Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
14 February 2020

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

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
Friday 8 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 2020

Term Dates 2020 – 2021
For Students

Autumn Term
Thursday 3 September
Thursday 17 December

Half Term
Monday 26 October
Friday 2 November

Spring Term
Monday 4 January
Friday 26 March

Half Term
Monday 15 February
Friday 19 February

Summer Term
Monday 12 April
Friday 16 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 3 May

Half Term
Monday 31 May
Friday 4 June

Non-Pupil Days
Wednesday 2 September 2020
Thursday 22 October 2020
Friday 23 October 2020
Friday 18 December 2020
Monday 19 July 2021

Academy Days
Tuesday 20 July 2021
Wednesday 21 July 2021

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PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music

WE WISH PARENTS AND STUDENTS A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK!

Dates for Your Diary

Yr 13 Cambridge Chemistry Race	Saturday 15 February
Winter Sports and Culture of Canada Visit	Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February
Yr 12 Chemistry Analyst Competition	Friday 21 February

Monday Week B	Feb	24	Yr 9 Immunisation Catch Up Yr 10 Art Examination Yr 10 Mathematics Team Challenge 16.00 – 19.00
Tuesday	Feb	25	Governor Visit Day Yr 9 Kingswood Information Evening 18.30 – 19.30 Yr 10 Examinations DofE Silver & Gold Sessions 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	Feb	26	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 12 Babraham Institute Projects Day 07.00 – 14.00
Thursday	Feb	27	Yr 10 Examinations
Friday	Feb	28	Yr 5 STEM Day Yr 10 Examinations DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

School resumes after Half Term on Monday 24 February (Week B)

Hair Colour and Combinations
Students have been reminded that hair should be a natural colour in a natural combination. Two tone hair or hair with coloured beads or ribbons intertwined is not acceptable. Hair slides or bands should be black or navy. Parents, please ensure that their hair meets the school expectations when we return after Half Term.

Student Leave of Absence
We remind 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 and Leave of Absence requests are for exceptional circumstances only.

Return to the Forbidden Planet
Thank you to everybody involved and to those that came along to support our production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet". For students interested in participating in our next venture – The annual Summer Fundraising production, they should come along to a meeting after school on Thursday 27 February to register and learn about what you need to do to audition. This will be a shorter session, ending at 16.30.
Yr 8 Drama Club will resume on Monday 2 March, 12.45 – 13.15.
"Live Long and Prospero"

Yr 9 Immunisation catch up – Monday 24 February
The immunisation team will be back in school on Monday 24 February for those students who missed the injections on 10 February.

PTFA Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 24 April
Have you got your tickets for an exciting night of quizzing and delicious food? See back page for details of how to obtain your tickets.

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 the Yr 7 Accelerated Reader Award, "Return to the Forbidden Planet", Rotary Club Youth Speaking Competitions, GCSE Art Tate Gallery Visit, the Dora Love Holocaust Memorial Prize and much more.

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Yrs 7 – 9 Core PE
All students will be on Cross Country after Half Term. Students should wear suitable trainers (do not have to be white), and bring a spare carrier bag to put them in after the lesson. If students are feeling unwell, they will still be expected to walk the course. Those who suffer from asthma should ensure they have their inhaler with them.

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Tackling more 6 mark questions
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Topic 1 (core processes)
Chemistry	Yr 13	Monday	12.40 – 13.20	G18	
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	G18	Organic 1 (now open to all)
Computer Science	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.40 – 16.40	T4	Unit 2
		Thursday	15.40 – 16.30		Examinations clinic
Economics	Yr 13	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	G8	
English	Yr 11	Tuesday & Thursday	15.45 – 16.45		
French	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	T8	Speaking
		Wednesday	12.45 – 13.20	G7	Writing
		Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	T14	Grammar
		Friday	12.45 – 13.20	T13	Listening and reading
Geography	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	T2	Sixth Form Mentors Drop-in
		Friday	15.45 – 16.45		
German	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	T10	Grammar and writing
		Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45		
		Monday	12.45 – 13.20	T13	Listening and reading
History	Yr 11	Friday	12.45 – 13.20	T20	Cold War question 1
Latin	Yr 11	Wednesday	12.45 – 13.20	G5	Latin grammar
Mathematics	Yr 13	Monday	12.45 – 13.20	iLab	
Pure Mathematics	Yr 13	Thursday	15.45 – 16.45	M12	
Mathematics	Yr 11	Tuesday Week A	15.45 – 16.45	M9	(11EGL)
		Thursday Week A	15.45 – 16.45	M11	(11BRO)
		Thursday Week B	15.45 – 16.45	M8 & M11	(11MKI & 11BRO)
PE	Yr 11	Friday	12.40 – 13.10	H3	
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Circular Motion and Gravitational Fields
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.50 – 16.50	G2	DC Electricity
Psychology	Yr 13	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	H3	Issues and debates
			15.35 – 16.45	H2	
Psychology	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.35 – 16.35	H2	

Geography Information
A reminder that the school subscribes to the DigiMaps service – this is an OS, satellite and aerial online mapping service. Students have been emailed the log in details: https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/login
They can explore any area in the UK at a range of scales, produce printable maps and aerial images, as well as historical mapping from 1890 and 1950. Perfect for research, holiday exploration, geocaching, Scouts/Guides and DofE.
For further information, games and practice for OS maps they can go to https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/ and brush up on their OS maps skills with the Ordnance Survey YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJp4yCtYcXprknSY_FAUpWG5ZbDwHmfY7

Yr 9 Magistrate Court Competition
Those involved in the Magistrate Court Competition are encouraged to attend an after school practice in G24 on Tuesday from 15.45 – 17.00

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++++++++++++++++++++++++++ **E-Safety Update** ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

Strategies for Managing your Professional Online Reputation

- Think before you post anything
- Understand your digital footprint: search for yourself using Google or another search provider
- Appropriate language and behaviour: consider how others may interpret your words, especially if using abbreviations
- Protect your passwords: do not disclose and the stronger the better! www.pctools.com/guides/password/
- Testing your privacy: use privacy settings on services like Facebook. In particular, you might find it helpful to turn on Timeline Review and see how your profile looks to other people. You can also use www.reclaimprivacy.org to scan your profile privacy settings
- Discussing expectations with friends: are you happy to be tagged in a photo?
- Familiarise yourself with your organisation's policies and procedures: make sure you know how what the rules are!
- Know how to report a problem

Where to seek help?

If you are a teacher, school staff or anyone working with children and young people, then you can contact the Professionals Online Safety Helpline. They can help with issues concerning your own reputation or that of staff members or young people as well as with a range of other online safety issues. https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/helpline/professionals-online-safety-helpline or https://tinyurl.com/yx85w4gc

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Extra-Curricular Information

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
26.02.2020	15.15 – 17.15	Football	Various	St Helena School	Yr 7

Netball Training

Due to numerous fixtures happening there will be no Netball training on Tuesday 3 March.

Yrs 9 – 13 Psychology Research Methods Club – Monday Lunchtime in H3

Students should along to revise how research methods are used throughout all Psychology topics, and practice examination questions, particularly those with methodological application to stimulus material. There is a chance of winning a Thorntons Easter egg by the end of Term, so the more they come along the higher the chance there is of winning it!

Spelling Bee School Finals

The school competition for the Spelling Bee (French and German) will take place in the week commencing 24 February. The candidates must make sure that they have learnt all 150 words upon their return, the Language Assistants will aid them on the first day back. Further arrangements will be given to students by Languages staff.

Community Information – we draw your attention to the following:

Active Sports Essex: Project 2020 at Halstead Leisure Centre

Active Sports Essex and Fusion Lifestyle are offering various different sport activities for free for more information please go to www.activesportsessex.co.uk

Romeo and Juliet at the Headgate theatre, Colchester 25 - 29 February

Opportunity to watch a local production of the GCSE English set text Romeo and Juliet by professional production company Protocol. A student in Yr 13 takes the lead role of Juliet. Tickets are available from http://www.headgatetheatre.co.uk/

Enrichment Opportunity

Discover Musical Theatre at St Martin's School, Brentwood – Friday 21 February

Learn about the many aspects of production and experience performance as well as technical aspects. The technical part of the day is delivered by Mountview Academy. To book or for more information:
https://britishyouthmusictheatre.org/StMartins
The day includes a full audition for BYMT Summer 2020 season of productions. More information can be found via:
https://britishyouthmusictheatre.org/summer-courses/parents

Science Family Enrichment

Cambridge Science festival takes place 9 – 22 March and hosts a range of hands of free activities, talks, demonstrations, exhibitions and productions all science based. The middle weekend (14 – 15 March) is aimed at families. This a great opportunity for science enrichment and to be awed at the UK science base. Full details of what is on when can be found on their website: https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/

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Careers Information

Yrs 11 – 13 Goldsmiths Higher Education Discovery Days
Their Higher Education Discovery Days are now available to book involving a tour of the campus, led by a current student, as well as workshops designed to improve understanding of what it means to be a university student, academically, socially and financially. For more information:
https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU027dB8csyljW?field4082=Higher%20Education%20Discovery%20Days

Arriva Train Ticket Information for Students
We have been asked to share their information regarding their Child and Student Saver Direct Debit Scheme which may be of interest to those who currently purchase daily, weekly and four weekly train tickets. Please go to https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/ss-hertsessex for more information.

Letters sent out this Week
Yr 9: Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition (selected students)
Yr 10: Thorpe Park
Yrs 10 & 11: GCSE Mathematics Graphical Calculator Purchase
Yrs 10 & 12: German Exchange Information Evening
Yr 11: DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition
Yr 12: DofE Gold Training Day and Practice Expedition
Yr 12: AQA EPQ Level 3 Discontinuation (selected students)
Yr 12: Young Enterprise Trade Fair (selected students)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7 & 8	Parental Consent for BBC 500 Word Competition	Friday 14 February
Yr 9	Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition	Monday 24 February
Yr 10	Thorpe Park	Friday 22 May
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE Mathematics Graphical Calculator Purchase	Friday 28 February
Yr 12	RSC Analyst Competition	Friday 14 February
Yr 12	Young Enterprise Trade Fair	Monday 24 February
Yr 13	Economics Conference	Friday 14 February

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 24 February
Priority for Yrs 12 & 13 and lunchtime activity participants until 12.45.
Week A:

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

Menu for w/c 24 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Burger with Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Brie, Apple & Onion Tart with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheese & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Lentil Ragu with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Pancakes with Lemon & Sugar	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Devon Apple Cake with Custard	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panino of the Week: Chicken Pepperoni & Mozzarella £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 24 February
Next week the word is: **UMBRAGE** – feeling of anger or annoyance caused by something offensive.

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PTFA
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1. Meeting dates for Spring Term
PTFA Meeting: Monday 30 March
Time: 19.30 – 21.00 - all PTFA Meetings are held in the School Dining Room
Agenda: Final Planning for the Quiz and Curry Night (Friday 24 April) & other school events supported by PTFA over the Spring Term.

2. "Return to the Forbidden Planet" – PTFA Refreshments
We would like to thank the PTFA members who supported with refreshment sales on the two days of the production. Our profit will be over £550. We are particularly grateful to "Indulgence Patisserie" who provided the delicious sponge cakes and cheesecakes that proved so popular.

3. Quiz & Curry Night: Friday 24 April. Doors open from 18.30 for a 19.00 start
Tickets for this fun, family event cost £10 for adults, £5 for under 17s and £25 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Tickets can be purchased via Classlist. If you have yet to sign up for Classlist, this can be done quickly and easily via www.classlist.com, search for our school and sign up. Classlist is free to use, completely secure, GDPR compliant and used by over 2,000 UK schools. CCHSG Classlist is only open to parents of students from our school. None of the information that you include in your profile, apart from your name, is visible to other parents. Once signed up to Classlist you can purchase your tickets via:https://app.classlist.com/school/#/community-events/dashboard/660010924

This will be a sell out event, so don't miss out!

4. Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and Help Support CCHSG PTFA
Help us raise funds simply by recycling your ink cartridges via the ***Recycle4Charity*** programme. For each inkjet cartridge recycled via the programme we will receive a £1 donation. Cartridge brands accepted include HP, Dell, Canon, Kodak, Frama, Pitney Bowes and Neopost. Full list here https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges
For your convenience, we have placed freepost envelopes and a box to deposit your used ink cartridges at the School Reception. Envelopes can also be sent to your home address so you can send cartridges directly via freepost. To do this please register at: http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C95556

5. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sale Dates
Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening - 2 Groups (Tuesday 3 March)
Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening - 3 Groups (Thursday 12 March)
Yr 9 Parent Consultation Evening (Thursday 19 March)
Yr 8 Parent Consultation Evening (Thursday 29 April)

All uniform sales are open to all Year Groups. You do not need to be attending the Consultation Evening to visit the sale.

Donations of unwanted uniform, in good condition, are gratefully received throughout the year via the School reception.

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