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

Saturday	Feb	1	
Sunday	Feb	2	Return to the Forbidden Planet Technical Rehearsal Yr 12 Holocaust Project
Monday Week B	Feb	3	Yr 7 Lepra Talk, Period 3 in the Hall Yr 10 Science Live, Cambridge 08.15 – 17.00 Yr 12 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 13 Careers Talk Period 3 in the Lecture Theatre
Tuesday	Feb	4	Return to the Forbidden Planet Dress Rehearsal Yr 12 Holocaust Project
Wednesday	Feb	5	
Thursday	Feb	6	Yr 9 Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 16.00 – 19.00 Return to the Forbidden Planet Performance 19.00 PTFA Café and Second Hand Uniform Sale 18.15 PTFA Meeting 19.00 – 20.00 approx
Friday	Feb	7	Non-Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day Return to the Forbidden Planet Performance 19.00 PTFA Café and Second Hand Uniform Sale 18.15

Yr 10 Statement of Entries for Summer 2020
These have been handed out to students on Monday 27 January. Students and parents should check all details on the paper with special emphasis on the entries, candidate details and the name on the certificate. Once checked the coloured copy should be signed and returned to Form Tutors by Wednesday 5 February.
The white copy is for student reference. Any queries, please see Mrs Mandal ASAP.

Return to the Forbidden Planet – Thursday 6 and Friday 7 February
Tickets 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.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7 February
11H are organising the day to support Next Chapter; a domestic abuse charity
The theme for day is 'Red or Pink for Valentines'. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme. However, as with all non-uniform days, students should **dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.** Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. If students have practical lessons, for example PE, on this day they are required to wear normal PE kit and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 7 February
The Head Girl Team are organising the day to support Red Cross Australian bushfires appeal. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

Changes to the First Bus 570 Service
We have received notice from First Bus following a review of the operation of the 570 service which commenced its new route in January 2020. Following problems experienced with punctuality since the start of term, they have revised the timetable to take effect from Monday 24 February. Parents of students affected will be notified directly via the CSSE.

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

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

Update Your Privacy Settings

Now is a good time to have a check and update of your privacy settings across your social media accounts. It is after-all important to do this regularly.

If you want to view or change your privacy settings but find it difficult to navigate through all of the different platforms you use and find the relevant pages then do not fear. The URL below links to a page on The Stay Safe Online website that displays direct links to the privacy setting across multiple online platforms. All you need to do is log in and then you can view your setting and if necessary make any changes:
https://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/managing-your-privacy/manage-privacy-settings/

If you hold accounts with Amazon, Ebay, Google, Youtube, Outlook, Apple, Spotify, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter or any other online platform then it is definitely worth taking a look at your settings and considering if they still provide you with an adequate level of privacy.

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Return to the Forbidden Planet Rehearsal Information

Sunday 2 February	09.30 – 15.00	Full Cast – Technical Rehearsal in full costume
Monday 3 February	12.45 – 13.20	Full Cast
Monday 3 February	15.45 – 17.15	Full Cast
Tuesday 4 February	08.45 – 17.00	Dress Rehearsal (and Performance)
Wednesday 5 February	TBA	

For the performances on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 February students need to be in the Gym no later than 17.30. Those remaining in school should report to M2/M3 as the school day ends.

Extra-Curricular Information

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
04.02.2020	15.30 – 17.15	Netball	The Gilberd	Away	Yrs 8 & 10
05.02.2020	15.15 – 17.30	Netball Central Venue	The Gilberd	Away	Yr 7
05.02.2020	12.00 – 16.30	Cross Country	Various	Stubbers Outdoor Centre	Yrs 7 & 8

Netball Training
Due to numerous fixtures happening there will be no Netball training on the following days after school: Tuesday 4 February, Tuesday 11 February and Tuesday 3 March.

Yr 12 Oxbridge Club
A huge thank you and well done to the two students in Yr 12 for presenting at the club last week. The next meeting will be Tuesday 11 February at 12.50 in T20.
This is an excellent opportunity for Yr 12 students to practice their interview skills and critical thinking.

Debate Club – Tuesday 12.45 in G21
Next week's topic is: public health – should vaccines be mandatory for all?

Yrs 7, 8 and 9 Historical Fiction Competition 2020
Write a story set in **ANY** period or place in the past, so the story can fit in with and extend any historical topic you may be studying. Student can finds out further information via the poster on Student Bulletin.

Yr 7 French Spelling Bee
A reminder that class winners for the French Spelling Bee need to attend a practice session every Monday lunchtime in T8 with the French Assistant. Students can take their lunch with them. All students should bring their 150 words.

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

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Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 13	Monday	12.45 – 13.20	G0	Statistics for biology revision
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Muscles & tackling conservation questions
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Homeostasis part 2 (kidneys, menstrual cycle and adrenaline
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	
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 13	Tuesday & Thursday	15.45 – 16.45	T17	
History	Yr 11	Friday	12.45 – 13.20	T20	Germany Question 4 & 5
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 11	Tuesday	15.50 – 16.50	G2	Energy
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	
RE	Yr 10	Tuesday **OR**	12.50 – 13.20	G24	Islam practices
		Thursday	15.45 – 16.45		

Staff running sessions need to keep a register of those attending revision sessions and should accompany/ensure students can leave via the front gate.

Careers Information

Yr 12 & 13 BDO Apprenticeship Information Evening – Thursday 27 February
BDO is a global accounting & professional services firm and are holding an Apprenticeship Information Evening in Ipswich, aiming to support students in developing apprenticeship knowledge in a leading sector as well as point them towards BDO degree level apprenticeships in Ipswich.
For more information please go to https://bdoearlyincareer.co.uk/apprenticeship/

Community Information – we draw your attention to the following:

Sailing to Greenland: An Illustrated Talk – Tuesday 4 February 19.30
Former student and expedition artist Naomi Hart, is delivery this talk at the Learning and Development Centre, St Helena Hospice, Colchester. Tickets are £10 with all profits will go to the hospice. To reserve a place please email naomi@naomi-hart.com

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Letters sent out this Week
Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 11: ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day
Yr 13: Cambridge Chemistry Race (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	Kingswood Activity Camp	Monday 3 February
Yr 10	Mathematics Team Challenge	Friday 31 January
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE PE Revision Webinar	Friday 31 January
Yr 11	Revision Materials for GCSE Mathematics	Monday 3 February
Yr 11	ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition	Monday 3 February
Yr 11	National Maritime Museum Visit	Monday 2 March
Yr 12	EYP Regional Session	Monday 2 March
Yr 12	A Level Revision Webinar	Friday 31 January

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 3 February
Priority for Yrs 12 & 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
13.05	Yr 9 & 10	running the club.

Menu for w/c 3 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Steak with Roast Potatoes & Cabbage	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Spanish Chicken	Kedgeree with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Pasta with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegan White Bean & Artichoke Burger with Salad	Cheese & Leek Pie with Mashed Potato & Carrots
Main Meal £2.90				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Roulade	Rice Pudding with Jam	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini of the Week: Turkey Pesto & Mozzarella £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for w/c 3 February
Next week the word is: **HYPOCRISY** – insincerity by virtue or pretending to have qualities or beliefs that you do not really have.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

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" – Thursday 6 & Friday 7 February
Event runs from: 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, Doors open from 18.30 for 19.00 start.
Tickets for this event are now available on Classlist. If you have not yet signed up for Classlist, this can be done quickly and easily via www.classlist.com, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOs and Android. 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
Did you know that you can 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, meaning you can help the environment whilst raising money for our school! 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
"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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