Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
17 January 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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Music Dept: CCHSG_Music

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Jan	20	Yr 7 Careers Talk, Period 3 Dining Room Extension Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Final, Period 3 in Lecture Theatre Yr 11 Mock Examination Results to Parents Yr 13 Internal Assessments
Tuesday	Jan	21	Yr 13 Internal Assessments
Wednesday	Jan	22	Yr 13 Internal Assessments
Thursday	Jan	23	Yr 13 Internal Assessments
Friday	Jan	24	Yr 13 Internal Assessments DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

Department for Education - The September Guarantee for Yr 11 Students
The September Guarantee is a guarantee of an offer, made by the end of September, of an appropriate place in post-16 education or training for every young person completing compulsory education.
Ensuring that every young person has an offer of a place to progress onto is particularly important as it helps young people make a seamless transition into post-16 learning or employment with training.
The September Guarantee is supported by good quality information, advice and guidance. This can come from a number of sources which include:

- Teachers
- Parents and family friends
- Careers Coordinators and Guidance Advisers
- On-line and printed information about courses, progression routes and employment routes

What does the Guarantee offer?
The September Guarantee is an offer of a place in one of the following:

- A school Sixth Form
- A college of further education
- Employment with training to at least Level 2
- An Apprenticeship

Further information can be found at www.gov.uk

Absence Reporting
If students are going to be absent we ask parents to contact us by telephone on each day of absence, ideally before 08.45. Ideally medical appointments should be made outside of the school day; absences due to unavoidable medical appointments must be supported by a medical letter/appointment card.

ECFWS Healthy Lifestyles
Please find attached a message from ECFWS (Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service) from their Public Health and Healthy Schools Team.

Yr 7 English Star of the Week
Congratulations to the Star of the Week: **The whole of 7C for their fantastic song in A Christmas Carol: The Musical.**

Yr 9 Vaccinations – Monday 10 February
The immunisation team will be here all day for the Yr 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination and the Meningitis strains ACW & Y vaccination.

Winter Sports and Culture of Canada Trip February 2020
The following documentation is required prior to leaving for Canada:
Photocopy of Passport
eTA Parental Consent Form
eTA Confirmation Email
Please could any outstanding be handed in to either Mrs Daniels or Mr Williams as soon as possible.

For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG_

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Our next CCHSG Production
Save the date for "Return to the Forbidden Planet" which will be performed on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 February. Tickets are now available via Trybooking.com via the link: https://www.trybooking.co.uk/PDL Once booked and paid for via this link, you will receive your tickets electronically to the email address supplied at time of booking.

Changes to Bus Routes Operated by Chambers Coaches
We have been notified that they are currently consulting with their stakeholders and the public on planned changes to the bus routes they operate. Whilst the journeys directly serving CCHSG are essentially unchanged, parents and students are requested to check the new timetables should you be travelling to/from school or the town at other times.
For more information please check their website: https://www.chambersbus.co.uk/

Yr 7 Bushcraft Three Day Residential Programme 20 – 22 May 2020
A reminder that the next instalment of £50 is due by 31 January. Some students have not completed the Code of Conduct, another copy has been distributed for completion.

Yr 9 Holocaust Education Day – Monday 27 January
Students will be involved in the Holocaust Education Day. The aims of the day are to develop students understanding of the Holocaust and evaluate how such an event was possible in the 20th century. This is also an excellent enrichment opportunity for all students to experience an engaging history environment that encourages students to develop key skills like analysis and evaluation. Students are expected to come into school at the usual time and in school uniform. Students are to be registered as normal in their form rooms, with the day beginning in the Main Hall at 09.05.

It is hoped that students will enjoy participating in Holocaust Education Day and that this will help to give a further insight into understanding the shaping of the modern world today.

Students in other Year Groups will have Holocaust themed Assemblies across the week led by our Holocaust Ambassadors.

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.40 – 17.00	G0	**NO SESSION 21/01/2020**
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	**12.45 – 13.20**	G0	Homeostasis
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.40 – 13.20	S2	By invitation only, open to all after Half Term
Computer Science	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.40 – 16.40	T4	Unit 1 (Unit 1 & 2 after half-term)
		Thursday	15.40 – 16.30		Unit 2 (Examinations clinic after half-term)
Economics	Yr 13	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	G8	
French	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.45 – 13.20	T8	Speaking
		Wednesday	12.45 – 13.20	G7	Writing
		Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	T14	Grammar
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 13	Tuesday & Thursday	15.45 – 16.45	T17	
History	Yr 11	Friday	12.45 – 13.20	T20	Germany Question 3
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	
RE	Yr 10	Tuesday **OR**	12.50 – 13.20	G24	Christian Practices
		Thursday	15.45 – 16.45		

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Extra-Curricular Information

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
18/01/2020	10.30 – 12.00	Essex Cross Country	Various	Writtle College	Various
20/01/2020	14.30 – 16.30	Netball Essex Cup	New Hall School		U14

Yr 11 Fun Essay Club
Continues running on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the English department, 15.45 – 16.45.

Biosoc – Wednesday Lunchtime 12.45 in F12
Biosoc are continuing to offer dissection opportunities for the next two weeks. Students should come along with their labcoat and study different anatomy! All Years welcome.

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

Online Gaming
The increasing popularity of Massively Multiplayer Online games (or MMOs) comes with a range of risks. This includes all the dangers associated with online chatrooms, as most games contain a communication feature. When choosing a username, be sure to pick one that does not reveal any personal information and choose a strong password. Be wary of buying "cheats" or other in-game items, as they may contain viruses or malware.
Parents should set time limits for online gaming and monitor chat room activity.

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Letters sent out this Week
All Yrs: Return to the Forbidden Planet Rehearsals
Yr 9: GCSE Psychology Student Book Purchase
Yr 9: Kingswood Activity Camp (selected students)
Yrs 10 & 11: GCSE PE Revision Webinar
Yr 11: GCSE History visit to National Maritime Museum (History students only)
Yr 12: EYP Regional Session (selected students)
Yr 12: A Level Psychology Textbook Purchase
Yr 12: A Level PE Revision Webinar
Yr 12: Lessons from Auschwitz Project (History students only)
Yrs 12 & 13: A Level Psychology Conference
Yr 13: A Level Psychology Textbook and Extension Reading

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Return to the Forbidden Planet Rehearsals	Thursday 23 January
Yr 9	GCSE Psychology Student Book Purchase	Wednesday 22 January
Yr 9	Kingswood Activity Camp	Monday 3 February
Yr 10	GCSE RE Candle Conference	Friday 17 January
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE PE Revision Webinar	Friday 31 January
Yrs 10 & 12	German Exchange	Friday 17 January
Yr 11	National Maritime Museum Visit	Monday 2 March
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Menu for w/c 20 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Seafood Tagliatelle with Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegan Curry with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Pancakes	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 20 January
Next week the word is: **ARTICULATE** – expressing yourself easily or characterized by clear expressive language.

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PTFA
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1. Meeting dates for Spring Term

- **PTFA Meeting**: Thursday 6 February. This meeting will take place during first half of the "Return to the Forbidden Planet", school production.
  Time: 19.00 – 20.00 (approx). Please note that this is an earlier start time than usual.
  Agenda: Planning for the **Quiz and Curry Night** (Friday 24 April) & other school events supported by PTFA over the Spring Term.

- **PTFA Meeting**: Monday 30 March
  Time: 19.30 – 21.00
  Agenda: Final Planning for the **Quiz and Curry Night** (Friday 24 April) & other school events supported by PTFA over the Spring Term.

  All PTFA Meetings are held in the School Dining Room.

2. "Return to the Forbidden Planet", school production – Thursday 6 & Friday 7 February

Event runs: 18.15 (bar opens) – 21.30
Volunteers are needed as PTFA will be selling hot drinks and cakes before the event commences and during the interval. A licensed bar will also be available.
If you can spare 2-4 hours to help with set-up (from 17.00), sale of refreshments prior to the event and during the interval or clearing up (20.30 – 21.30), please contact CCHSG PTFA at cchsgptfa@gmail.com or Agness O'Brien via Classlist.

3. Quiz & Curry Night: Friday 24 April
Start recruiting your team and save the date for this much anticipated sell-out event. Further details to follow.

4. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sale Dates
"Return to the Forbidden Planet", school production 1 (Thursday 6 February)
"Return to the Forbidden Planet", school production 2 (Friday 7 February)
Yr 11 ONLY - Kilt exchange at lunch time (lunch time Wednesday 12 February)
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, except for the Yr 11 Kilt Exchange.

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