Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
15 February 2019

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Spring Term
Thursday 3 January
Friday 5 April

Half Term
Monday 18 February
Friday 22 February

Summer Term
Tuesday 23 April
Tuesday 23 July

Bank Holiday
Monday 6 May

Half Term
Monday 27 May
Friday 31 May

Non-Pupil Days
24 July 2019

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term
Tuesday 3 September 2019
Thursday 19 December

Half Term
Monday 28 October
Friday 1 November

Spring Term
Monday 6 January
Friday 3 April

Half Term
Monday 17 February
Friday 21 February

Summer Term
Monday 20 April
Wednesday 22 July

Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

Half Term
Monday 25 May
Friday 29 May

Non-Pupil Days
Tuesday 3 September 2019
Thursday 24 October 2019
Friday 25 October 2019
Thursday 19 December 2019
Wednesday 22 July 2019

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WE WISH PARENTS AND STUDENTS A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK!

Dates for Your Diary

Ski Trip to Austria	Friday 23 February – Saturday 17 February
Art Life Drawing Workshop	Monday 18 February 2019 from 08.30 – 14.30

Monday Week B	Feb	25	
Tuesday	Feb	26	Yr 10 Examinations Yrs 12 & 13 A Level English Language Conference, London, 07.15 – 17.45 NEETSA/CTTC Train to Teach Open Evening 16.30 – 18.00
Wednesday	Feb	27	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting DofE Silver & Gold 15.45 – 18.30
Thursday	Feb	28	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Friday	Mar	1	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 12 A Level History Visit to National Archives 06.50 – 18.00 Yr 13 Subject Staff target Setting DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

School returns on Monday 25 February at 08.45 on Week B

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC) – Open Evening: 26 February 16.30 – 18.30
Are you or do you know someone interested in becoming a teacher? The CTTC are holding an Open Evening, here at CCHSG, on the above date. The CTTC train more than 80 graduates to become primary and secondary teachers working with a consortium of over 40 local schools and colleges. There will be a talk on the application process at 17.30. Contact enquiries@colchesterttc.org.uk or see attached flyer for more information.

February E-Newsletter Published
The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: https://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter
Items include Yr 7 Accelerated Reader Award, Sixth Form Update, Yr 7 - "A Christmas Carol", Yr 10 Psychology Trip, Eco Schools Update, "Fiddler on the Roof", Rotary Club Youth Speaking Competitions and much more.

Yr 10 GCSE Summer 2019
Statement of Entries have been distributed and information requested to be checked carefully, including the spelling of all names, as the information reflects entries made by the school and how all names will appear on the examination certificate. Students have received the Yr 10 Candidate Information booklet and the JCQ information for Candidates. This information can be accessed via https://cchsg.com/index.php/about/examinations/exam-info-candidates/item/781-exam-info-cand-yr10. If there any queries with regard to the examinations please contact Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer (smandal@cchsg.com)

Yr 9 *GCSE: What can a parent do?*
A reminder that the *GCSE: What can a parent do?* book is still available to buy via ParentPay priced at £3. This is a really useful guide with tips to help parents support students during their GCSE courses and help promote success.

Yrs 7 – 9 Cross Country
Yrs 7 to 9 will be on cross country in PE after the Half Term break. A reminder that they do not need to wear white trainers for this, as they will get muddy. It will also be handy to bring in a carrier bag to put trainers in after they have been out on the course.

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Eco-Schools Update
On Friday 15 February CCHSG students took the initiative and arranged a #ClimatePledge board and drop in session at Lunchtime in the Geography Department to educate others on some of the issues surrounding climate change. Students from all Year Groups were able to sign up to a #ClimatePledge to help make a difference! Well done and thank you to all involved, Mr King.

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 8	Bletchley Park	Friday 15 February
Yrs 8 & 9	Geography Trip to Iceland 2020	Friday 15 February
Yr 9	Generic Consent for UK Day Trips & Visits	Friday 15 February
Yr 9	Kingswood Activity Camp (selected students)	Friday 15 February
Yr 10	Generic Consent for UK Day Trips & Visits	Friday 15 February
Yr 11	Report	Friday 15 February
Yr 11	GCSE History & Drama Trip to Shakespeare's Globe	Friday 15 February
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Music Visit to see The Magic Flute	Thursday 28 February

Extra-Curricular Information

"A Very Shaky WebFest" Summer Show 2019 – Friday 19 July
Registration for all students wishing to take part in this year's fundraising show will be on Thursday 7 March in M3 from 15.45 – 16.30.
Auditions will commence with potential soloists on Thursday 14 March 15.45 – 17.15. Any student wishing to audition for a solo spot must prepare ANY song by Andrew Lloyd-Webber. Suggestions could include (although these may not feature in the show):
Yrs 7 and 8 – "Growltiger's Last Stand"
All Yrs – Memory, Don't Cry for me Argentina, Take that Look Off Your Face.
The list is exhaustive. Students do not have to prepare the whole song but their audition needs to reflect their potential so they ensure they choose wisely. Requirements for acting auditions and the full song list will be given out at registration evening on 7 March. We are looking forward to working on this exciting project, Mrs Cudmore-Rice, Mr Ulph and Miss Barnes.

Yr 12 and 13 Evolution Enrichment – Wednesday 27 February in G0, 12.45 – 13.20
This will be the last in the series looking at culture and evolution with Samuel from the University of Essex, all welcome.

Revision Sessions
In addition to Yr 11 sessions below, please see comprehensive revision timetable attached.

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.45 – 17.00	Lecture Theatre	Ecosystems including (N and C cycles)
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Photosynthesis and translocation
English	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.40 – 1700	F8	Romeo & Juliet plot recap
English	Yr 11	Thursday	15.40 – 17.00	F8	Romeo & Juliet context recap
Mathematics	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	M8	All welcome
	Yr 11	Tuesday (Wk A)	15.45 – 16.45	S1	All welcome
Mathematics	13FM	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	M12	
	Yr 13	Thursday (Wk A)	15.45 – 16.45	M12	
		Thursday (Wk B)	12.45 – 13.20	M12	
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	AC Electricity and magnetism
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Waves
Psychology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.35 – 16.35	G8	
Psychology	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.35 – 16.35	G18	

Yr 10 RE GCSE Revision – Friday 15.45 – 16.45 or Wednesday 12.50 – 13.20 G23
Students should pick one of each session to go to so that sessions can be accommodated opposite DofE Bronze:
Islam Beliefs and Teachings – 1, 6 or 8 March
Islam Practices – 15, 20 or 22 March

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PE Clubs and Practices
The timetable for Clubs and practices for after Half Term is attached. Please see PE staff for more information.

Gym and Dance Show
A reminder to students to tick off attendance for the Sunday 24 rehearsal and to send Nina Wiseman an electronic version of their song, cut to where they need it to be.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
26.02.2019	07.00 – 14.15	Gymnastics: floor & Vault	Various	Chelmsford Gymnastics Centre	Yrs 8 &9
27.02.2019	11.00 – 16.00	Cricket	Various	Essex County Cricket Ground	U15
27.02.2019	15.00 – 17.00	Football	Various	St Helena	Yr 7
28.02.2019	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	Colchester High School	Home	U16B

Students should also check the noticeboard in PE regularly for any updates or changes.

Lost Property
The following unnamed items have been handed into Reception in the last week alone. We strongly remind our parents and students to name all belongings to ensure swift return. We will not be publishing future lists of this length. Students are responsible for checking at Reception if they lose any items at school.

Item/Description	
Yellow and pink water bottle with picture of chips on the side	Blue plastic sunglasses, very small size
Black gloves	One black fingerless glove
white headphones	One grey glove
black leggings size 4/6	One Tower of London coin
Book - Daughter of the Forest	One scientific calculator with a cover
Black gloves with grey finger tips	One scientific calculator without a cover
Size 3 trainers white with purple trim in a carrier bag	One pair of navy blue sock
Black umbrella	One black multi pen
Blue uniform shirt, size 32"	One gold ring
Blue uniform cardigan size 34”	PE kit, blue Adidas drawstring bag, white size 6 trainers
Blue PE sweatshirt size 38/40"	PE kit, black Slazenger drawstring bag,
Cream scarf with beige/brown checks	Black water bottle with Sistema written down the side
Blue umbrella with cats on	White memory stick

<u>Community/Enrichment Information</u> - We draw your attention to the following:

Sci-Fest 2019 at CRGS Saturday 16 March 10.00 – 16.00
CRGS are once again holding a Science Fest and STEM Careers Fair. Please see attached poster for more information.

Letters sent out this Week
Yr 9: Kingswood Activity Camp (selected students)
Yr 12: RSC Analyst Competition (selected students)
Yr 12: Auschwitz Project Confirmation (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: A Level Music Visit to see The Magic Flute
Yr 13: Hoodie Purchase

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Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 25 February
Priority for Yr 12 and 13, and lunchtime activity participants until 12.45.
Week B:

12.45	Yr 11	Lunchtime club participants must have a coloured ticket
12.55	Yr 7 & 8	to gain entrance to early lunch, available in advance from staff
13.00	Yr 9 & 10	running the club.

Menu for w/c 25 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Pork Samosa Pie with Carrots	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Broccoli	Kedgeree with Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Tiropitakia with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake	Pavlova	Apple & Blueberry Danish	White Chocolate Cheesecake
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Cheese & Bacon £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 25 February
Next week the word is: **SUPERFICIAL** – concerned with or understanding only the obvious.

Please read on for news from the PTFA

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PTFA
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1. Diary Dates for Spring Term
PTFA Meetings

- **Monday 20 May (New date)** - PTFA Annual General Meeting

Agenda:

- Election of PTFA Committee Members
- Review of PTFA events & fundraising in 2018

Note: All PTFA meetings are held at the school 19.30 – 21.00 unless otherwise specified.

2. Colchester Half Marathon – Parent & Staff Fundraising
Entry for the 2019 Griffin Chapman Colchester Half Marathon is now sold out. If you have already registered as an unaffiliated runner and would like to run as part of the CCHSG team, please contact Agness O'Brien via agnessobrien@hotmail.com by Friday 22 February.

We are very grateful to the following individuals who are training hard to raise funds for CCHSG on 24 March. You can show your support via https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cchsg2019

Mrs L Quinn (Staff), Miss N Wiseman (Staff), Mr M O'Brien (Parent), Mrs S Wisbey (Parent)

3. PTFA Funding
In response to bids received from the school we are pleased to be able to fund resources for students to the value of approximately £5,100 this term.

1. 15 visualisers for use as a teaching aid in classrooms across the school.
2. Class sets of mini whiteboards for use in all curriculum areas.
3. Multimeters for the Science Department, to be used across all Year Groups.

Our profound thanks to all our PTFA volunteers and the wider school and parent community who support our fundraising initiatives and events.

4. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

- Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (2 Form groups) – Wednesday 6 March
- Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (3 Form groups) – Thursday 14 March
- Gym & Dance Show – Tuesday 26 March
- Gym & Dance Show – Wednesday 27 March
- Yr 9 Parent Consultation Evening – Thursday 28 March

The PTFA is always grateful for donations of outgrown uniform via the School Reception.
Uniform sales can only take place during the times specified above but all sales are open to parents from any Year Group.

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