Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
15 March 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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Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Mar	16	DofE Silver & Gold Training Day 09.00 – 16.00
Monday Week A	Mar	18	Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 10 Work Related Learning and Enterprise Day
Tuesday	Mar	19	Yr 8 Examinations School Nurse Drop-In Session, Lunchtime in F11
Wednesday	Mar	20	Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Kingswood Visit (selected students) Yr 13 A Level Music Recital in M School 17.00 DofE Silver 15.45 – 18.30 Sixth Form External Student SLT Discussions 16.00 – 18.30
Thursday	Mar	21	Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Kingswood Visit Yrs 12 & 13 A level Music Visit to Magic Flute Sixth Form External Student SLT Discussions 16.00 – 19.30
Friday	Mar	22	Yrs 7 – 11 Non-Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Kingswood Visit DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30
Saturday	Mar	23	
Sunday	Mar	24	Gym & Dance Show Rehearsal 12.00 – 15.00

Yr 10 Work Related Learning and Enterprise – Monday 18 March
As part of the Key Stage 4 curriculum Yr 10 students will be off timetable and involved in an Enterprise Day on Monday 18 March. The aims of the day are to develop students' understanding of the world of business with particular focus on team-work, financial planning, problem solving and decision making. Students are expected to come into school at the usual time and in school uniform.
The day will involve rotating round four separate activities each with a different focus. There are engineering, financial, legal and marketing sessions.

A Level Music Recital
The Yr 13 final Music Recital is taking place on Wednesday 20 March at 17.00 in M2/3 – expected end time 17.40.
We have three performances from our Yr 13s, including pieces for recorder, voice and flute.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 22 March
11E are organising the Non-Uniform Day with the theme ''Blue' to support the charity The Ocean Clean Up, which is developing technology to clean up the plastic rubbish in the oceans. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme and to pay a voluntary contribution of £1. However, as with all non-uniform days, **students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 22 March
The Head Girl Team are organising the daytudents are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

Institute of Economic Affairs Budget Challenge Competition
Congratulations to the Yr 13 students who competed in the IEA Budget Challenge National Final in London on 7 March, securing the runners up place. Thank you to Mr Hughes for supporting the team with their essay and presentation preparations and Miss Summers for accompanying the students on the trip.

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Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Generic Consent Form for UK Day Trips and Visits	Wednesday 20 March
Yr 11	Easter Revision Sessions (various subjects)	Friday 22 March
Yr 12	Yong Enterprise North Essex Are Showcase	Friday 22 March
Yr 13	Easter Revision Sessions (various subjects)	Friday 22 March

Colchester Half Marathon 2019 - Parent & Staff Fundraising
We are very grateful to Mrs Quinn, Miss Wiseman, Miss Webb and Mr Hargreaves (parent), Mr Natarajan (parent) Mrs Raviraj (parent) who are training hard to raise funds for CCHSG on 24 March. You can show your support via https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cchsg2019

London Marathon
With 6 weeks to go before the London Marathon, please show your support for Miss Wiseman https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nina-wiseman

Gym & Dance Show 2019
This year's show takes place on Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 March, at 19.00. Tickets cost just £7 and can be purchased via ParentPay. Refreshments are being provided by the PTFA from 18.15 and drinks can be pre ordered for the interval. We now allocate numbered seating for all performances so please let us know via office@cchsg.com at time of booking, should you have particular access requirements. The PTFA second hand uniform shop will also be open before the performance and during the interval.
Gym and Dance Show Student Reminder: Please bring in **named** costumes to the Green Room.

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.45 – 17.00	Lecture Theatre	Cell Division and Nervous System
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Nervous System
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	G18	Organic 2
English	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.40 – 1700	F8	English Language Paper 1: Section B practice
English	Yr 11	Thursday	15.40 – 17.00	F8	
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	Uses of Nuclear Physics & More Forces and Motion
Physics	Yr 13	**THURSDAY**	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Astrophysics and Particle Physics
Psychology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.35 – 16.35	G8	
Psychology	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.35 – 16.35	G18	

Yr 11 Quiet Working Room
G25 has been allocated at lunchtime for Yr 11s who wish to have a quiet working environment.

Barracudas Summer Camp – CCHSG Parent Offer Reminder
Please find attached a poster outlining the host school parent discounts that you can benefit from when quoting the code provided.

Extra-Curricular Information

Yr 11 & 12: Colchester Hospital Medical Careers Symposium for Schools – Wednesday 26 June
There are a few places remaining for the Medical Careers Day at the ICENI Centre, Colchester Hospital.
Any students in Yrs 11 or 12 that are interested need to apply quickly! Please email Dr van Mierlo cvanmierlo@cchsg.com for more information and a booking form.

Yr 12 Chemistry Residential Summer School 8 – 10 July Queen Mary University of London
A three-day programme for students interested in a degree in Chemical Sciences. For more information please see attached poster. Students would need to complete a Leave of Absence form to attend this event, available from the Main Office.

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Yr 7 & 8 Historical Fiction Competition 2019
If interested please see attached poster or Mr Paz in T21 break time Monday 18 March. Closing date: 15 May.

Summer Show 2019 – Friday 19 July
Auditions for potential soloists will now take place from 15.45 – 17.30 on Thursday 21 March

Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
18.03.2019	15.45 – 17.00	Netball: District Semi-Finals	Stanway	CCHSG	Yrs 10 & 11
19.03.2019	15.45 – 17.00	Netball: District Finals	Various	CCHSG	15.45 – 17.00
20.03.2019	10.30 – 14.00	Colchester Schools' Swimming Gala	Various	Colchester Leisure World	Yrs 7 – 11
20.03.2019	14.00 – 17.00	Netball: Essex Cup Semi-Final	King John	Away	U16
21.03.2019	TBC	Netball: Essex Cup Semi-Final	St John Payne	TBC	U14

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

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

CRGS Sci Fest – Saturday 16 March 10.00 – 16.00
Please see attached pamphlet for more information.

Letters sent out this Week
All Yrs: UK Youth Strike for Climate
Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 7: Generic Consent Form for UK Day Trips and Visits
Yr 8: Examinations Letter
Yr 9: Parent Consultation Evening
Yrs 9 & 12: French Exchange Information Evening (Exchange students only)
Yr 11: GCSE Subject Revision Easter Revision Sessions
Yr 11: DofE Bronze Award Presentation Evening (selected students)
Yr 12: Young Enterprise Showcase (selected students)
Yr 13: Biology Easter Revision Session
Yr 13: Classical Civilisation Easter Revision Session
Yr 13: Economics Easter Revision Session
Yr 13: Latin Easter Revision Session
Yr 13: Mathematics Easter Revision Session
Yr 13: Psychology Easter Revision Session

Menu for w/c 18 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Wiltshire Plait with Carrots	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.75				
Syrup Sponge with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble	Cheesecake	Lemon Meringue Pie	Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 18 March
Next week the word is: **PREPOSTEROUS** – going very much against what is thought to be sensible or reasonable.

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PTFA
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1. Diary Dates for Spring Term

PTFA Meetings
All PTFA meetings are held at the school 19.30 – 21.00

- **Wednesday 27 March** - PTFA Ordinary Meeting (during 1st half of Gym & Dance show)
- **Monday 20 May** - PTFA Annual General Meeting
  Agenda:
  - Election of PTFA Committee Members
  - Review of PTFA events & fundraising in 2018

PTFA Committee Vacancy: Due to increased work commitments, our current Treasurer will be stepping down at the next AGM. If you have a finance background and might be interested in taking on this role, please get in touch with Chair of PTFA, Mrs Agness O'Brien at cchsgptfa@gmail.com

2. Colchester Half Marathon 24 March - Parent & Staff Fundraising
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3. Coffee Morning 22 March - Let's Eat, Drink & Celebrate Mums
As Mothering Sunday approaches please join us as we celebrate the mothers in our community with a Coffee Morning at the residence of Mrs Agness O'Brien (Feering Hill House, 15 Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester, CO5 9NL) on Friday 22 March from 11.00 to 13.00. All are welcome - dads, grandparents & carers too! Admission is £5 and includes tea/coffee and a piece of homemade cake. There will also be Mother's Day gifts for sale and raffle prizes to be won. Donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes are gratefully received.

Please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com or text/call Agness O'Brien at 07951 511653 if you are planning to attend and/or can help at this event. All proceeds will go towards the CCHSG Colchester Half Marathon Team's fundraising.

4. Could you help our PTFA Eco Team?
The PTFA will be providing refreshments at the Gym & Dance Show on 26 and 27 March. To support the PTFA policy of reducing our use of paper and plastics, we are appealing for additional volunteers for our Eco team, who will be loading the dishwashers with the crockery used at the event. If you can help please let us know via cchsgptfa@gmail.com

5. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

- Gym & Dance Show - Tuesday 26 March
- Gym & Dance Show - Wednesday 27 March
- Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening - Thursday 28 March

Uniform sales can only take place during the times specified above but all sales are open to parents from any Year Group

Uniform donations urgently needed: Having a Spring Clean? Please donate any items of outgrown uniform via the school reception.

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