Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
3 May 2019

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

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
First Day of Term for Students:
Wednesday 4 September 2019
Last Day of Term for Students
Wednesday 18 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
Last Day of Term for Students
Tuesday 21 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	May	4	DofE Bronze Group B Practice Expedition
Sunday	May	5	DofE Bronze Group B Practice Expedition

Monday Week B	May	6	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	May	7	Yr 12 Reports to Parents Yr 13 A Level Art Examination
Wednesday	May	8	PE Team Photographs (All Yrs) Lunchtime Yr 8 Salters Festival of Chemistry (selected students) 08.30 – 17.15 Yr 12 Higher Education Information Evening 18.30 – 19.30 Yr 13 A Level Art Examination Yr 13 A Level French Speaking Assessments DofE Gold Session 15.45 – 18.30
Thursday	May	9	8O Bakesale, Hall, Lunchtime Yr 13 A Level Art Examination
Friday	May	10	Yr 8 Preferences Deadline **09.00** Yr 11 GCSE PE Moderation 10.00 – 14.00 Yr 13 A Level Art Moderation Yr 13 Dress-Up Day DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

Yr 12 Higher Education Information Evening 18.30 – 19.30
As part of our preparation of students intending to apply for university this evening is to inform parents of the application process and the support we offer. Guest speaker will be Dr Sam Lucy, Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges.

Arrangements for Yr 13 Students
Students will be expected to be in school until 13.00 Friday 10 May; formal lessons will continue until the end of Thursday 9 May. Students are aware that we will be following the normal timetable and therefore teachers will be in teaching rooms Monday 13 May - Friday 17 May so that students are able to access subject specific support. After Friday 17 May students have been asked to contact their teachers directly to arrange a time to come in.
The Sixth Form dress code should be followed whenever students are in school with the exception of the morning of Friday 10 May when students are permitted, if they so wish, to wear appropriate fancy dress to celebrate the end of formal lessons.
Friday 10 May - students will arrive in school by 10.00 and sign in. They will spend the morning as a year group. There will be a buffet in the Sixth Form Common Room at 12.00. Students will be free to leave from 13.00.

Yr 13 ParentPay School Meal Account
Please ensure your daughter's school meal account is in credit by Friday 10 May.

Student Leave of Absence Reminder
We ask parents to submit student Leave of Absence requests a minimum of two weeks in advance of the leave applied for wherever possible. Forms can be collected from the Main Office. A reminder that term time holiday requests will not be authorised.

DofE Silver Session – Wednesday 8 May
Students have completed their expedition planning therefore there will be no Silver DofE session on Wednesday 8 May.

Yr 8 Preferences Deadline – Friday 10 May 09.00
Due to a technical issue Options Online is not available. Preferences should be completed via the form emailed to parents today. Hard copies of this form will be available from Reception on Tuesday 7 May.
We remind you that the deadline for return is Friday 10 May at 09.00.

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Yr 12 UCAS - Essex Higher Education Exhibition – 13 June University of Essex
UCAS exhibitions are a chance to get talking with university admissions staff and subject specialists from a variety of Higher Education Institutions, find out what life's like on and off campus, and discover what else is on offer - volunteer work, gap year adventures, and career opportunities. Booking is essential to attend the UCAS exhibition. The booking form can be found on the UCAS website https://www.ucas.com/events/essex-higher-education-exhibition-339506.
We could encourage any student considering attending the UCAS exhibition to make a booking as soon as possible as places are limited. Requests for absence to attend the event will be authorised and should be submitted in the usual way. If students would like to attend the convention they will need to make their own travel arrangements as this is not a school organised trip.

Miss Wiseman London Marathon 2019
Thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored Miss Wiseman for the London Marathon – raising over £2200 for the charity Shelter.

Apprenticeship Information
Please find attached information regarding Apprenticeships which you may find of interest.

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 8 & 9 (selected students)	Geography Iceland Field Trip	Friday 10 May
Yr 11	Celebration Evening	Monday 13 April
Yr 11	Examination Arrangements	Friday 10 May
Yr 13	Leavers' Ball	Monday 13 May
Yr 13	Examination Arrangements	Friday 26 April

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.45 – 17.00	Lecture Theatre	Paper 1: bring queries and practice 6 mark questions
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Unified concepts questions
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	G18	Equilibrium
English	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.40 – 1700	F8	English Language Paper 1: Section B practice
English	Yr 11	Thursday	15.40 – 17.00	F8	
History	Yr 11	Friday	15.45 – 16.30	T20	
History	Yr 13	Thursday	15.45 – 16.30	T20	
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	
Psychology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.35 – 16.35	G8	
Psychology	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.35 – 16.35	G18	

Yr 10 GCSE RE Revision Support
A timetable of revision and support for students in the lead up to the GCSE RE examination is available. We encourage students to attend for final support and advice.

w/c	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 April			Exam support for invited students G23 12.50-13.20	Islam overview with Miss Jupp G23 15.45-17.00	How to include CIS with Mrs Frost G23 15.45-17.00
6 May		Drop in session with Miss Jupp G23 12.50-13.20	Exam support for invited students G23 12.50-13.20	Islam overview with Mrs Frost G23 15.45-17.00	How to include CIS with Mrs Frost G23 15.45-17.00
13 May	PAPER 1 EXAMINATION	Drop in session with Miss Jupp G23 12.50-13.20	Exam support for invited students G23 12.50-13.20	Paper 2 content with Miss Jupp G23 15.45-17.00	
20 May	PAPER 2 EXAMINATION				

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Calling all Cake Bakers – Appeal for Cakes
The Catherine Bullen Foundation will be having a cake stall at the Mersea Food and Drink Festival on the weekend of 25 and 26 May. The school, via students and staff, usually provide cakes, so if you could bake a cake or cupcakes and bring them into school on Thursday 23 May, together with a list of ingredients, they will be taken to Mersea and much appreciated.
Catherine Bullen was a student at CCHSG who went on to study medicine but sadly died on her elective in Namibia. The school supports the local charity with their fundraising for educational and health projects in rural Namibia. More details about the foundation and the food and drink festival can be found here (https://www.namibia -aid.org.uk/ and http://mersea-fdl-festival.com/).

Extra-Curricular Information

Maths Surgery: Tuesdays and Thursdays in M10 from 12.45 until 13.20
For students who need help with homework, or revision for a test. This is run every week, by our friendly and knowledgeable team of Sixth From students and is open to all Years.

Psych Soc Mondays G8 at 13.45 and SocCrimSoc Fridays G8 at 13.45
Next week Psychsoc is not on due to the Bank Holiday but the following week we will be discussing 'Can anyone be a Hero?' by looking at a TED talk from the famous Psychologist Dr Phillip Zimbardo.
In SocCrimSoc we are exploring the Sociological explanations for crime – and currently we are exploring the notion of moral panics such as knife crime – is it really a problem in society? Or does it in fact hide the bigger issues?
Both are open to Yr 8 and above. Early lunch tickets are available from Mrs Cordy-McKenna in advance of the day.

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

Yrs 10 & 11 Colchester United Female Football
Are looking for female players for next season's program, combining football and education with Colchester United. Their Open Evening will be held on Monday 13 May at Shrub End Community and Sports Centre, Colchester, CO2 9BG, from 17.00 – 18.30. For more information please contact carla.dickinson@colchesterunited.net

Mistley Rugby Club: Inner Warrior – 26 May 11.00
A free of charge introduction to the basics of rugby. For more information please go to https://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/find-rugby/play-rugby/womens-rugby/pitch-up-and-play/#

Letters sent out this Week
All Yrs: PTFA Notice of Annual General Meeting
Yr 7: Examination Letter
Yr 12: Higher Education Information Evening

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 6 May
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 6 May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BANK HOLIDAY	Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Pizza, Curly Fries & Salad	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Broccoli
Or				
BANK HOLIDAY	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
BANK HOLIDAY	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Bread & Butter Pudding	Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork with BBQ Sause £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 6 May
Next week the word is: **JEOPARDISE** – to put somebody or something at risk of being lost or harmed.

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PTFA
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1. Proposed changes to PTFA Constitution May 2019 (To be tabled at PTFA AGM on Monday 20 May)

- Name of the Association changed from CCHS PTA (Colchester County High School Parent Teacher Association) to CCHSG PTFA (Colchester County High School for Girls, Parent Teacher and Friends Association)
- The President of the Association changed from the Headteacher of CCHSG to The Associate to the Principal and CEO of the Alpha Multi Academy Trust
- The date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Autumn Term of each academic year changed to the Summer Term

2. PTFA Meetings

All PTFA meetings are held at the school 19.30 – 21.00

- **Monday 20 May 2019 - PTFA Annual General Meeting**

followed by Ordinary PTFA Meeting

Agenda:

- Election of PTFA Committee Members
- Review of PTFA events & fundraising in 2018/19
- Upcoming events
    1. New Year 7 Parent Information Evening (Tuesday 2 July)
    2. Year 7 Welcome Party (Friday 4 October)
    3. Annual Christmas Market 2019 (Saturday 30 November)

PTFA Committee Vacancy: Due to increased work commitments, our current Treasurer will be stepping down at the 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. Please refer to the Notice of the AGM along with job descriptions for the roles of all the Committee Members provided to all parents/carers via email on Monday 29 April.

3. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales (Summer Term)

The next sale open to ALL YEAR GROUPS will be before and during the interval of the Summer Show on Friday 19 July (18.00 – 20.30). Parents do not need to be attending the show to visit the uniform store.

Uniform donations urgently needed. We would really like to increase our uniform stock ahead of the upcoming New Yr 7 (September 2020 intake) Information Evening on 2 July. If you had a spring clean over the Easter break, please donate any items of outgrown uniform. We also accept buttons from uniform items that are no longer fit for use. If your child is in Ye 11, please consider donating all sale worthy uniform items as soon they are no longer needed. All donations can be left at the School Reception.

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