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

Monday Week A	March	2	Yr 7 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 8 Careers Talk Period 3 in the Hall Yr 10 Examinations Yr 11 Mindfulness Talk, Period 3 Dining Room Ext Yr 12 Alcohol Awareness Period 3 in Lecture Theatre Yr 13 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 13 Mock Examination results to Parents
Tuesday	March	3	Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (7H&7E) 16.15 – 19.15 Yr 10 Examinations Yr 11 GCSE Music Solo Performances Yr 12 A Level PE Webinar, 15.30 – 17.00 Yr 12 RSC Competition 08.00 – 17.00 PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday	March	4	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 11 GCSE Drama Performance from 13.00 ABRSM Music Examinations 16.30 – 20.30
Thursday	March	5	World Book Day Yr 9 Macbeth Live Broadcast 08.50 – 12.40 Yr 10 Examinations German Exchange Information Evening 18.00 CTTC Open Evening16.30 – 18.30
Friday	March	6	Yr 8 Bletchley Park Visit (8C, 8O & 8L) 07.00 – 17.00 Yr 10 Examinations DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30
Saturday	March	7	DofE Silver & Gold Training Day, Bures, 09.00 – 16.00
Sunday	March	8	Yr 12 Lessons from Auschwitz Seminar, London

Parental Voice – Tuesday 10 March

Dear Parent
I would like to inform you that we have a Parental Voice meeting on Tuesday 10 March. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Bistro area from 09.15 and the meeting will start at 09.30. The meeting will last for approximately one hour. The agenda is driven by the parents/carers but I must remind you that Parental Voice works for the greater good of the school and is not about individual students; any queries about individual students should go through the normal communication channels.
If you would like to attend this meeting, I should be grateful if you would kindly email Mrs Quinn via lquinn@cchsg.com with a brief summary of any topics you would like to discuss by Friday 6 March.
Mrs W Jackson
Associate to the Principal & CEO

Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (7H & 7E) – Tuesday 3 March 16.15 – 19.15
Students should be booking appointments with subject staff for you to discuss their progress on this evening.
The Parent Consultation for 7C, 7O and 7L is Thursday 12 March.

German Exchange Information Evening – Thursday 5 March 18.00
The evening is for the families of all students taking part in the German Exchange and will be in the Dining Room Extension. Parents should email Ms Davison, via office@cchsg.com, if they are unable to attend.

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC) Open Evening – Thursday 5 March 16.30 – 18.30
Are you or do you know anyone interested in training to become a teacher? If so please see details of the CTTC Open Evening and further information on the flyer below.

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.

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

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Student Safety
We have reminded students, particularly those who cycle to and from school to ensure they are safe on the roads. We attach a safety leaflet for your information. Please share with your daughter.

Yr 8 Bletchley Park Visit Friday 6 March (8C, 8O, 8L) and Tuesday 10 March (8H & 8E) 07.00 – 17.00
Form Groups 8C, 8O and 8L will attend the museum on Friday 6 March and Form Groups 8H and 8E will attend the museum on Tuesday 10 March. Students need to bring a packed lunch, wear school uniform and to arrive promptly at 06.45 for a 07.00 departure. The coach will return between 17.00 and 17.30 approximately depending on traffic.

Yr 8 Visit to the First World War Battlefields of Ypres – Friday 5 June
A reminder that the deadline for payment via ParentPay and completion of the online consent is Friday 13 March. Please also note students will need a valid EHIC card in order to travel and Passports should have at least six months before expiry.

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Hox and Homeobox revision & tackling health and disease topic questions
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Enzyme revision (bring last week's revision handout) and topic 4 (Genetic modification, natural selection & evolution)
Chemistry	Yr 13	Monday	12.40 – 13.20	G18	
Chemistry	Yr 11	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	G18	Organic 2
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	Y13	Thursday	12.45 – 13.20	T20	International Relations Essay Workshop
History	Yr 11	Friday	12.45 – 13.20	T20	Cold War 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	
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Gravitational Fields
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.50 – 16.50	G2	Magnetism
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	

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Yr 12 EPQ Meeting – Monday 3 March, 12.45, in Lecture Theatre
There will be a meeting for all the students taking EPQ to discuss completing the project.
In addition they need to arrange with their supervisor when their presentation is going to be within the timeframe Monday 9 March – Friday 20 March (preferably at a lunchtime). When they have arranged this they need to complete the presentation timetable, which is in the Sixth Form Common Room by the microwaves.

Yr 9 AQA Level 2 Project
The presentation timetable is on the History cupboard door next to T21. Students need to arrange with their supervisor when their presentation is going to be within the timeframe 16 March – 27 March. They need to complete the timetable sign-up sheet by Friday 6 March.

British Science Week 2020 at CCHSG – Tuesday 3 March – Friday 13 March
Please see the poster below with full details of all the upcoming Science Week activities – students are encouraged to get involved.
Bake-off meeting – for students who would like to bake a space-themed creation for the Science Week bake-off competition or help during lunchtime on the day, should come along to a quick meeting on Thursday 5 March at 12.35 in G20. Allergen sheets must be collected and completed for every bake-off entry.

Recycling Old Pens
The Science department are collecting old pens for a recycling and fundraising scheme at Prettygate Primary School. Students can bring any old pens (biros, felt tips, board pens, gel pens etc) and put them in the tubs in G17, 18 or 20.

Extra-Curricular Information

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
03.03.2020	07.30 – 16.15	Gymnastics Floor & Vault Regional Competition	Various	Chelmsford Gymnastics Club	Various
03.03.2020	15.45 – 16.45	Netball	The Gilberd	Home	Yrs 9 & 11
04.03.2020	15.00 – 17.00	Football	Various	TBC	Yr 7

Yr 12 Oxbridge – Tuesday 3 March in T20 at 12.50
Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3 March where we will be discussing articles on whether school is designed more for girls than boys and whether voting should be mandatory.

Yr 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools
The deadline to apply for a Sutton Trust summer school is Tuesday 3 March so please make sure that all applications have been submitted before this deadline in order for Mrs Pigott to verify them.

Historical Fiction Book Club
Book Club will meet on Tuesday 28 April lunchtime in the Lecture Theatre. We will be joined by the author *Laura Purcell* for a Q&A! Please see below for poster and more information.
The Historical Fiction Book Club at has chosen her book "The Silent Companions" for its next book, and the author Laura Purcell will be coming to talk about the book and answer questions on 28 April. If students would to take part in the book club the book can be purchased via ParentPay with the book distributed to students during Registration. There is no requirement on purchasing the book through us to take part in the book club.

Yrs 7 & 8 Write your own Historical Fiction Competition 2020
Students have the opportunity to enter the Historical Association Historical Fiction Joan Blyth Memorial Prize 2020. Students can set their story in any period or place in the past. The winners will receive a cash prize of £25 and an engraved Bath Aqua Blue glass paperweight. Schools will receive a year's FREE subscription to the HA. For further information for how to enter and what the judges are looking for please see poster below. The closing date is Friday 1 May.

German Club
The German Club is celebrating Carnival on Tuesday 3 March in T11 and T13 at lunchtime. Lots of fun activities and doughnuts are waiting for students (a small charge will be made for doughnuts; all money raised will be given to the children's communication charity CAN). All Years are welcome but students are encouraged to bring a silly wig/hat or a funny mask if they can.

Community Information – we draw your attention to the following:
Colchester Swimming Club Academy
Are currently recruiting swimmers aged 4 – 16 onto their programme of swimming development, ranging from pre-competition, competitive swimming, water polo, triathlon fitness, GCSE PE training and DofE (sport). For more information contact: academy.enquiries@colchesterswimming.com

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Careers Information

Writtle University College: College Open Event – Saturday 7 March 10.00 – 13.00
This is an opportunity to explore options available to students post-GCSE; courses and apprenticeships they offer and guidance on applications, finances, transport and learning support
Students are welcome to turn up and register on the day, or pre-register via the website - click here or visit writtle.ac.uk/Information-Events for more information.

LB Group Trainee Accountant Scheme 2020
For those considering a career in accountancy, LB Group is an accountancy firm with offices in London, Chelmsford, Colchester and Ipswich and are now accepting applications for the AAT and ACA/ACCA 2020 trainee programmes. Full information on the qualifications can be found here: https://www.aat.org.uk/aat-qualifications-and-courses/aat-qualifications/aat-accounting-qualifications here: https://www.icaew.com/en/learning-and-development/aca/about-the-aca and here: http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/en/qualifications/glance.html
To apply please go to: https://lbgroupltd.breathehr.com/recruitment/vacancies/12070

Enrichment Opportunity

Earth Photo Competition
Earth Photo is a competition and exhibition developed jointly by Forestry England and the Royal Geographical Society with the theme: People, Place, Nature, Changing Forests and A Climate of Change.
Please go to https://earthphoto.artopps.co.uk/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn for more information. Deadline for entry is Tuesday 7 April at 10.00.

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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Internet Connected Devices

What are internet connected devices?
Many families have internet connected devices at home. Internet connected devices are devices or toys that are connected to the internet via WiFi, Bluetooth or a physical connection like a USB cable. They can also be connected to each other. Internet connected devices can send and receive data, respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app. They can also be called 'the internet of things'.
Examples of internet connected devices include:

- smart speakers, such as Google Home and Amazon Echo
- wearables, such as Fitbit and Apple Watch
- smart meters measuring household energy consumption
- toys with voice or image recognition, such as Hello Barbie™ and Furby Connect
- robots, drones and other mechanical toys, controlled via an app, such as Dash and Dot

What are the risks of internet connected devices?
Many people do not realise that internet connected devices have the same risks as devices like smartphones and tablets. These can be more likely to happen if the devices are not used or set up properly.
Some of the risks of using internet connected devices are:

- other people might be able to access your device and content without you knowing. You may not be able to see that someone's connected to your device, but sometimes developers or hackers can see your content
- baby monitors, children's tablets and even remote-control helicopters or drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home
- internet connected devices can collect personal data, including audio and visual data

Tips for keeping your family safe

- Research the toy, read product reviews and parent blogs. This can help you decide if they are suitable for your child
- It is important to read the instruction manual to see the detail of what the product is, what it does and how to set it up
- Default settings might include things like GPS location tracking, public WiFi and camera or chat access. It's important to turn these off so your child can't be identified. Always check device privacy settings and make sure they're switched on. You need to download an app to use most internet-connected toys or devices. Check the privacy settings and permissions of any apps or products you download
- Your home WiFi network and TV settings should be password protected. Think about setting up accounts for your children so they're only seeing age-appropriate content. For example, on TV streaming services like Netflix
- Lots of people have old phones and devices that they do not use anymore. If it's not been used for months make sure you turn it off, so that it's not collecting any personal data

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Letters sent out this Week
All Yrs: Corona Virus Update
Yr 8: Rosetta Stone Independent Language Learning Club (selected students)
Yrs 8 & 9: UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge (selected students)
Yr 9: Review of Marking AQA Level 2 Project (selected students)
Yr 12**:** Review of Marking AQA EPQ Level 3 (selected students)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 8	Battlefields of Ypres	Friday 13 March
Yrs 8 & 9	UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge	Monday 2 March
Yr 10	Thorpe Park	Friday 22 May
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE Mathematics Graphical Calculator Purchase	Friday 28 February

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 2 March
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 2 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Lamb Tagine with Couscous	Sausages, Curly Fries & Beans	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable pasta Salad	Vegan Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	White Chocolate Cheesecake
Pudding £1.20				
Panino of the Week: Pulled Pork & BBQ Sauce £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 2 March
Next week the word is: **SYCOPHANT** – one who uses compliments to gain self-serving favour or advantage from another.

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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. Quiz & Curry Night: Friday 24 April. Doors open from 18.30 for 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. 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!

3. 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)

Additional Information:

- All uniform sales are open to all Year Groups. You do not need to be attending the Consultation Evening to visit the sale
- The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers who give generously of their time to ensure that items are fit for resale by washing, ironing and mending donated items. They also staff the shop during sale times. Additional volunteers are very welcome, so please contact us.
- Donations of unwanted uniform, in good condition, are gratefully received throughout the year via the School Reception
- We regret that we cannot accommodate individual requests to purchase uniform outside the published sale dates
- Blazers do not need to be dry cleaned. The washing instructions on the garment provide information about how to wash blazers in your home washing machine

4. Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and 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

PTFA CONTACTS:
Chair: Agness O'Brien
agnessobrien@hotmail.com
Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653
For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

Train to teach



Contact the **outstanding primary** & **secondary** graduate **teacher training provider** in Essex & Suffolk

Open Evening

5 March 2020

4.30 - 6.30pm
Talk at 5.30pm

CTTC

Held at:
Colchester Teacher Training Consortium
Colchester County High School for Girls
Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US

Book via Eventbrite
T: 01206 364728
www.colchesterttc.org.uk
enquiries@colchesterttc.org.uk

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British Science Week 2020

3-13 March

What's on at CCHSG?

- Science Film: The Martian, a ground-breaking and dangerous journey to Mars, starring Matt Damon
- CCHSG Space Bake-Off & Bakesale: a chance to bake and buy Space-themed bakes, prizes to be won!
- Medical Research Talk: exciting talk by Senior Scientific Manager, Dr Annie Speak, of the Sanger Institute about research in medicine and biochemistry
- Physics Demos: discover physics outside the classroom
- 5 Senses Workshop: the science and psychology behind our senses
- Medical Research Council Live Chat: talk and ask questions to medical researchers and doctors
- Dissection: dissect and discover the anatomy of a sheep's head, heart, lungs, kidneys, eyes, and more
- Interform brainteaser quiz: famous names and scientific knowledge
- Royal Society of Biology Challenge
- 'Our Diverse World' Poster Competition: deadline soon!

How many events can you get involved in?

Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
	The Martian G18 12:45pm - Bring your lunch!			Year 7, 8 and 9 "Our Diverse World" - Poster Competition Deadline - Submissions to T11
				Physics demos G2 12:45pm
Year 9 Royal Society of Biology Competition				
Form Time Quiz - 'Famous Names'				

Monday 9 March	Tuesday 10 March	Wednesday 11 March	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March
CCHSG Space Bake-Off & Bakesale - Hand in entries to The Hall during form time, Bakesale opens 12:45pm	Medical and Biochemical Research Talk, Dr. Annie Speak G0 12:45 - Bring your lunch!	Medical Research Council Live Chat T7 12:40pm	Dissection G20 12:50pm	5 Senses Drop-in Workshops G0 12:45pm
Year 9 Royal Society of Biology Competition				
Form Time Quiz - 'Science Facts'				

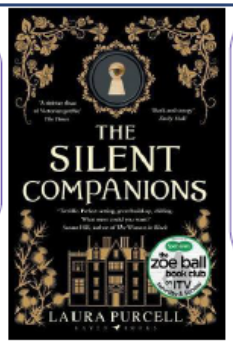
Enjoy History? Or love reading? Come to…

Historical Fiction Book Club!

The Silent Companions

By Laura Purcell

Recommended: All Years



Book Club will meet on Tuesday 28 April lunchtime in the Lecture Theatre.

We will be joined by the author *Laura Purcell* for a Q&A!



Newly married, newly widowed Elsie is sent to see out her pregnancy at her late husband's crumbling country estate, The Bridge.

With her new servants resentful and the local villagers actively hostile, Elsie only has her husband's awkward cousin for company. Or so she thinks.

For inside her new home lies a locked room, and beyond that door lies a two-hundred-year-old diary and a deeply unsettling painted wooden figure - a Silent Companion - that bears a striking resemblance to Elsie herself...

Books can be borrowed from libraries or bought from Red Lion Bookshop at 125 High Street, Colchester through the school's ParentPay.

Tuesday 28 April

12:45-13:20, Lecture Theatre

Historical Association

Write your own Historical Fiction Competition 2020

The Historical Association Historical Fiction Prize and the Joan Blyth Memorial Prize

Across Years 7, 8 and 9

Students can set their stories in **ANY** period or place in the past, so the story can fit in with and extend any historical topic you may be studying. Winning students will each receive a cash prize of £25 and an engraved Bath Aqua Blue glass paperweight. Schools will receive a year's **FREE** subscription to the HA.

What are the judges looking for?

- **Historical accuracy** – even down to the choice of names characters are given and any props additional to the historical setting
- A **riveting read** with a good plot!
- A **convincing story** - i.e. is it plausible that these events and/or this character could have existed at the time?
- Use of **historical knowledge** to feed the plot, context and character
- Effective use of **historical vocabulary** and **literary conventions**, including where dialogue is included in the story
- **Creative and interesting perspectives** of story-telling. In the past they received an entry telling the story of a siege from the perspective of the castle!



Your story may be illustrated.

Due 1 May 2020

If interested, email Mr Paz for the entry form. You will then submit the story to Mr Paz and he will choose the top 3 stories. Due date: 01/05/20

Email: ipaz@cchsg.com