Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
5 April 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 ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS & STAFF A RESTFUL EASTER BREAK

Eater Holiday Activities:

DofE Silver Practice Expedition	Thursday 4 April – Saturday 6 April
DofE Gold Practice Expedition	Tuesday 9 April – Sunday 14 April
French Exchange in England	Wednesday 10 April – Wednesday 17 April
Italy Netball Tour	Saturday 13 April – Friday 19 April

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Apr	22	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	Apr	23	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM Yr 11 GCSE Drama Technical & Dress Rehearsal DofE Silver & Gold Equipment Return 15.45 – 17.45
Wednesday	Apr	24	Yr 8 KS4 Information Evening 18.00 Yr 11 GCSE Art Examination
Thursday	Apr	25	Yr 10 GCSE RE Break-Out Day Periods 2 – 5 Yr 11 GCSE Art Examination Yr 11 GCSE Drama Performance
Friday	Apr	26	7L Baksale, Lunchtime in the Hall Yr 11 GCSE Art Moderation DofE Bronze Group A Equipment Issue 15.45 – 17.30
Saturday	Apr	27	DofE Bronze Group A Practice Expedition
Sunday	Apr	28	DofE Bronze Group A Practice Expedition

School returns 08.45 Tuesday 23 April Week B

Student School Lunch Balance
Please ensure your daughter's lunch balance is in credit at all times.

Uniform Reminder
We remind parents to check their daughter's skirt length before the return to school after the Easter holiday. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee.
Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring, worn in each earlobe, is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only. False nails or nail polish should not be worn.
During the summer months white, navy or black ankle socks may be worn instead of tights.
See student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code.

Easter Revision Workshops
Please ensure payments for Yr 10 , Yr 11 and Yr 13 Easter revision workshops are made via ParentPay before students attend.

Individual Candidate Timetables for Summer 2019
The Yr 13 timetables have been distributed to students this week. Parents and students should note the subjects, the session timings and the examination arrangements carefully. Any queries, please email smandal@cchsg.com.

April 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 the Sixth Form Project Day at the Babraham Institute, A Level English Conference, Charter Hall Concert, Bletchley Park visit, BBC Young Reporter, Yr 7 Lepra Fundraising, Gym & Dance Show – and much more.

Spring Back to the 80s – Tuesday 30 April
Tickets are now available costing just £7 via ParentPay for the Spring Back to the 80s concert, our post-Easter musical celebration of everything 80s: 1780s, 1880s and 1980s. For one night only the concert will be in the MSchool starting at 19.00 until approximately 20.20. There will be no interval. Please see the attached poster for more information.

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Yr 11 GCSE Drama Rehearsal and Performance
On Tuesday 23 April the GCSE Drama students will be off timetable for a technical and dress rehearsal in preparation for the assessment on Thursday 25 April.

Yr 8 Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 24 April
The aim of the evening is to provide students and parents with information about the curriculum to be studied during Yrs 9, 10 and 11. The evening will start at 18.00, with refreshments available. There will be a short presentation at 19.00 – 19.30 and an opportunity to talk to Heads of Department about the course being offered in their subjects before and after the presentation until 20.00.

Year 10 RE Break-Out Day
On Thursday 25 April Yr 10 will be off timetable Periods 2 - 5 for a preparation day for their upcoming GCSE. The workshops will cover key sources of wisdom and how to apply these in the examination.

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Continuation of Instrumental Lessons	Friday 5 April
Yr 12	Internal Assessment Results	Friday 5 April

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.45 – 17.00	Lecture Theatre	Plant Topic – bring revision sheets
Biology	Yr 13	No revision session on Tuesday 23 April due to timed mocks			
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	G18	Ionic Equations and Half Equations
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	
Physics	Yr 11	No revision session on w/c 22 April			
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Electromagnetism
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.

Languages Week is Back! w/c 29 April – 3 May
Activities to look out for: The Big MFL Quiz in Registration, Yr 12 Languages and Beyond Assembly, Mother Tongues Workshops at lunchtime, The Language Leaders performance for Yr 7 & 8, The International Bake Sale & The Young Enterprise International Kitchen on Friday 3 May at lunchtime.

Lost Property
Lost property from this term will be on display in the Foyer between 23 – 26 April, after which time remaining items will be destroyed.

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Extra-Curricular Information

PE Clubs
Rounders and Athletics trials will be taking place during the first week of the Summer Term (23 – 26 April).
The new PE Clubs and Activities timetable will start week commencing 29 April.

Auditions for the Summer Show
Acting auditions for the summer show will take place on Thursday 25 April from 15.45 – 17.30.

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

Physics and Maths Paid Internships for Undergraduates
Professional Learning Network (PLN), in partnership with Colchester Teacher Training Consortium and schools in Essex are offering paid STEM Internship opportunities for undergraduates, for four weeks starting Friday 21 June 2019. They are offering undergraduates (in Mathematics, Physics or related Degrees) in their penultimate year, graduating in summer 2020, an opportunity to join our fourth cohort of paid Internships. This may be of interest to family members or friends- please feel free to pass the information on
For more information please see attached information.

Family Fun Day
Essex Wildlife Trust and Essex and Herts Air Ambulance will be holding a joint family fun event at Colchester's Castle Park on Thursday 18 April. Please see attached poster for more details.

Colchester Museums Easter Holiday Events
For information about their events across all three sites; Colchester Castle, The Natural History Museum and Hollytrees Museum please visit www.cimuseums.org.uk/events

Colchester Mercury Theatre: CO2's Production of Oliver
The Mercury Theatre, in collaboration with Colchester Operatic Society and Colchester Operatic Society 2nd Edition, are preparing a production of Lionel Bart's **Oliver!,** and are looking for people to be involved. Performance dates are 27 September – 12 October. For more information please email cos1theatre@hotmail.com

Essex County Council's Chocolate Festival – Friday 19 April
Join Essex County Council for their first Chocolate Festival at Cressing Temple Barn (located between Braintree and Witham in mid-Essex). Find out more and book tickets here:
http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/cressing-chocolate-festival/

The Tendring Show – Front Cover Programme Competition
Tendring Hundred Farmers' Club are looking for students to design a front cover for their Show Programme. The winning entry will receive £150 for their school plus tickets for the show. All runner-ups will receive tickets, book tokens and certificates and every student who enters receives a ticket to the Show. Please see the attached details and entry form – closing date 26 April.

Letters sent out this Week
All Yrs: Spring Concert (participants only)
Yr 13: Examination Arrangements
Yr 13: JCQ Regulation Information

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 22 April
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.

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Menu for w/c 22 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fish Cakes with Green Beans
Or				
Bank Holiday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Mediterranean Pasta Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Bank Holiday	Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Banana & Toffee Pudding with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Chicken, Pesto & Halloumi £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 22 April
Next week the word is: **SUBSIDISE** – to contribute money, to give a government grant to a private company, organisation or charity to help it to function.

- **Please continue reading for news from the PTFA**

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PTFA
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1. Diary Dates for Summer Term

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. Job descriptions for the roles of the Committee Members will be provided, along with the Notice of the AGM, to all parents/carers in the week commencing 22 April.

2. Funding Bids Approved
At the last PTFA Committee Meeting we were pleased to approve bids from the school for the following items:

Music (submitted by Mr Ulph)
A portable PA system with stands for use primarily in the Music Department but also potentially for Drama and other school events. Amount funded: £874.72

Healthy Living (submitted by school administration/pastoral team)
Two sets of 20 butcher's aprons for use during Healthy Living lessons in Yr 7 and 8. This removes the necessity for new parents to purchase these aprons, which have previously been part of the uniform requirements but are only used on a small number of occasions.
Amount funded: £144.40

Prior to submission to the PTFA all bids from staff are reviewed by the CCHSG Senior Leadership Team.

3. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales (Summer Term)
All sales are open to parents from any Year Group

- Yr 8 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening - Wednesday 1 May, 16.15 – 19.30
- New Yr 7 (September 2019 intake) Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 2 July, time TBC.

Uniform donations urgently needed. Are you having a spring clean over the Easter break? Please donate any items of outgrown uniform via the school reception.

The PTFA Committee would like to thank all parents, staff and friends for their support this term and wish them an enjoyable Easter break.

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