Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
12 November 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
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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week **B**	Nov	15	Assembly: Yrs 12 & 13 (via Teams) Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall Yr 10 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 11 SLT Discussions Period 3 Yr 11 DofE (Certificate of Achievement) Introduction Session, 12.40 in the Hall
Tuesday	Nov	16	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 (via Teams) Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30
Wednesday	Nov	17	Assembly: Yrs 7 & 8 (via Teams)
Thursday	Nov	18	Assembly: Yr 9 (via Teams) Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening
Friday	Nov	19	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

Student Home Testing
We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should still be recorded via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
We continue to urge students to sanitise, keep distance and encourage them to wear face masks in communal areas. All these actions are helping to keep our school safe and transmission at a low rate.

Considerate Parting in the Local Area
We kindly ask again that parents/carers are considerate of local residents and school children when parking in the Lexden Road and Norman Way areas.
Please be respectful, do not block driveways or park on pavements so that children have to walk in the road.
Traffic enforcement officers regularly patrol the area and issue fines where parking is not within permitted regulations. Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Collection from CCHSG
When parents/carers need to collect students during the day, please do not drive up to the school gates unless this has been agreed in advance with the school. Please park in the visitor car park or on Norman Way and walk up to the school to collect your child. Thank you.

Reporting Student Absence
When reporting a student absence or late attendance, via the absence telephone line, by email to office@cchsg.com or through the Gateway app, please ensure you clearly include your child's full name, Form Group and reason for absence (i.e. type of illness). Thank you.

Up-To-Date Student Contact Information
Please ensure the school has the most up to date contact information (email address, telephone number and postal address) for your child. This can be done via ParentLite app or by emailing the school office office@cchsg.com.

Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening – Thursday 18 November 16.00 – 19.00
An opportunity for you to have a four-minute appointment with your child's Form Tutor to discuss how your child has settled in to Yr 7 life. Your appointment should be made by logging into SchoolCloud https://cchsg.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Planning Application Notification
We have received notification of a planning application for a new 18m mobile telephone mast to be sited at the Lexden Road end of Norman Way. More information including detailed plans can be found at www.colchester.gov.uk/planning
If you wish to comment on the proposal this should be directly to Colchester borough Council via the above website. The consultation deadline is Monday 15 November.

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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County Lines in Essex - Free Parent Webinar
For parents/carers to help understand more about County Lines and exploitation. There will be two sessions, the first will cover items such as:
What is CCE, what is it like in Essex, how does it happen, what might happen to my child and what can I expect from others? Please see the poster below for more information, book your place via https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-lines-in-essex-free-parent-webinar-tickets-205152094437

500 Club
The next draw will be held on Monday 22 November. You can participate by purchasing a ticket for the nine remaining draws for £40 via https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. Full information, including terms and conditions, is available via https://www.cchsg.com/?s=500+club.

Lost Property
All unnamed lost property that has been handed in since the start of term, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint for students to view.
Please urge students to check to see if anything belongs to them, items can be collected from Reception. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the Autumn Term.

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.
Rotations with Mrs Webb will be:
Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week B
Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week A
Students can access the initial recipes to check ingredients via: SharePoint. 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 after Half Term.

E-Safety Information – Online Safety for Teens - Advice for Parents
We wanted to share this informative piece from the Sixth Degree Media. It contains useful tips and advice for parents on how to keep teens safe online, including useful summaries of popular internet apps as well as the types of threats teens, could be exposed to online.
The Parents' Guide to Teaching your Teen Online Safety https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/parents/the-parents-guide-to-teaching-your-teen-online-safety/

E-Safety Information – TikTok
At CCHSG we know that TikTok is an immensely popular app amongst students. Whilst there is risk, we would like to help parents and students manage these risks effectively and enjoy the creativity, fun and collaboration that TikTok offers.
TikTok have been making a lot of good changes over the last few months as well as creating guides for users and their parents/caregivers. All of these changes are detailed on their Safety Centre which you can find via https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-gb/
There is also a comprehensive TikTok guide for parents on the Internet Matters website which you can find by following https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
16.11.2021	Leaving at 14.15	Netball	BUCHS	Away	U19

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

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Shakespeare Club
We shall be reading *Antony and Cleopatra* on Saturday 27 November at 10.30 via Teams. If students wish to join us, they should email Mrs Davidson who will welcome them gratefully – it's a huge cast.

Rehearsals for Schools will Rock You
Thursday 11 November, 15.35 – 16.30: Killer Queen, Khashoggi, Drapes and the Super Yuppies in M2
Thursday 18 November, 15.35 – 17.00: Blocking Act One – all leads and Bohemian Chorus in M3
15.35 – 16.30 Killer Queen, Khashoggi, Drapes and Super Yuppies in M2
Thursday 25 November, 15.35 – 16.40: Ga Ga Kids in M2
Please note, if students missed the last rehearsal and do not show up for this one, we will assume that they no longer wish to take part. If they cannot attend, but still wish to be part of the show, they MUST see Mrs Cudmore-Rice.
Wednesday 1 December, 15.35 – 17.00 – Blocking – Act Two – all leads and Bohemian Chorus in M2/M3

Yr 11 Weekly GCSE Biology Revision Sessions
These continue every Tuesday lunchtime in F13, all welcome, students can bring their lunch. Next week when F13 is full there will be an overflow room in F12 via Teams.
This week we will look at respiration and kidneys.

Yr 11 & 13 Mathematics Department Revision Sessions
The lunchtime revision sessions for students in Yrs 11 and 13 continue as below.

Yr 13 Revision	**Week A**	**Week B**
	Tuesday: Pure with Mrs Roshen in M10	Tuesday: Pure with Miss Dai in M10
	Monday: Statistics with Mrs Ball in M10	Monday: Mechanics with Mrs Bradnum in M10

Yr 11 Revision	**Week A**	**Week B**
	Monday with Mr Walsh in M9	Tuesday with Miss Burnett in M7

DofE (Certificate of Achievement) Introduction Session – Monday 15 November, 12.40 in the Hall
Mr Embleton will be holding an introduction session for students, the aim of the session is to help them choose their activities and to take them through the process of tracking their progress using eDofE.

Young Writers Competition
Bad guys get a lot of negative press, but are they really all evil? Young Writers' *Twisted Tales* competition is students' chance to tell the other side of the story. Can they present a villain's point of view in only 100 words? They should ask their English teacher for an entry form or find copies outside F5! Deadline for entries: **Friday 10 December.**

The Richard III Society Essay Prize 2022
Mr Paz would like to draw students' attention to the Richard III Society Essay Prize with a prize of £200 for the best essay on a topic relevant to The Life and Times of Richard, duke of Gloucester, Richard III, 1452-1485. Second prize of £100 and third prize of £50 are also available. They are looking to receiving entries in the format of NEAs, EPQs, IB EEs or closely similar, well- researched and referenced essays of between 3,000 and 5,000 words by a student under the age of 19.
Essays may be submitted on any date up to and including 31 May 2022. Please see The Richard III Society Essay Prize 2022 for further details and for how to enter.

Yr 12 & 13 The History of Totalitarianism Essay Prize
Another opportunity to take part in an essay competition on the topic of totalitarianism; students do NOT have to be taking History at A Level to compete. There is a financial prize and of course it can look very good for UCAS applications just taking part in this. Please go to this link to read the instructions on how to submit and success criteria:
https://historyoftotalitarianism.com/
Students should let the History department know for their records if they submit an essay. The deadline is January 2022.

World Town Planning Day 2021 Schools' Competition
The annual Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) competition for schools is open for entries! The RTPI and the competition celebrate the power of change and developing new sustainable ideas for the places we live and work. The competition follows World Town Planning Day and this year focuses on climate change and urban regeneration.
Students should see the Student Bulletin for the competition task. The closing date for the competition is 8 December 2021. Entries should be emailed to Mr King via jking@cchsg.com

Debate Club – Tuesday 16 November, Lunchtime in T20
Topic is: "This House believes that Priti Patel's suggestion to remove anonymity (not being able to post anonymously) would be an effective method to decrease hate speech online."

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Yrs 10 – 13 National Teen Book Club
It's not too late for students to join National Teen Book Club held in F14 from 15.35 - 16.30 every Wednesday with Miss Simcock. See the attached poster for more information and how to get involved.

Sixth Form Charity Fundraiser
Students in Yr 13 are organising ICARP mystery book sale, Fall into Reading. Please see poster below for further details.

Economics Society Talk – Thursday 18 November
Former student Isabel Duah, will be discussing her experience of working at a hedge fund via MS Teams. If students are interested in working in finance then this is a good opportunity for them to find out more about what it is like. Open to all in Yrs 9-13, come to G3 at 12.45 – 13.15 or email Mr Fletcher tfletcher@cchsg.com

Ernst and Young - EMEIA Wealth and Asset Management Operational Tax Conference – Thursday 23 November
Students in Yr 12 or 13 interested in working in finance may also be interested in an opportunity to attend the conference on Tuesday 23 November at 10.00 – 13.00.
The conference will be virtual and will focus on funds and asset servicing organisations that hold, trade in or service global securities and are affected by securities taxes. For this year's conference we will run four sessions:

- Refocusing asset management
- The impact of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) on the industry
- Tax grid – how to resolve the global withholding tax challenge
- An asset manager and custodian panel will discuss trends and issues that they see impacting the industry

Those interested in this should email Mr Fletcher via tfletcher@cchsg.com

Feminist Society Week B Monday at Lunchtime
FemSoc has now started, on Monday 15 November they will be discussing the topic of intersectional feminism; the understanding of how women's overlapping identities (including race, class, religion etc.) impact the way they experience oppression and discrimination. In the session they will be having a discussion on the inspiring TED Talk by Chimamanda Adichie called 'We should all be feminists' available via: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hg3umXU_qWc
Students should see the Student Bulletin for more information.

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. The school field is open to all but there is no eating on field.

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 15 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Sausages, Beans & Chips	Breaded Chicken with Potato Wedges & Green Beans	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato	Tomato & Lentil	Pea & Mint	Carrot & Coriander

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Community Information

Arriva - Student Travel 2021-22
Arriva have Student Saver tickets that are valid for anyone in full time education, allowing unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, across their routes in the area.
These can also be used to travel in the evenings, at weekends and throughout the holidays. Please see poster below for full details.

Correspondence Sent out this Week:
All Yrs: Planning Application Information
All Yrs: Severe Weather Information
Yrs 7 – 10 Swimming Lessons in PE
Yrs 8 – 12: Netball Dress Purchase (selected students)
Yr 10: National Teen Book Club (selected students)
Yr 10 GCSE Religious Studies Mock Examination
Yr 11: Free Standing Mathematics Qualification

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 8 – 12	Netball Dress Purchase	
Yr 11	Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	Friday 19 November

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum
The distance between two towns A and B is 360 miles. A cyclist leaves A for B at an average speed of 12mph. Another cyclist leaves B for A at an average speed of 20mph.
Where and when will the cyclists meet?
Submit answers to Mr Williams' Weekly Maths Conundrum – best of luck!

Well done to everyone who entered last week, especially the 17 students who answered correctly – who have each earned 1 raffle ticket! Particular congratulations to a student in 10O who answered with the correct answer of $\frac{10}{3}$ and 2 in the quickest time.
Last week's method:
Two numbers x and y such that: xy:x + y:x – y = 5: 4: 1
Hence 4xy = 5 (x = y)
4xy – 5x = 5y
x(4y – 5) = 5y (1)
Also x + y = 4(x – y)
5y = 3x (2)
Substituting (2) into (1) gives

$$x\left(\frac{12}{5}x - 5\right) = 3x$$
$$\frac{12}{5}x^2 - 8x = 0$$
$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{10}{3},\ y = 2$$

This Week's Brainteaser
Bus number **4** goes to **Tore**, the bus to **Grapestowe** is number **10**, bus **6** goes to **Tusley** and bus number **9** goes to **Brierdale**.
What number is the bus to **Steen**?

Word of the Week for w/c 15 November
Next week the word is: **AESTHETIC** – relating to the philosophy of aesthetics; concerned with notions such as the beautiful and ugly.

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. **Diary Dates for Autumn Term (2021/2022 Academic Year)**
   - **Second Hand Uniform Sale dates in 2021/2022 Academic Year**
     Autumn Term - Saturday 27 November 09.00-13.00
     Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.

2. Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale - Saturday 27 November, 09.00 – 13.00
A Second Hand Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will still take place on Saturday 27 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. Siblings are not allowed unless they are currently at the school and need to get uniform. Please continue to donate any outgrown items of uniform, good quality revision materials or fiction and non-fiction books still in sale worthy condition to the PTFA. All donations of books and uniform are gratefully received and can be left in the clearly marked PTFA wheelie bins outside the School Reception.

The PTFA is very grateful to the many parents who have already volunteered to help prepare for the sales and to support with the stewarding and staffing during the sale.
To sign up as a volunteer, click this link: https://volunteersignup.org/WB9LM

3. Virtual Grand Prize Draw 2021 - Draw on Wednesday 15 December
In the absence of our usual well-supported Christmas Market, we are delighted to launch an Virtual Grand Prize Draw this year. The draw will take place on Wednesday 15 December and winners will be notified via email or telephone. Prizes must be collected in person by Friday 17 December.

1st Prize - £250 cash
2nd Prize - Luxury Festive Hamper
3rd Prize – Case of Prosecco
Tickets at £5 per entry can be purchased via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BIQH

4. Christmas Themed Fundraising Scratch Cards
Scratch cards for selling squares worth £40 per card are available by request from CCHSG PTFA from Monday 8 November. Participants must be 18 or over. The stake per square is £1 and a maximum of £20 is awarded to the winner from each card (amount is subject to the card being completed). All scratch cards must be returned **with answer block unscratched** to the PTFA via the school and monies collected to be banked into the PTFA's bank account.

The following 5 categories of scratch cards are available to choose from;

1. Christmas Carols
2. Christmas Movies
3. Christmas Traditions
4. Christmas Food and Drinks
5. Nativity Scene

Requests for scratch cards can be made to cchsgptfa@gmail.com

5. PTFA Virtual Christmas Market
CCHSG PTFA will be running a **Virtual Christmas Market** on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this opportunity for our existing stallholders and other 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?

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

Would you like to understand more about County Lines in Essex?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Sarah Pritchard
Barnados

Your local
Police Officer

Free webinar for parents & carers

23 November, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Do you know how to keep your child safe?

Do you know about child criminal exploitation in Essex?

Are you worried someone is taking advantage of your child, making them do something illegal?

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- Understand what is happening in your local area

Register https://essexwebinar.eventbrite.com

Believe in children Barnardo's

NCA National Crime Agency

Pace Parents against child exploitation

Student Travel 2021-22

Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution!

Arriva Student Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education. You will get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, across all of our routes in your chosen area.
The Saver tickets will not only cover your travel to and from University, School or College, but can also be used to travel in the evenings, at weekends and throughout the holidays too.
Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole Academic year, without paying upfront.
*Our tickets do not cover Arriva London/TFL routes
It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit please visit:
www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new Academic Year, we recommend registering now.
Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your mobile phone. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: talktous@arriva.co.uk

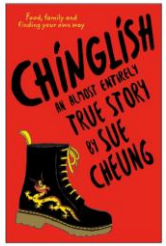


National Teen Book Club 2021

A first of a kind programme, bringing together thousands of Yr 10 – Yr 13 students, from hundreds of schools and colleges, across every corner of the UK, to a shared, virtual book club commencing on Wednesday 10 November!

What is involved? -

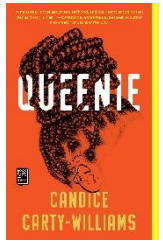




Over five weeks, young people and school facilitators will connect to an online webinar on school campus, for a weekly event every Wednesday, 15.30 to 16.30.
The book is *Chinglish* by Sue Cheung.
Hear from award-winning authors Meeting eminent authors (including Candice Carty-Williams, author of *Queenie*), publishers and writers, gaining valuable insights into careers and a live Q&A to learn more about their stories and pathways.

Creative Writing Opportunity –

Between each week, young people read the next chapters of the shared book, engage in activities and conversation online and make progress on writing their own creative piece. Every 1000-word creative piece and its young person author is published in a virtual library. All pieces will be read by an expert panel and four pieces will be chosen to be featured and authors will receive an exclusive coaching session with an award-winning author!



The details –

We will be joining the webinar at 15.35 in F14 on Wednesdays (from 10 November for 5 weeks) and having a short discussion as an in-person group after.
If you are interested please e-mail asimcock@cchsg.com who will be able to send you the information in regards to getting the book.

