



June 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS

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# Mid Essex Secondary Schools

## Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2027-2028 intake

### The Boswells School

Tel: 01245 264451 [www.boswells-school.com](http://www.boswells-school.com)



#### The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 30 September 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

#### The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026  
Timing: 9.15 am to 10.30 am. Booking required.  
Arrive at Reception 9.10 am

#### The Boswells School - Sixth Form Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 4 November 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm  
Sixth Form Open Morning tour: Wednesday 18 November 2026  
at 9.15 am. Booking required.

### The Beaulieu Park School

Tel: 01245 943500 [www.beaulieuparkschool.com](http://www.beaulieuparkschool.com)



#### The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Executive Headteacher & Head of School presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

#### The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 September 2026

#### The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 3 November 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our website to book.

Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

### Chelmer Valley High School

Tel: 01245 440232 [www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk](http://www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk)



#### Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

#### Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026  
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required.  
Arrive at Reception 8.55am and 9.55 am

#### Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

### Chelmsford County High School

Tel: 01245 352592 [www.cchs.co.uk](http://www.cchs.co.uk)



#### Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026  
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm

#### Chelmsford County High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026  
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

### Great Baddow High School

Tel: 01245 266821 [www.gbhs.co.uk](http://www.gbhs.co.uk)



#### Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 22 September 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

#### Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Tour times by appointment throughout September and October 2026. Please visit our website to book.

#### Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Sport Selection Day

Saturday 3 October 2026 (Application deadline midday on Friday 25 September 2026). Application via the school website: [www.gbhs.co.uk](http://www.gbhs.co.uk)

#### Great Baddow High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm (external applications only) and 6.15 pm (internal students)

### Hylands School

Tel: 01245 266766 [www.hylands-tkat.org](http://www.hylands-tkat.org)



#### Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 September 2026  
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm

#### Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October 2026 at 9.00 am. Please contact Reception to book.

### King Edward VI Grammar School

Tel: 01245 353510 [www.kegs.org.uk](http://www.kegs.org.uk)



#### King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days

Tours in Spring and Summer 2027 for Year 5 students will be advertised on our website.

#### King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026  
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form presentations will take place at various times during the evening.

## Moulsham High School

Tel: 01245 260101 [www.moulshamhigh.org](http://www.moulshamhigh.org)



### Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026  
Timing: 5.45 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm. Music Aptitude presentations throughout.

### Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 22, 23, 24 and 29 September 2026 and 2, 5 and 14 October 2026  
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am on all days

### Moulsham High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 12 November 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

## Ormiston Rivers Academy

Tel: 01621 782377  
[www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](http://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



### Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 September 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm

### Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 28 September until Friday 9 October 2026  
Timing: 9.30 am

### Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026  
Timing: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

## Plume Maldon's Community Academy

Tel: 01621 854681 [www.plume.essex.sch.uk](http://www.plume.essex.sch.uk)



### Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening, Mill Road Campus

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

### Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours, Mill Road Campus

Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour, available from the 14 September 2026.

### Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening, Fambridge Road Campus

Date: Thursday 8 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm  
Headteacher and Head of College presentations: 5.45 pm

## The Sandon School

Tel: 01245 473611  
[www.sandon.essex.sch.uk](http://www.sandon.essex.sch.uk)



### The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

### The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October - please contact our reception team to book.

### The Sandon School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 22 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

## St John Payne Catholic School

Tel: 01245 256030 [www.sjp.essex.sch.uk](http://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk)



### St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026  
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.45 pm

### St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Please contact the school to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

### St John Payne Catholic School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

## William de Ferrers School

Tel: 01245 326326 [www.wdf.school](http://www.wdf.school)



### William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Executive Headteacher and Headteacher's presentations: 6.20 pm and 7.00 pm

### William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October, please contact our reception team to book.

### William de Ferrers School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 5 November 2026  
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form's presentations: 6.20 pm

Parents and carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Alternatively an application form can be found on their website or you can request a form by calling 0345 603 2200 or use the one at the end of The Secondary Education in Essex 2026/2027 Booklet (if you would prefer to apply on paper). **Please do not do both.**

You will be able to make your application online from **11 September 2026**.

The closing date for secondary applications is **31 October 2026**. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

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# READ to the BEAT



## Information for Schools

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registered charity number 1085443 England and Wales.

Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child - or someone you know - filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

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# Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

**[bemyfriend.tv](https://bemyfriend.tv)**





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**13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 17:30**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 14:00 & 19:00**

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Phil Toms

Director & Musical Staging  
Anthony Whiteman

Choreographer:  
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# Growing Voices

## Speech & Language Therapy



🌸 Helping Communication blossom 🌸

I'm Sandra, a Specialist Speech & Language Therapist supporting children aged 2-18 with speech, language and communication

### Support for:

- ✓ Speech sound difficulties
- ✓ Language delays
- ✓ Developmental Language Delay
- ✓ Selective Mutism



Get in touch for a **free telephone consultation** to discuss how I can help

### Get in Touch:

✉ [sandragrewal.speechtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:sandragrewal.speechtherapy@gmail.com)

🌐 <https://growingvoiceschelmsford.co.uk>

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Are you a girl in year 4 or 5?

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**Email**  
**[Snr-secretary@chelmsfordcitywomenfc.co.uk](mailto:Snr-secretary@chelmsfordcitywomenfc.co.uk)**

# Has your child tried gymnastics?



## Help your child to stay active, build confidence and learn new skills with **EA Gymnastics!**

We're inviting local primary school children to try a **gymnastics session** at our Chelmsford gym!

These exciting classes are suitable for Reception – Year 6 gymnasts and focus on **fun, movement and confidence**, led by experienced gymnastics coaches.

**No experience needed!** Our sessions are welcoming, supportive and designed for all abilities.

### Our gymnasts develop:

- 💪 Strength & coordination
- 😊 Confidence & resilience
- 🤝 Listening & teamwork skills
- 🌟 Focus & perseverance
- ... and much more!

### Ready to get involved?

Trial spaces are limited. Book your child's spot today!

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**Venue - Mildmay Primary School, Robin Way, Chelmsford CM2 8AU**



**Time 9.00am - 3.30pm  
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**Age - For all primary school aged children from Year R - Year 6**



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**Kelly Nicholas**  
Principal  
Swish Chelmsford

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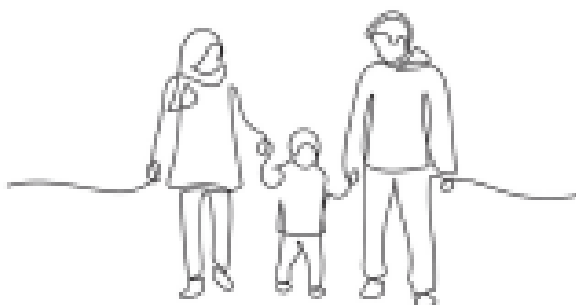
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# Child and Family Counselling Services

Parents are now able to access direct support for their child by referring them into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services (CFCS). We have a team of highly experienced Counsellors, Specialist Child and Adolescent Counsellors and Play Therapists available within the counselling team who work in our specially adapted therapy rooms.



We offer support to children, young people and parents through talking, play and art therapy.

CFCS provides therapy to children, young people and families. We support many different issues such as:

- Self-harm
- Identity
- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Bereavement
- Parental separation and family issues or conflict.

The pathway is overseen by our Head of Child and Family Counselling Services, who is supported by a team that are both passionate about and dedicated to the wellbeing of children and young people. The team has achieved very positive and reparative outcomes for children and families.

## What can you expect?

After an initial contact, we will arrange an assessment to explore the issues your child may be experiencing and will then identify which model best supports the difficulty your child may be facing.

## Who do you contact?

If you are worried about your child and would like to talk to us further, please either email Catherine [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) or call on 07792 732206 and we will be pleased to help.

Take a moment to read about the experience a parent shared with us:

*I had contacted a number of professional services to assist me in helping my daughter. At the suggestion of my daughter's school a referral was made to BCCS and it was then that I met one of their counsellors. After months of unanswered questions and "hitting brick walls" I finally had answers, structure and a profound understanding of how a small little girl's mind works.*

*For me, there has been nothing so worrying as watching your child struggle and the BCCS counsellor's help has enabled me to help her for which I will be forever grateful.*



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