all Extra Curricular Clubs finish on Friday 7 July.
- The school term finishes at noon on Wednesday 12 July.
- There will be no After School Club/Wraparound on Wednesday 12 July.

## Pupils Reporting IT Issues

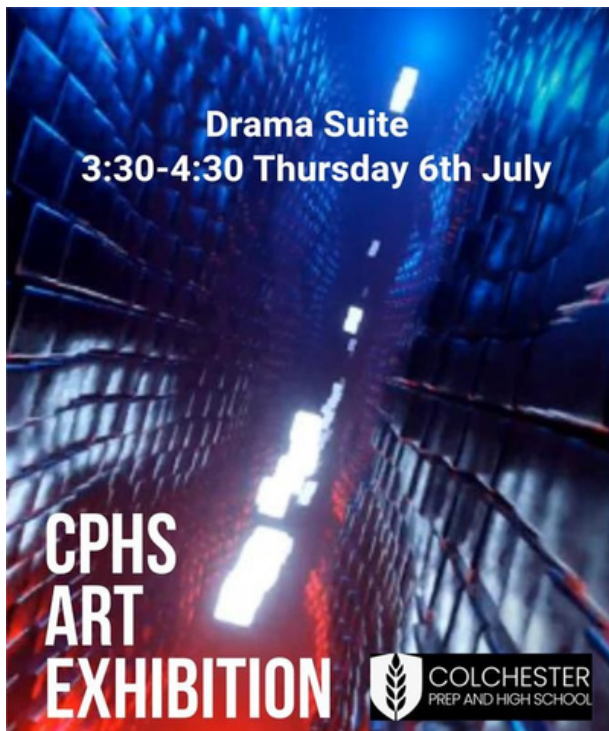
Please note that if a pupil is experiencing computer IT issues, they should inform their form teacher or admin who will then report the issue to IT. They should not be emailing the Service Desk or Mr Stuart directly.

Please also ensure that your child regularly updates their computer's firmware and software.

# Events

## CPHS Art Exhibition

CPHS would like to cordially invite you to attend our Annual Art Exhibition on Thursday 6 July to celebrate the amazing artwork of our pupils over the last year.



# Diary Dates

## July

### Monday 3 – Friday 7

Year 5 & 6 PGL Trip

### Wednesday 5

Year 1-4 Zoo Visit

### Thursday 6

CPHS Art Exhibition

### Friday 7

ESB Examination – Year 7  
Nursery Celebration

### Monday 10

Pre-Prep Prize Day (am)  
Prep Prize Day (pm)  
Year 6 Celebration Tea

### Tuesday 11

Senior School Prize Day

### Wednesday 14

End of School at 12 noon

***Please refer to the calendar on Cognita Connect for dates and events.***

We will also have a farming themed art exhibition at the **Tendring Show**, Saturday 8 July, so please do pop into the Education Tent to see our children's work.