Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
11 March 2022

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
Monday 18 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
Tuesday 19 July
Wednesday 20 July
Thursday 21 July

Prov Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term
Thursday 1 September
Tuesday 20 December

Half Term
Monday 24 October
Friday 28 October

Spring Term
Thursday 5 January
Friday 31 March

Half Term
Monday 13 February
Friday 17 February

Summer Term
Monday 17 April
Friday 21 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Half Term
Monday 29 May
Friday 2 June

Non-Pupil Days TBC

Safeguarding: Never Acceptable
to report a concern:
Click Here to make an Anonymous Report
Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service for CCHSG

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Mar	12	Yr 9 Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition 09.00 – 13.00 DofE Gold Training Day 09.00 – 17.00
Sunday	Mar	13	

Monday Week **B**	Mar	14	Assembly: Yrs 12 & 13 via Teams Yr 9 Progress Check 2 to Parents
Tuesday	Mar	15	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 via Teams Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 GCSE Drama Performance (NEA) Periods 4&5 Yr 12 Young Enterprise Trade Fair 08.30 – 15.00
Wednesday	Mar	16	Assembly: Yrs 7 & 8 via Teams Yr 11 GCSE Drama Performance (NEA) Periods 1 – 3 Fair Access Programme
Thursday	Mar	17	Assembly: Yr 9 via Teams Yr 8 KS4 Information Evening
Friday	Mar	18	Colchester Schools' Prom, depart School 13.00 Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30
Saturday	Mar	19	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A Training Day 09.00 – 17.00 PTFA Nearly New Sale 09.00 – 16.00

We continue to urge everyone to regular hand wash and practice respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it). Windows should be opened to ensure ventilation. Face masks are a personal choice and recommended in communal areas.
It is recommended that individuals should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result.

National Science Week at CCHSG
We are celebrating Science Week in school next week on the theme of 'growth'. Students in Yrs 7 – 10 will have the opportunity to take part in the Great Construction Challenge in lessons and learn about careers in engineering. Students in Yrs 7 – 13 will be competing in quizzes and finding out about what growth means in the different Sciences. There will also be the opportunity for Yrs 7 and 8 to design a poster relating to the theme with the top entries submitted to the national competition.

Yr 8 Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Evening – Thursday 17 March
The evening is to provide parents and students with information about the curriculum to be studied during Yrs 9, 10 and 11.
Parents have been invited to book into a session running either 18.00-18.55 or 19.00-19.55, during which staff will be available in the Hall, Gym and Sports Hall to discuss the content and structure of the various GCSE courses.
The presentation and Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide will be available on the school website, www.cchsg.com from 17.00 on Monday 14 March. The presentation will provide information about the curriculum.

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge Success 2022
Yr 10 students at CCHSG did fantastically well in this year's UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge achieving 13 Gold, 35 Silver and 50 Bronze Awards. All students will receive a certificate of participation, our congratulations go to all those who qualified for the Pink Kangaroo follow on round, which takes place on 17 March. Well done to all the students who participated in what is a very tough challenge and good luck to those going on to the following round.

Yr 12 European Youth Parliament Success (EYP)
Massive congratulations to our EYP team that has gone through to the Nationals taking place at the end of June. Our students did an incredible job articulating their arguments and debating with other teams in the Regional heat at Cambridge University – their dedication and practice was clear. Well done to the team!

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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VotesforSchools
VotesforSchools (VfS) provides weekly resources for teachers in the UK to prompt impartial discussion on a challenging current issue. Students vote and comment then VfS ensure that their voices are heard and have an impact.
The topic next week is: Have recent films challenged stereotypes of Women and Girls?

Lost Property
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in since the start of this term, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint for students to view. We urge them to check to see if anything belongs to them, items can be collected from Reception. **Please ensure all belongings brought into school are named.**

Healthy Living Rotations
Yrs 7 & 8 students should have been notified by their Form Tutor which Healthy Living Rotation they will be on and noted the dates in their planner. Parents will be sent a reminder email the week before your child is due to have their rotation.
Next week's rotations are:
Monday 14 March is 7Y Rotation 4 and on **Tuesday 15 March is 7X Rotation 4**.
We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

Wellbeing Information
Any student who feels they need wellbeing support, should contact any of the following:
EWMHS: 0800 953 0222
Young Minds: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/
Kooth: https://www.kooth.com/
Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com or see the anonymous reporting link on the front of the Bulletin.
Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
The School Nurse and School Counsellor are available for student appointments.

Wellbeing Ambassadors
It is very important to take some time out of your day to focus on yourself! Take a break and do something you love or reflect on three things that went well.
If anything is on your mind, remember that the Wellbeing Ambassadors are here for students to talk to, or students can speak to their Form Tutor.

e-Safety Information – Online Gaming Advice
Video games are often considered a distraction from education or something that parents and teachers need to minimise to avoid them getting out of hand. We hear lots of stories about children addicted to violent games and are understandably concerned. However, video games are media. Like books and films and music, children need help finding an experience that is both appropriate and enjoyable to them. Gaming is hugely popular and for many children it is a primary way of socialising and staying in touch with their friends.
For more advice on gaming safely follow: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/

Family Video Game Database
Created by a small enthusiastic team of parents and carers The Family Video Game Database was set-up to help parents and teachers find games they actually want children to play. You can look up games like Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty to check their ratings. But then get suggestions of younger rated games as an alternative for younger children. The database also offers lists of useful games that you can filter by System, Age, Duration etc:
Access the Family Video Game Database here:
https://www.taminggaming.com/search/category/Walk+in+Someone+Else's+Shoes

Whole School e-Safety Event – Wednesday 23 March
A reminder of the parent workshop 19.30 – 21.00 in the school Hall. Tickets for the event are free of charge, please follow https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNHT to book your seat. This event is for parents only, students will be having their own e-Safety presentation during the school day and therefore should not attend the evening event as there will be limited spaces.

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Curricular and Enrichment Activities

All Yrs: Science Week Lunchtime Talk – Monday 14 March 12.45 in F13
A reminder of the talk as part of National Science and Engineering Week 2022. The live link up to the Sanger Institute, Cambridge, the home of DNA sequencing to have a talk from their scientist, Petra. This is a unique opportunity to find out about her research into mosquitoes and how her career has developed. Petra undertakes genomic research into mosquitos and pesticide resistance, and her work touches on diseases, genetic sequencing, mutations, evolution. The talk with time for Q&A will start promptly, students can bring their lunch. Open to all Years, anyone with an interest in Science should attend.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
15.03.2022	15.45 – 16.45	Netball	St Mary's	Away	Yr 11
17.03.2022	15.45 – 17.15	Netball Tournament	Various	Away	Yr 7

Students should also check the noticeboard in PE regularly for any updates or changes.

Yr 13 A Level Biology Revision – Wednesdays 12.15 – 13.15 in F13
These will continue each week on Wednesday, picking up a different topic/skill. Next week we will be looking at application questions on populations topic, as requested

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision – Thursdays 12.45 – 13.15 in F13
These will continue each week on Thursdays, picking up a different topic/skill. Students are welcome to being their lunch. Next week we will be continuing with the nervous system.

Yr 11 GCSE History Revision
Weekly revision sessions for Yr 11 History students continue every Monday in T21 from 12.45 (students are welcome to being their lunch). Each week will focus on a different examination question and therefore all History students are encouraged to attend.

Physics Club - Friday Week B, Lunchtime in G2
Physics club will return next week where we will shall be learning about another of Science's greatest mysteries.

Physics Entrance Examination Preparation – Tuesday Lunchtime in G2
For students who are interested in applying to Oxbridge and would like to go through some of the examinations. We will go through a few questions every week and even if students are not applying but enjoy some challenging Physics, then they are welcome as well!

Physics Olympiad – Friday Week A in G1
For students in Yrs 9 or 10 who are interested the Physics Olympiad, should come to G1 on Friday 25 March to learn more.

Yr 7 Geography – 'Everest'
As part of Geography's 'Fantastic Places - Mount Everest' topic, there will be a special screening of the film 'Everest' (2015) taking place at the lunchtimes of Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 March in T19. All Yr 7 students are welcome to attend, please bring lunch as the film will begin promptly at 12.40 each day.
Parents should be advised that the film is rated 12A for themes of injury and death (though not graphic). Students will be supervised at all times and attendance is optional.
Further rating information is available at https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/everest-film-qxnzzxq6vlgtodcxotc5. The trailer can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZQVpPiOji0
If you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Kennedy.

VetSoc – Friday Lunchtimes 12.45 in F13
VetSoc will be starting up again from next week every Friday. They will be holding lots of discussions and hopefully arranging talks. Any student interested is welcome to come along!

South Asian Society – Monday 12.45 in G7
MFL department are launching a new club: The South Asian Society which will start this Monday in G7 at 12.45 in G7. See poster below. All Years Welcome.

Debate Club – Tuesday 15 March, Lunchtime in T20
Topic is: "This house believes that all children should have parental monitoring apps on their phones/devices."

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Dining Room Arrangements
Breakfast – 'to go' served between 08.00 – 08.35, accessed via the Dining Hall Extension Doors outside the servery.
Breaktime – Yrs 7-11 need to go to the allocated outside area to eat. Break service 'to go' in Dining Hall.
Lunchtime – hot food in Dining Hall at allocated time for each Year Group, cold food and pre-ordered panini/sandwiches available from outside servery 12.35 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.
There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.

Student Lunch Order

Sixth Form Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 14 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Sausage, Bean & Chips	Chicken & Chorizo with ½ Jacket Potato	Cod Burger with Salad
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Crispy Spiced Tofu with Salad (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Chickpea Curry with Rice (Vegan)	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate	Chocolate Mousse	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Minestrone (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: e-Safety Parent Event Workshop
All Yrs: Colchester Schools Proms (selected students)
Yr 7: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening Feedback
Yr 8: Year 8 Examinations
Yr 11: Examination Information
Yr 13: Examination Information

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Colchester Schools Proms	Monday 14 March
Yr 7	Tickets for PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 18 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Tuesday 19 April
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 29 April
Yr 10	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Friday 11 March
Yr 10	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 18 March
Yr 11	GCSE English Revision Materials	Wednesday 16 March
Yr 13	A Level Further Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 11 March

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum
Well done to everyone who entered two weeks ago, particularly a student in 10O who submitted the first correct answer of 81.
Follow the link to access this week's conundrum:
https://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/cryptography_competition/problem.php?index=6
Submit your answer via Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum – best of luck!

Word of the Week for w/c 14 March
Next week the word is **ECCENTRIC** – deviating from the recognised or customary character, practice, etc.

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. **Spring Term Dates for Your Diary**
   - **Spring Term Nearly New Uniform & Book Sale for All Year Groups**: Saturday 19 March, 09.00-13.00
   - **Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents**: Friday 25 March, 19.00-21.00, doors open from 18.30
   - **PTFA Meeting: Monday 28 March**, 19.30-21.00 *(Agenda attached)*
   - **Quiz & Curry Night**: **Friday 22 April**, 19.00-21.30, doors open from 18.30 Tickets are on sale now!

Note: All planned PTFA events are continually reviewed and where necessary changes will be made in response to the latest government guidance.

2. Spring Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale, Saturday 19 March 09.00 – 13.00
The next Nearly New Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will take place on Saturday 19 March (09.00 - 13.00) in the Main Hall. This sale will not be by appointment, but we do anticipate a large attendance, so we would appreciate your support and patience as we get you through the sale room. Please try to avoid bringing siblings, unless they are currently at the school and need to get uniform.
We are grateful for donations of uniform items and revision and general reading books. Donations can be deposited into wheelie bins outside reception. We regret that we cannot reserve items for anyone unable to attend the sale.
Volunteer opportunities are now open for the above sale. To sign up, please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet. Thank you for volunteering!
https://volunteersignup.org/WB9LM

3. Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents/Carers - Friday 25 March,19.00-21.00 (doors open from 18.30)
We are pleased to invite students and parents of current Year 7 students to this rescheduled **Welcome Party**. Further details can be found in the letter sent to parents in February.
Last date for ticket purchase via Classlist is **Friday 18 March.**

4. Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 22 April 2022 19.00-21.30 **Tickets for this popular event is selling fast**!
Ever wondered if your family is the brainiest within the CCHSG network? Now is your time to find out! Grab your friends and book a table for a team of 6-8 and enjoy a night of brain busting questions, good food, fellowship and fun. This in person Quiz Night will be held in the CCHSG Main Hall, hosted free of charge for the PTFA by our regular Quizmaster, parent Julian Roper who runs 'Corporate Quiz Hire,' www.corporatequizhire.co.uk

This will be a sell-out event, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
Tickets are available via Classlist :-
Family (2 adults & 2 children up to 16 years) = £25 (limited availability)
Adult (17 and over) = £10 (selling very fast!)
Child (16 and under) = £5 (limited availability)
Notes:
1. Only cash payments please for Raffle tickets, licenced bar and purchase of additional meat dishes at this event.
2. If there are more than 2 children aged 16 or under attending with 2 adults, please purchase a Family ticket plus any additional child ticket(s) as required.
3. Ticket price includes a vegetarian meal. Meat dishes available to purchase on the night.
4. No external food or drinks allowed at this event.
5. **Last date for ticket purchase is Friday 15 April** but we strongly encourage those interested to get your tickets now as when they're gone, they're gone!

Tickets are only available via **Classlist.** If you are not yet registered with us on Classlist, please sign up on Classlist via www.classlist.com or scan the qr-code, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOs and Android.

5. Volunteering Opportunities
None of our planned events can run without the kind support of volunteer parents/carers. Could you help?
To sign up, please click on the link for the individual event to go to the signup sheet (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work). CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

Event	Volunteer Sign-up Link
Spring Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale Saturday 19 March 08.30-13.30	https://volunteersignup.org/WB9LM
Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents/Carers Friday 25 March 18.00-21.30	https://volunteersignup.org/ADCJH
Quiz & Curry Night Friday 22 April 2022 18.00-21.30	https://volunteersignup.org/QKQMH

PTFA CONTACTS: For all enquires related to PTFA email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

PTFA

Date:	Monday 28 March
Time:	19.30 – 21.00
Place:	Colchester County High School for Girls

MEETING AGENDA

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	**Apologies for absence**	Anni Cullen
2	**Attendees** Attendance form to be filled in by all attendees	Anni Cullen
3	**Review of Previous Meeting Notes and Action Points** *(not covered later in this meeting)*	Kate Stubbs
4	**Treasurer's Report**	Rouzbeh N. Elahi
5	**Feedback on Spring Term Second Hand Uniform& Books Sale** *Date: Saturday 19 March* *Time: 09.00-13.00*	Annie Cullen
6	**Feedback on Rescheduled Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Carers** *Date: Friday 25 March* *Time: 19.00-21.00*	Agness O'Brien
7	**Upcoming Social Event – Quiz & Curry Night** *Date: Friday 22 April* *Time: 19.00-21.30*	Anni Cullen
8	**Annual Christmas Market 2022** *Date: Saturday 26 November* *Time: 12.00-15.00*	Agness O'Brien Anni Cullen
9	**PTFA Funding Bids**	Michael Muldoon Agness O'Brien
10	**Any Other Business**	Agness O'Brien
11	**End of Meeting:** **Next Meeting:** Monday 6 June, 19.30-21.00 *To discuss Summer Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale and* *Annual Christmas Market*	Agness O'Brien

