Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
13 May 2022

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

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
Tuesday 19 July
Wednesday 20 July
Thursday 21 July

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
Thursday 1 September
Friday 2 September
Thursday 20 October
Friday 21 October
Monday 19 December
Tuesday 20 December
Wednesday 19 July
Thursday 20 July
Friday 21 July

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	May	14	Youth Chinese Test (YCT) Examination
Monday Week **A**	May	16	Public Examinations Begin No Assembly
Tuesday	May	17	No Assembly
Wednesday	May	18	Assembly: Yr 7 via Teams Young Enterprise Essex County Finals Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Evening, 19.30
Thursday	May	19	Assembly: Yr 9 via Teams
Friday	May	20	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30

We wish all our students taking public examinations over the coming weeks, good luck and every success.

VotesforSchools
The topic this week was: **Are young people equipped to deal with loneliness?**

Public Examinations
GCSE and A Level examinations commence from Monday 16 May. Examinations will be held in the Sports Hall, H Block the Gym and Hall as well as other classrooms around school during this time.
We ask students to be mindful and considerate of those sitting an examination and remain silent in these areas. We wish all students taking an examination every success.

School Field
The school field is now open for students at break time and lunchtime, however students must not eat on the school field – eating outside should be in the picnic areas only and all litter placed in the bins. Picnic areas for Yrs 7 – 9 are on the tennis courts, Yrs 10 & 11 under the canopy and Yrs 12&13 in front of S Block. School mobile phone rules apply to the school field so phones should not be seen or heard in this area. Students using the school field should ensure that they are not next to the back fence on the field and that they leave the field in time for Periods 2 and 4. Yrs 12 & 13 should also make full use of the two patio areas reserved for Sixth Form and staff.

Arrangements for Yr 11
We enjoyed a lovely 'Good Luck' afternoon tea for Yr 11 on Wednesday. We remind parents of the expectation is that Yr 11 students will be in school fully until Friday 27 May.
Teaching staff continue to work hard work planning the remaining lessons, ensuring to include the key element of deliberate practice in the final push towards GCSEs.

Glass Bottles in School
A reminder to parents and students that drinks should not be brought into school in glass bottles due to the risk of breakages. Thank you.

Yr 11 & 13 Returning Textbooks
Students should return textbooks/reading books they are not using to the Library, not to teaching staff. The Librarians can then remove the items separately. Students' will not get their Leavers Ball (Yr 13) or Celebration Evening (Yr 11) unless their Library card is clear. Obviously, if a student is still using the books, then they are to hand them into the Library when they are finished with them.

Yr 12 Biology Field Trip Reminder
A reminder that the final payment for the Biology fieldtrip to Dorset in September 2022 is due by Monday 4 July. The balance will show on ParentPay as it depends on the deposit initially made. Parents will receive an update on the itinerary later on this term. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Dr Martin.

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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The Catherine Bullen Foundation Appeal for Cakes!
A reminder of the appeal for the foundation's cake stall at the West Mersea Jubilee street fair on 3 June – any contributions welcome! Due to this being at the end of half term and cake freshness, CCHSG will not be collecting cakes, but if you could bake and then contact the Bullens to arrange collection or drop-off please it would be very much appreciated. Alternatively go along to Mersea and buy some of their cakes on 3 June. Their fundraising has been severely hit due to the pandemic and this normally raises close to £1000. If you are to help/bake please email the Bullens: rogerbullen409@btinternet.com

MFL Spelling Bee Success
The Languages Department wishes to extend its congratulations to the students who took part for their exceptional achievements in the Regional Spelling Bee Competition. They have shown an enormous amount of resilience and commitment and should be incredibly proud.
We wish a student in 7S luck for the National Final on Monday 27 June at the University of Cambridge.

The Minds Underground™ Geography Essay Competition
Huge congratulations to a student in 12H for receiving a highly commended award for her entry into the Minds Underground Geography Essay Competition on the topic of '*plastic waste in the world's oceans*'. The competition was aimed at students in Yr 12 as an opportunity to engage in university-level research, hone their writing skills and contribute to the climate discussion.
Issues such as this are discussed at GeogSoc please see details below.

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
Students can access the initial recipes to check ingredients via SharePoint.
Next week the rotation is – **Monday 16 May 8Y Rotation 5 1st session and Tuesday 17 May 8X Rotation 6 2nd session.**
We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

Vacancies at CCHSG
If you know anyone who might be interested in the vacancies below, please direct them to the CCHSG website.
Alpha Trust Finance Officer - **link**
Human Resources & Administration Assistant - **link**
Alpha Teaching School Hub Administrator - **link**

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.

Mindfulness Club
The Wellbeing Ambassadors are running a Mindfulness Club which is held in the Lecture Theatre at lunchtime. This is a quiet space where students can come to relax. There will be board games, mindful colouring, a space for yoga or just a quiet space to reflect/ take a break. The Wellbeing Ambassadors will also be available to talk to.
Yr 7 & 8: Tuesday lunchtimes
Yrs 9 – 11: Thursday lunchtimes
Yrs 12 & 13: Monday lunchtimes

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Careers Information

Careers Lead – Mr Gosling
Impartial Careers Adviser – Mrs Kee
Students can make appointments with Mrs Kee via the sign-up sheet outside of Ms Tarrier's office.

Department for Education - The September Guarantee for Yr 11 Students
The September Guarantee is a guarantee of an offer, made by the end of September, of an appropriate place in post-16 education or training for every young person completing compulsory education. Ensuring that every young person has an offer of a place to progress onto is particularly important as it helps young people make a seamless transition into post- 16 learning or employment with training.

The September Guarantee is supported by good quality information, advice and guidance. This can come from several sources which include:

- Teachers
- Parents and family friends
- Careers Coordinators and Guidance Advisers
- On-line and printed information about courses, progression routes and employment routes

What does the Guarantee offer?
The September Guarantee is an offer of a place in one of the following:

- A school Sixth Form
- A college of further education
- Employment with training to at least Level 2
- An Apprenticeship

Essex County Council have produced a guide for students in Yr 11, this can be accessed via our website: https://www.cchsg.com/EssexCounty CouncilOptions Guide

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities – Summer Term 2022
Please find the timetable below, with some further additions.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
17.05.2022	09.00 – 16.00	Track & Field Athletics	Various	Chelmsford Athletics	Yrs 7-10
17.05.2022	08.30 – 15.30	Cricket	Various	Hutton Cricket Club	U13
18.05.2022	15.00 – 17.00	Football	Various	Shrub End	U14
19.05.2022	15.00 – 17.30	Central Venue Rounders	Thurstable	Away	Yr 7
19.05.2022	08.30 – 15.30	Cricket	Various	Hutton Cricket Club	U15

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

Badminton Club
The club will no longer be running this Half Term due to the Sports Hall being used for the examinations. The rest of the clubs are still continuing – please make the most of these! We have athletics, rounders, cricket and Friday Fun Day each week!

Geography Revision Session
A Level afterschool on Thursdays 15.45 – 16.30 in T2.
GCSE afterschool on Fridays 15.45 – 16.30 in T2.
Students should post in their classes' MS Teams channel any specific topic areas or content they would like to address ahead of the sessions so we can prepare suitable resources.

Historical Book Club
For those who enjoy History and reading; read the book and the contribute to discussions and questions via the History Book Club Teams. The next book will be *The Court of Miracles by* Kester Grant Boschwitz. Please see poster at the end of Bulletin for full details of the book, which can be purchased through ParentPay at a discounted rate of £6.99, the deadline for orders is Friday 20 May.

GeogSoc – Thursday Lunchtimes in T2
GeogSoc is open to all students in Yrs 9 – 13.

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Geography Essay Competition
The Royal Geographical Society Essay Competition title for 2022 is "What are the environmental costs of current consumer trends, behaviours and purchasing decisions?" see https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/school-essay-competition/ for further details.

Yr 12 A level Mathematics – SUMS (Steps to University for Mathematical Students)
The latest issue of SUMS is now available to read.
This month, we discover how mathematics can make a difference to people's lives, share what students should be doing right now to prepare for university, and chat to the Mathematics Admissions Tutor at UCL about the other side of university admissions. The issue also dives into messy algebra and fun with fractals in puzzle corner!
https://amsp.org.uk/resource/sums

Debate Club – Tuesday Lunchtime in T20
The topic for next week will be: "This House disagrees with Lord Sugar that working from home leads to less productivity".

PsychSoc – Tuesday Lunchtime in H4 – All Yrs welcome
We are focusing on what your personality says about you.

Psychology Essay Competition 2022
For students wishing to read Psychology or any related subject at university now is the time to show their writing skills of *'independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis and persuasive style'* (John Locke Institute, 2022). The essay titles are available at https://www.johnlockeinstitute.com/essay-competition for students to choose and submit by Thursday 30 June.
This is aimed at Yrs 10 and above and open to anyone who wishes to take part, they do not need to have studied or currently studying Psychology to enter – a Yr 13 student in 2020 was a runner up, so they should be inspired and get writing! For further details students should speak to Mrs Phillips.

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.

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

As from Monday 16 May Yr 12 students will need to come to the canteen for lunch. They will be able to pre-order cold food and Pannini using the student lunch order form.

All Student Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 16 May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Paella	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Green Beans	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Vegetable Pasta (Vegan) with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)

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Community Information

BuresFest 2022
The organisers are looking for acts to perform at the festival. They are looking for singers, bands, soloists, small groups and other musicians aged between 9 and 19 to take part in the B-Fest competition at their 25th Anniversary event, on Thursday 7 July. Please see poster below for more information.

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
Yr 8: Essex Outdoors Mersea Activity Day
Yr 8: Parental Questionnaire
Yr 9: Year 9 Examinations
Yr 10: Examination Arrangements
Yr 11: Examination Arrangements
Yr 12: Extended Project Qualification (selected students)
Yr 12: A Level Mathematics Revision Guides
Yr 13: Examination Arrangements

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 8	Essex Outdoors Mersea Activity Day	Monday 6 June
Yr 10	Purchase of Science Revision Guides	Monday 6 June
Yr 12	A Level Mathematics Revision Guides	Monday 6 June
Yr 12	Biology Fieldtrip to Dorset final payment	Monday 4July

Word of the Week for w/c 16 May
Next week the word is: **GARRULOUS** – excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, especially about trivial matters.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Summer & Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Meeting: Monday 13 June** *(revised date),* 19.30 – 21.00 at CCHSG Dining Hall
  (Meeting agenda attached)
- **Summer Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale**: Thursday 7 July, *(Further details in Item 5 below).*
- **Annual Christmas Market**: Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
  Save the date for this popular annual fundraising event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community.

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

2. Everest Base Camp Challenge fundraiser by CCHSG Parent – over £1,600 raised so far!

We are delighted to announce that Mr Gowrishankar Jegadeeswaran, parent of a Year 8 student from CCHSG, has completed the huge challenge of trekking to Everest Base Camp in the Himalayas in Nepal, and returns home on 15 May. He has already raised over £1,600 for CCHSG PTFA. This is a fully self-funded trek and all the money raised will go towards our charity. Every donation will help us to continue supporting the school by providing additional resources for our students.

If you would like to donate, you can do so via the following link: https://gofund.me/f371cff1
If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to gift-aid your donation. We are very grateful for any support for Mr Gowrishankar's efforts and thank you in advance for your contribution.

We congratulate Mr Gowrishankar on completing the challenge and thank him for choosing to raise funds in support of our CCHSG PTFA.

3. Annual Christmas Market 2022 – Invitation to stallholders

Bookings are now open for stalls at this very popular annual event, open to the school community and general public, to be held on Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00.

Cost: Single stall £25, Double stalls £40.
For further details and a copy of the booking form please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

4. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market

We are delighted that Beresfords Estate Agents have once again agreed to promote our Christmas Market which will be held on Saturday 26 November. We will be back in touch with all those parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses in Colchester to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. This time, we are pleased that the advertising will also cover Chelmsford. If you own a property in Colchester or Chelmsford which is in a prominent location with public access or visibility and would like to volunteer your address, please let us know. Boards are installed no more than 3 weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer.

Contact: Agness O'Brien on Classlist or email cchsgptfa@gmail.com with your full address, email address, contact telephone number and preferred location for installation of the advertising board at your property (e.g. front lawn, etc.)

5. Summer Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale – Thursday 7 July

16.00 – 17.00 – current Years 7-10
17.00 – 20.00 – new Year 7 students (September 2022 intake) only

Appeal for Nearly New Uniform & Revision Book Donations

Please continue to support us with donations of uniform and revision books from 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE & A-level. Please ask students to deposit items in the wheelie bins outside the reception. Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

Volunteering opportunities for the above sale are now open. Could you help? The sign-up link to help is https://volunteersignup.org/TJPJT

6. Classlist – Community Liaison Officers (Class Reps) Needed!

The PTFA is seeking to recruit motivated and friendly parents to join our well-established and exciting team. The successful candidates will be expected to develop and provide positive links between parents and the PTFA to develop the home/school partnership. You also need to enjoy social gatherings.
Anyone can apply – no prior experience required!
Two representatives are needed for each form in Years 7-9. Please register your interest with us via emailing cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities – Summer Term 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				
History Revision SSA Yr 11 in T20	**Debate Club** IPZ Yr 13 in T20	**Chess Club** (Wk A) EGL Yrs 7&8 in M6	**GeogSoc** JKI Yr 12 in T2	**Italian Club** VGR Yr 7 in T11
Mechanics (Wk B) SBR Yr 13 in M10	**German** Club JLendzion Yr 8 in T14	**Mathematics Surgery** BRO & MKI All Yrs in M10	**Creative Writing Club** ASI & SWA, All Yrs in F14	**History of Mathematics** PBU Yr 9 in M8
Additional Mathematics (Wk A) MKI Yr 11 in M7	**Oxbridge Physics** TAD Yr 12 in G2	**Additional Mathematics** (Wk B) EGL Yr 11 in M9	**MedSoc** All Yrs F13	**Problem Solving** SBR Yr 12 in M9
Pi Club DGO Yrs 7-11 in M8	**Programming** (Basic to Intermediate) MWH Yrs 9-13 in T17	**Mathematics Intervention** DWI Yr 12 in M11	**History Film Club** IPZ All Yrs in T20	**VetSoc** All Yrs in F13
French Club LBoutellier All Yrs in T13	**A Level Mathematics Revision** BRO, Yr 13 in M10	**Guitar & Ukulele Group** GClark All Yrs in M2	**Concert Orchestra** FJE All Yrs in M2	**Physics Olympiad** (Wk A) IMI Yrs 9&10 in G1
The Bluebirds FJE Yrs 7&8 in M2	**Senior Choir** FJE Yrs 9-13 in M2	**Kazoo Club** FJE All Yrs in M12	**Homework, GMetrix** T4	**Physics Club** (Wk B) TAD All Yrs in G2
Boomwhacker Club FJE Yrs 9-13 in M12	**PsychSoc** KPH, All Yrs in H4	**Programming** (Advanced) MWH Yrs 9-13 in T17	**Programming** (All Levels) MWH Yrs 7&8 in T17	**A Level Mathematics Support** DGO Yr 13 in M10
Art Club TAL, All Yrs in G26/G27	**Homework, GMetrix** T4	**Homework, GMetrix** T4		**French Bilingual Club** LBoutellier Yrs 7&8 in T14
FemSoc (Wk B) VWI All Yrs in G24				**Oxbridge** IPZ Yr 12 in T20
				Strictly Strings KWaterworth All Yrs in M2
				Flutissimo FJE All Yrs in M19
				Retro Gaming CNA All Yrs, in T4
After School				
	Study Support CNA & MWH All Yrs in T4	**Dungeons & Dragons Club** JST & KLA All Yrs in the Library	**Computing** Extended Learning & Competitions CNA & MWH All Yrs in T4	
		English for Obsessives EDA All Yrs via MS Teams		

Enjoy History? Or love reading? Join…

History Book Club!

The Court of Miracles

By Kester Grant

Recommended: All Years





Those that take part in a discussion of the book in July (with French themed food to be given out!) will get their history scholarship card stamp and ALSO entered into a raffle for a food prize.

Six of Crows meets Les Miserables in this page-turning adventure as a young thief finds herself going head to head with leaders of Paris's criminal underground in the wake of a failed French Revolution.

Liberty. 1828 and the citizens of Paris still mourn in the wake of their failed revolution. Among them, in the dark alleys and crumbling cathedrals of the city, the most wretched have gathered into guilds of thieves, assassins - and worse. Together they are known as The Court of Miracles.

Family. Eponine has lost more than most. When her father, Thenardier, sells her sister to the Guild of Flesh she makes a promise to do anything she can to get her sister back, even if that means joining the Court of Miracles, the very people keeping her sister a slave.

Treachery. Eponine becomes perhaps the greatest thief the Court has ever known, finding a place among them and gaining another sister, Cosette. But she has never forgotten the promise she made, and if she's to have any hope of saving one sister, she will have to betray the other.

This beautiful reimagining of Les Miserables tells the stories of your favourite characters and what might have happened if the French Revolution had not come to pass.

Books can be borrowed from libraries or bought from Red Lion Bookshop through the school's ParentPay at a discount - £6.99

Date:	Monday 13 June
Time:	19.30 – 21.00
Place:	Colchester County High School for Girls

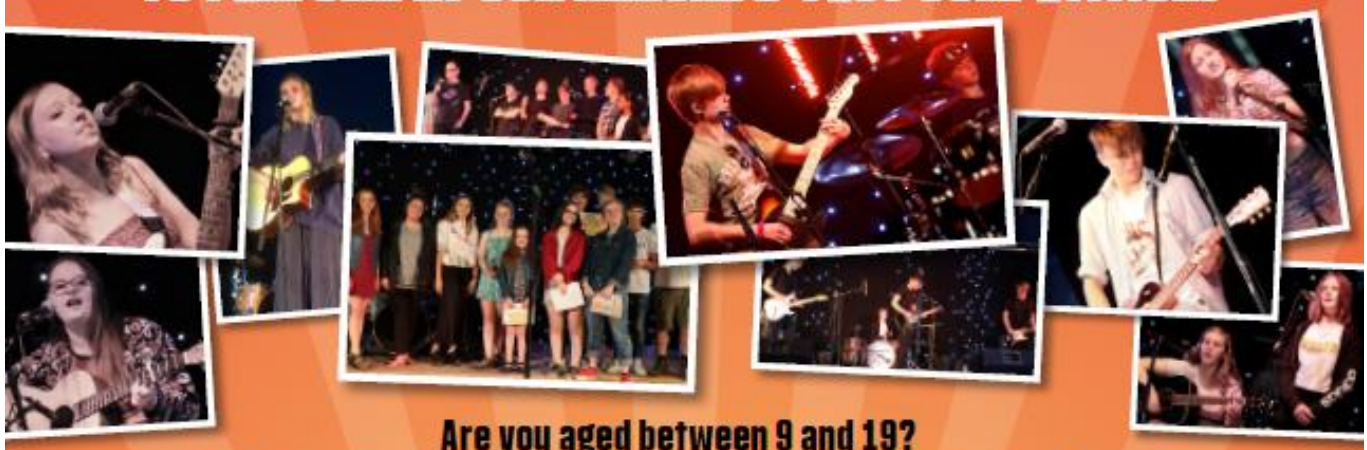
MEETING AGENDA

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 Agness O'Brien
5	**Feedback on Quiz & Curry Night** *(Friday 22 April)*	Agness O'Brien
6	**Fundraising update on Everest Base Camp Trek by CCHSG Parent** *(Friday 22 April)*	Agness O'Brien
7	**Summer Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale** *Date: Thursday 7 July)* *16.00 – 17.00 – current Years 7-10* *17.00 – 20.00 – new Year 7 students (September 2022 intake) only*	Annie Cullen
8	**Summer Production - Memorial Concert for Mr Ulph** *Date(s): Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 July)* PTFA to run Licensed Bar & sell cakes before and during intervals	Agness O'Brien
9	**Annual Christmas Market 2022** *Date : Saturday 26 November* *Time: 12.00 – 15.00* 1. *Number of external stalls booked* 2. *Update on volunteers for Beresford Estate Agents Advertising Boards to promote event.*	Agness O'Brien Anni Cullen
10	**Proposed PTFA Calendar for 2022/2023 Academic Year**	Agness O'Brien
11	**PTFA Funding Bids**	Michael Muldoon
12	**Any Other Business**	All members
13	**End of Meeting:** **Next Meeting:** Monday 26 September, 19.30 – 21.00 The PTFA AGM will precede the ordinary PTFA Meeting *Agenda for both AGM and ordinary PTFA Meeting will be published at the start of Autumn Term (September 2022)*	Agness O'Brien

B-FEST

7TH JULY 2022

BURES MUSIC FESTIVAL IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG TALENT TO PERFORM AT OUR ANNUAL B-FEST COMPETITION!



Are you aged between 9 and 19?
Would you like the opportunity to perform for a festival audience?

We are looking for budding singers, bands, soloists, small groups and other musicians to take part in the B-Fest competition in the BMF Big Top, at our 25th Anniversary event, on Thursday 7th July.

TAKE PART FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SHARE OF THE £300 PRIZE POT!

This special event gives budding stars a taste of the limelight with the opportunity to perform in a large venue before an enthusiastic crowd.

THE OVERALL WINNER WILL OPEN THE FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY.

To enter, upload a video or MP3 using our online application form by 24th June.

See **www.buresmusicfestival.com** for entry details.

Successful applicants will be asked to pay a £10 registration fee which is refundable upon appearance.

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