Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
28 May 2021

Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Summer Term
Monday 12 April
Wednesday 21 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 3 May

Half Term
Monday 31 May
Friday 4 June

Non-Pupil Days
Monday 19 July 2021

Academy Days
Tuesday 20 July 2021
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term
Wednesday 1 September
Friday 17 December

Half Term
Monday 25 October
Friday 29 October

Spring Term
Tuesday 4 January
Friday 1 April
Bank Holiday
Monday 3 January

Half Term
Monday 14 February
Friday 18 February

Summer Term
Tuesday 19 April
Friday 22 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 18 April
Monday 2 May

Half Term
Monday 30 May
Friday 3 June

Non-Pupil Days
Wednesday 1 September
Thursday 2 September
Thursday 21 October
Friday 22 October
Friday 17 December
Tuesday 4 January
Thursday 21 July
Friday 22 July

NSPCC helpline to report abuse in education on 0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

WE WISH OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A RESTFUL HALF TERM

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week **B**	June	7	Assembly: Yr 12 Yr 10 Assessments
Tuesday	June	8	Assembly: Yr 10 Yr 10 Assessments
Wednesday	June	9	Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 Yr 10 Assessments Yr 11 Last Day in School
Thursday	June	10	Assembly: Yr 7 Yr 10 Assessments
Friday	June	11	Yr 10 Assessments
Saturday	June	12	Yr 13 DofE Gold Practice Expedition (CCHSG base)
Sunday	June	13	Yr 13 DofE Gold Practice Expedition (CCHSG base)

School Resumes for all students on Monday 7 June 08.45, Week B

Student Home Testing
It is important that students continue the twice weekly testing over Half Term and test immediately before returning to school after the break.
Please report results via the TestRegister including to the NHS www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

In the event of a positive test result please email office@cchsg.com, in order for contact tracing to be enacted if necessary. Please include a contact telephone number.
Your child and the household will need to self-isolate and take a PCR test. If negative you can resume normal activities outside the household, and if positive you will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the day after the lateral flow test positive result.

Thank you for your continued support in carrying out these tests which help to keep our school community safe.

CCHSG Language Assistants
We say a fond farewell to our French and German Language Assistants, Mlle Movsessian and Herr Brandstetter. Their support within the Languages Department was hugely appreciated. We wish them well for the future - Bonne Chance! Viel Glück!

School Uniform
Please take the opportunity during Half Term to sort out any outgrown school uniform and consider donating this to the PTFA. Their second hand uniform sales help to raise funds for resources which benefit CCHSG students.

GCSE, A Level Yr 12 EPQ & Yr 9 Level 2 Project – Evidence Used to Inform Teacher Assessed Grades
Parents/carers have been sent a letter with information regarding Teacher Assessed Grades; we urge these letters to be retained for future reference.
Teachers will not be able to inform students of the grades that the centre has submitted to the Awarding Body**.** JCQ have produced guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England for Summer 2021 which can be accessed via this link. Ofqual has published an infographic to summarise how grades will be awarded which can be accessed here and a student guide which can be assessed here.

Remembering Mr Ulph
We sincerely thank everyone for their kindness shown towards Mr Ulph's family; the JustGiving page stands at £10,755 which will go towards celebrating his love of music, which inspired so many students, by funding instruments & musical tuition for his children. Final requests for memories/messages for the Book of Condolence please. We will be considering how to best to remember Mr Ulph as a school.

For regular updates on CCHSG activities you can follow us on Facebook @colchestergirls or Twitter @CCHSG_ For PE Department news see @CchsgD

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Yr 11 Textbook Return
Yr 11 are to return their books to the blue wheelie bin marked 'Yr 11 Textbooks and library books' outside Reception.

Yr 12 Biology Revision Lunchtime Sessions
These will be starting after Half Term to help prepare for the assessments at the end of June. Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes, 12.45 in G17, starting on Monday 7 June, all welcome. First topic on 7/6 = cell division and cell cycle.

History Department KS4 Support Sessions
The History department are running weekly sessions for Yrs 9 & 10 students who feel they would benefit from additional support in the subject:
Yr 10: The sessions will be on a Monday lunchtime from 12.45 in T21, beginning w/c 14 June
Yr 9: The sessions will be on a Monday lunchtime from 12.45 in G8, beginning w/c 7 June
These sessions will continue until the end of the Summer Term. Each session will address areas of the course taught during lockdown, and will therefore provide students with the opportunity to share ideas and seek support with aspects of the subject they find difficult. This is a fantastic opportunity, which will provide additional support to ensure they achieve their full potential in History. We look forward to seeing students there.

May 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 Yr 13 Dress Up Day, Yr 13 Farewell Soiree, Student Voice - Never Acceptable, CCHSG School Magazines - 1914 – 1930, Historical Fiction Book Club, Yr 8 Art – Insects, Yr 11 Raspberry Pi Competition Winners and much more.

Lost Property
All unnamed lost property that has been handed in since students' return to school, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint. Items can be viewed via the link Lost Property.
Please check to see if anything belongs to you, items can be collected from Reception. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the Summer Term.

Healthy Living Sessions
Students will have a Healthy Living session with Miss Webb on a rotation basis:
Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3
Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 1 and 2
Parents are notified a week in advance of the session, in addition students can find the recipe and ingredients via SharePoint. We hope they enjoy the Healthy Living session.

Healthy Living – Focus on Food
This week's recipe is for '**Halloumi with Lemony Lentils, Chickpeas & Beets'** a lovely summery dish that makes a great accompaniment to barbecues – always optimistic!
Find the recipe on SharePoint, with all the other recipes so far, via Focus on Food.
Do send pictures to nwebb@cchsg.com.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Clubs and Practices
Please see the end of the Bulletin for the new timetable for PE Clubs running Monday 7 June – Friday 2 July.

Book of the Month
A reminder The Book of the Month for May is *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo. Reviews can be submitted to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com up to **Friday 4 June** (in Half Term). See the end of the Bulletin for full details.

Economics Society
Fun by students for students in Yrs 7-12, they share and analyse economic resources and articles, host talks and presentations. Students interested in joining should email Mr Fletcher to be added to the MS Team – please see end of Bulletin for further details of the Society.

Law Society – Mondays 17.30 via MS Teams
Is now open to students in Yr 9 and above, for those aspiring to be a lawyer or simply very interested in the law, joining information is on the Student Bulletin. They will engage in debates and talks from guest speakers, after Half Term they will be debating the question of 'to what extent are magistrates an effective method of legal conviction?'

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Biology Photography Competition
The Royal Society of Biology have an annual biological photography competition and this year the theme is 'Interconnected'. All of life on earth is interconnected, for example food webs, ecosystems, saprophytic fungi, a spider's web, our tissues and organs to name just a few. So if you enjoy photography and have some ideas on interconnected, get your camera out. The competition has two age categories each with a cash prize: for entrants who are 18 years old and over (£1000) and for entrants under 18 years old (£500).
Full details from their website: https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/rsb-competitions/photography-competition Deadline to submit your images is 23 July.

Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2021
The Society's annual competition this year encourages thoughtful and creative answers to the theme: ***Remapping our lives.***
Young people are asked to create an annotated map which reveals how their lives have been shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic. KS3 and KS4 students will produce an A3 size entry. This can be handmade (then sent in electronically via a scanned copy or photograph) or using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF, etc. KS5 students will produce an Esri Story Map containing no more than 1,500 words.
Judges are looking for:

- Which local human and physical features they and their family used during the pandemic
- Why some places were especially important to young people
- The places they couldn't visit and why
- If the pandemic has led to them experiencing any new places in their local area
- How the pandemic changed their geographical understanding of their local area
- Any links which 'stretch' their maps to other places which were also important to them during the pandemic.

All entries must be submitted electronically, the deadline is **Thursday 22 July 2021 at 17.00**. Read the full competition guidelines on the RGS website.

Virtual Talks from Speakers for Schools
Next week's schedule can be found via **Live Broadcasts Schedule**.

Date	Speaker	Talk Information
Tuesday 15 June 17.00 – 18.00 **LINK TO JOIN**	David DeHaney, Former Trustee and Creative Director of production company Proper Content and Rashida Josiah, freelance Senior Researcher for TV	Interested in working in TV? Want to know how to get into the industry, or hear more about how television and filmmaking can drive forward positive social change? Join this panel event with The Grierson Trust, a registered charity that exists to promote documentary filmmaking.

Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from their library here

Book of Knowledge
For some amazing information and facts for students to engage with during Half Term please go to Book of Knowledge.

Careers and University Information

CCHSG Careers Information
Mrs Kee is continuing to hold telephone appointments with students these are available on one day every week, either Monday or Wednesday. Interested students should email Mrs Mandal via smandal@cchsg.com and include in their email a preferred telephone number for the appointment. This information will be passed on to Mrs Kee who will contact the student to fix an appointment. Students should not approach Mrs Kee directly.

Queen Mary University of London – Undergraduate Summer Open Events
These will be taking place on 25-26 June and 1-3 July. There will be the opportunity for students to visit the campus, subject to successful government road map implementation, and/or attend online to discover everything about studying at Queen Mary. Visit their Undergraduate Open Events page for more information **Discover our Undergraduate Open Events**
A range of support resources are available for students and parents/carers, which can be found via digital content hub and Twitter.
In addition, they have a range of different subject taster events taking place in the next few weeks:
The Air we Breathe – Wednesday 2 June, 16.00 – 16.45
Engineering and Materials Science – Thursday 10 June, 14.30 – 17.15
Women in Engineering – Wednesday 23 June, 14.30 – 17.15
For the full list of tasters sessions along with more information on upcoming taster events: **Subject Taster Sessions**

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Wellbeing Information
Any student who feels they need wellbeing support should contact their Year Leader who can advise and signposts suitable resources and support organisations.
Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com

Sources of Support for Parents of Teenagers
The Ministry Of Parenting, accessed via https://theministryofparenting.com/
Young Minds Parent Helpline, accessed via https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/
NSPCC Support for Parents, accessed via https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/

Breakfast and Lunch Pre-Orders
Please pre-order using the links below (links change weekly). With breakfast service from 08.00 to 08.30 (without the need to pre-order) and salad pots available to order along with sandwiches and paninis for service at the outside server, these need to be pre-ordered by 09.00 on the day required
Hot food and other items continue to be available from the canteen at the allocated lunch time for each year group Yr 7 to Yr 11 and Yr 13. Yr 12 need to pre-order all food including hot food which will be served from the Sixth Form Refectory.

Students should keep their social distance when queuing in the Dining Hall and sit in their year bubble area
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.

Student Lunch Order

Year 12 Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 7 June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Pork Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Sweet Potato Dhal with Garlic Naan Bread
Main Meal £2.90				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Correspondence Sent Out This Week
Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
Yr 7: Year 7 Information
Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
Yr 8: Information
Yr 9: Level 2 Higher Project Qualification Information
Yr 10: Year 10 Information
Yr 11: Year 11 Information
Yr 12: A Level Mathematics Textbook Purchase
Yr 12: A Level Further Mathematics Textbook Purchase
Yr 12: EPQ Information
Yr 13: DofE Gold Practice Expedition

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Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 12	A Level Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 11 June
Yr 12	A Level Further Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 11 June
Yr 12	Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase	Friday 18 June
Yr 13	DofE Gold Practice Expedition	Wednesday 9 June

This Week's Brainteaser
Rearrange the letters of MANIC STAR REPROACHES to give three occupations. What are they?

Last week's answer: Fleas and false.

Word of the Week for w/c 7 June
Next week the word is: **INSATIABLE** – incapable of being satisfied or appeased.

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales for New Year 7 (September 2021 Intake)
Our next sales will be held primarily for the new Year 7 students joining us in September 2021. The sale dates are Saturday 19 and Saturday 26 June. Should appointments still be available the booking link will be released to existing parents via the Parent Bulletin on Friday 11 June. The PTFA would be very grateful for volunteers to help prepare for the sales and to support with the stewarding and staffing on the actual sale dates.
For full details and to sign up as a volunteer, click the links below or scan the applicable QR-Codes at the bottom of this page, using the camera on your mobile phone.
Saturday 19 June (10.00 – 16.00) Click here to volunteer: https://volunteersignup.org/TEH3D
Saturday 26 June (10.00 – 12.00) Click here to volunteer: https://volunteersignup.org/E7LRL

2. All Years – Urgent Appeal for Uniform and Revision Book Donations
One of the many effects of the pandemic is a shortage of uniform supplies at retailers. The PTFA is doing everything possible to provide the necessary uniform for those students who will be joining us in Year 7 this September. We urgently need your support with donations of uniform and revision books, from all Year Groups, especially if your child is in Year 11 and will no longer need them. As Year 11 students will only have 3 days at school when school reopens after Half Term, perhaps you could send most of their uniform in when they return after Half Term? Kilts that are no longer fit for use are also welcome as these can be recycled to make scrunchies. Buttons from blazers, cardigans and kilts are also recycled.
Year 10 Religious Studies Revision Books - these can also be sent to school when students no longer need them.

Please ask students to deposit items in the wheelie bins from Monday - Thursday only. This is to allow 72 hours for the clothes and books to become sterile. They will be collected by the PTFA every Monday morning. Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

3. JustGiving Fundraising Campaign in Support of CCHSG PTFA – Appeal for Donations
Over £1,700 already raised including over £300 in Gift-aid.
Due to the constraints resulting from the COVID pandemic, our fundraising will be much reduced this year. We have had to cancel many of our events and move others online. There has never been a better or more important time to support CCHSG PTFA.
We understand that not everyone will be able to help financially at this time, but if you are able to make a contribution it would be gratefully received, please log on to https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CCHSGPTFA2021 or scan the QR-Code. For those interested, it is also possible to create your own Fundraising Page, via the site, and link it to our campaign. You can then share it with your friends via social media and other communications to broaden our reach.

4. CCHSG PTFA's Virtual Market
CCHSG PTFA now has a Virtual Market on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this new opportunity, during these challenging times, for local business and individuals to promote their products and services, for a nominal fee, in our Virtual Market Place. Facebook Business Pages and Individual Members can apply to be Registered Advertisers with this Group. Membership is subject to Admin approval.
To register as an advertiser, complete this Google form: https://forms.gle/3E63TnD5oCXxdh9i8
The Group's Rules can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/cchsgptfa/about
Every penny raised through membership fees goes directly to support the school. Why not invite your friends and acquaintances to join the group?

See the PTFA section of the school website for full terms and conditions.

Your input and ideas are always welcome and appreciated by the PTFA. Share your ideas by getting in touch with us via email at cchsgptfa@gmail.com. You can find out more about the CCHSG PTFA activities via the PTFA section of the school website at www.ccshg.com

We would like to wish you all a restful Half Term break and we look forward to seeing and serving you next term.

PTFA CONTACTS:
Chair: Agness O'Brien
agnessobrien@hotmail.com
Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

QR-Code for Second Hand Uniform Sale Volunteers (19 June)

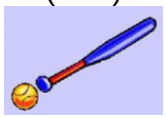
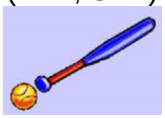
QR-Code for Second Hand Uniform Sale Volunteers (26 June)

QR-Code for PTFA's Virtual Market

QR-Code for JustGiving Fundraising Campaign

PE Clubs and Practices

Monday 7 June – Friday 2 July 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch 12:40-13:10	**ROUNDERS Year 7** (PCA, ACU) **ROUNDERS Year 8** (NWI)  **TENNIS Year 12** Netball courts (DWI)  **ATHLETICS** **HIGH JUMP Year 10** in the Gym **Starting from Monday 21 June* (OTH, JWA) 	**ROUNDERS Year 9** (OTH) **ROUNDERS Year 10** (DWI, SBA)  **TENNIS Year 8** Netball courts (ACU)  **ATHLETICS** **HIGH JUMP Year 7 in the Gym** **Starting from Tuesday 22 June* (NWI) 	**CRICKET Year 7** (OTH) **CRICKET Year 8** (PCA)  **TENNIS Year 7** Netball courts *COL – 9 and 16 June* *HES – 23 and 30 June* (SBA, JWA)  **ATHLETICS** **HIGH JUMP Year 9 in the Gym** **Starting from Wednesday 16 June* (NWI, DWI) 	**ATHLETICS All Years** **THROWS** (DWI, NWI) **LONG JUMP** All Years (SBA, JWA)  **TENNIS Year 9** Netball courts (ACU)  **ATHLETICS** **HIGH JUMP Year 8 in the Gym** **Starting from Thursday 1h June* (PCA) 	**CRICKET Year 9** (OTH) **CRICKET Year 10** (PCA)  **TENNIS Year 10** Netball courts (NWI) 
After school 15:45-16:30	**SCHOOL MEETINGS**			**GCSE PRACTICAL SUPPORT** AQA www.aqa.org.uk	**STAFF SPORT** 

- If you want to come to a club on the days you do not have PE, please wear your PE kit to school
- Clubs will stay in year group bubbles to keep in line with Covid-19 guidelines
- If the timings of the club clash with your lunch slot, please bring a packed lunch or pre-order for that day



The CCHSG Book Of The Month- May

SHADOW AND BONE

by Leigh Bardugo

(Teen/Young Adult- please seek permission from your parent/carer if you are in years 7-8).

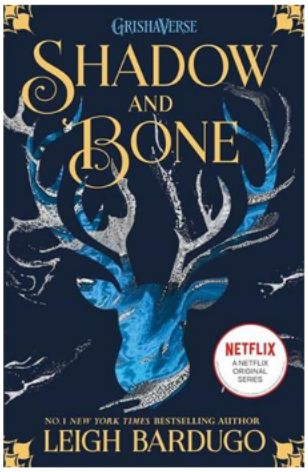
'Enter the Grishaverse with book one of the Shadow and Bone Trilogy by number one New York Times-bestselling author, Leigh Bardugo. Perfect for fans of Laini Taylor and Sarah J. Maas.' **-Waterstones 2021**

Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold - a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed.

Now Alina will enter a lavish world of royalty and intrigue as she trains with the Grisha, her country's magical military elite - and falls under the spell of their notorious leader, the Darkling. He believes Alina can summon a force capable of destroying the Shadow Fold and reuniting their war-ravaged country, but only if she can master her untamed gift.

As the threat to the kingdom mounts and Alina unlocks the secrets of her past, she will make a dangerous discovery that could threaten all she loves and the very future of a nation.

Welcome to Ravka . . . a world of science and superstition where nothing is what it seems.



In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the **last Friday of each month**.

