Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
14 January 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

Monday Week **A**	Jan	17	No Assembly Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Yr 10 RS Mock Examination Results to Parents Yr 11 Mock Examination to Parents Yr 13 Assessments
Tuesday	Jan	18	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 via Teams Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 13 Assessments
Wednesday	Jan	19	Assembly: Yrs 7 & 8 via Teams Yr 13 Assessments
Thursday	Jan	20	Assembly: Yr 9 via Teams Yr 13 Assessments CTTC Open Evening 18.00 – 19.00
Friday	Jan	21	Yr 7 A Christmas Carol Performance, Period 3 in Hall Yr 13 Assessments

Student Home Testing
We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Please register the results via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
Students are requested to wear face masks in both classes and communal areas.
We ask parents/carers to remain alert to the symptoms of Covid-19 and keep their child at home if they display symptoms.

Updated Guidelines for Covid-19 Testing and Isolation
From Monday 17 January, people with Covid-19 can end their self-isolation after five full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6.

- Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days
- You must wait until you have received two negative rapid lateral flow tests on two consecutive days to reduce the chance of still being infectious
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If you are positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to end isolation
- If positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.
For full information please see https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation

Punctuality
We remind students about the importance of punctuality and that Registration is at 08.45 prompt. The front gates are monitored and persistent lateness will be followed up with appropriate sanctions.

Yr 13 Assessments
Yr 13 have their assessments from Monday 17 January to Thursday 27 January. Assessments take place in the Main Hall and some classrooms around the school. When not in an assessment, students are expected to be in their normal lessons. We wish them every success.

Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
Yr 10 will be off timetable on Monday, based in their Form Rooms for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. We hope they enjoy the day.

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium Virtual Open Evening – Thursday 20 January 18.00 – 19.00
Are you or do you know anyone interested in training to become a teacher? If so, please see the flyer below for details of the CTTC Open Evening and share this with anyone you know who would be interested.

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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CCHSG Drama and Music Departments Present "We Will Rock You" – Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 and Friday 4 February at 19.00
We would be delighted if you could join us for the CCHSG production of "We Will Rock You". Tickets are now available at £10 each and can be purchased via TryBooking using the following link https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BKRK
The performance starts at 19.00 and as there will only be one short interval, you are welcome to bring your own refreshments if required. Ticket numbers have been limited, and the length of the run extended from 2 nights to 3, to ensure an element of social distancing. The room will be well ventilated, so please dress warmly. We ask that audience members wear masks while in the school building and where possible, take a lateral flow test prior to attending. Please note that video and photography at the event is not permitted.
The cast and crew of the show need to check the rehearsal/meeting schedule carefully and ensure that they attend when they are needed. The rehearsal schedule for next week will be emailed out to the cast and crew by the end of Friday 14 January. We hope to see you at what promises to be a very enjoyable production.

Student Safety - Trespassing on Railway Lines
Due to the high level of trespassing on rail tracks by young people in our local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students about the dangers of the train tracks.
They have asked us to share the safety videos with teachers, parents and students to show why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.
For students aged 7- 11:
https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/ alternatively https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/
For students aged 11-16:
https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/ alternatively https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/
For students aged 16 plus
https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw alternatively https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/

Lost Property
Unclaimed lost property from the Autumn term has now been disposed of.
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in since the start of term last week, 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 with Mrs Webb will be:
Monday 17 January is 8X Rotation 3 and on **Tuesday 18 January is 8X Rotation 4**.
Students can access the initial recipes to check ingredients via: SharePoint. We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision
Lunchtime revision sessions for Yr 11 Biologists will restart on Thursday 20 January, F13 12.45 – 13.15, students can bring their lunch. These will continue each week, picking up a different topic. This week we will be looking at topic 1, core processes – includes enzymes, biomolecule tests.

Yr 7 and 8 English Mentoring
For students who feel they would benefit from extra support, English mentoring is taking place on Tuesday or Wednesday lunch time in F5. Skilled Sixth Former students and Literacy Leaders are eager to help students in Yrs 7 and 8 improve and make them feel more confident in the subject. Students are welcome to bring their packed lunch. Those interested should please email Miss Withers (bwithers@cchsg.com).

Young Writers Competition – *Empowered*
Young Writers' poetry competition *Empowered* is an opportunity for students' voice to be heard. From current affairs, religion and identity to love, loss and everything in-between, they can use this platform to express themselves. Students should ask their English teacher for an entry form or find copies outside F5! Deadline for entries: **Friday 4 February.**

History 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 Passenger* by Ulrich Alexander 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, the deadline for orders is Monday 24 January.

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PsychSoc 2022 – Tuesday 18 January from 12.50 in H4
Psychology Explains New Year Resolutions, Hits and Misses - Can Psychology explain why most New Year Resolutions fail and how to keep them? Want to find out more and how to keep yours? Students should come along to PsychSoc on Tuesday.

BYOD
For students who are part of the BYOD scheme and would like to be part of a steering group which is being created to develop and ensure the success of the BYOD scheme, please email BYOD@cchsg.com outlining their interest. This will involve regular meetings with the group to discuss the development and to hear feedback from peers on the scheme and how to improve and develop this.

Yrs 7 – 10: Amber Atherton Award
The chance for students to create a proposal for their own social enterprise and have the chance of winning £100. They will need to be in a group of 3 or 4 students to enter and be in Yrs 7, 8, 9 or 10.
If you are interested in the competition, then they should email Mr Fletcher tfletcher@cchsg.com to be added to the Microsoft Teams group and be provided with the template for their proposal.

Yrs 9 – 11 Netball Umpiring Workshops
Miss Thompson is looking to hold in-school Netball Umpiring workshops for students in Yrs 9-11. This will be primarily for students who wish to support PE staff with school fixtures and training sessions. Those that attend can put this towards their DofE volunteering, or it can also be used as the first steps for students who may be considering the England Netball umpiring pathway. The workshops will run over a few lunchtime sessions (dates to be confirmed). To firstly gauge if there is enough interest to hold these sessions, please could students write their name on the sign-up sheet which can be found on the PE noticeboard.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
15.01.2022	10.00 – 12.00	Essex Cross Country	Various	Writtle College	Various
18.01.2022	15.45 – 15.15	Netball	The Gilberd	Away	Yr 10
18.01.2022	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	TLA	Home	Yr 11
20.01.2022	14.30 – 17.30	Netball Essex Cup	Sandon	Away	U14
20.01.2022	15.30 – 14.45	Netball Essex Cup	Beckett Keys	Home	U16

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

Safeguarding Update
This week Form Tutors have revisited the use of lanyards system we use in school with students from Yrs 7 – 13 to ensure all members of our school community are aware of what each colour represents and the schools' procedures. Please see the table below.

Blue Lanyard	Green Lanyard	Red Lanyard	Black Lanyard
			
• CCHSG Member of Staff	• Visitor • This person has a DBS • This person does not need to be accompanied on the school site	• Visitor • This person does not have a DBS (yet) • This person must be accompanied at all times on the school site and challenged if not	• CCHSG Sixth Form student • These are to be worn by students at all times and they must be challenged if not

Green = go **Red = stop them dead**

Students have been reminded that if they see an adult on-site who is wearing a red lanyard or no lanyard unaccompanied, to tell a member of staff immediately and to not approach them.

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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.

Careers Information

Anglian Water Apprenticeships
Anglian Water's Level 3 & 4 Operational Apprenticeships are now live and applications will remain open until Sunday 13 February.
Please follow the link to see opportunities in Essex and Suffolk.
https://awg.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/AW/job/Essex/Anglian-Water-Apprenticeships---Essex---Suffolk_R14755-1
In addition, their Apprenticeship booklet contain, details about their different programmes, the qualifications available to work towards and the type of person each role would suit, video content to helps bring the roles to life!
https://anglianwatercareers.co.uk/early-careers/apprentices/
Any questions can be directed to earlycareers@anglianwater.co.uk.

Unifrog Skills & Enterprise Week 2022
A week dedicated to helping students boost their employability skills and getting them ready for the workplace, from 31 January – 4 February they are running a student competition, student skills development webinars, and webinars, all based around the **key skills that employers are looking for**.
For full information and to sign up please go to https://email.unifrog.org/t/r-l-trhtlylt-byuhhjuay-t/

INVESTIN Spring Term Career Opportunities
Registration is now open for their Spring term career opportunities; **s**tudents will from doctors, forensic scientists, architects, MPs, filmmakers, engineers and more, through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made, professional experience for ages 12-18.
Ages 12 - 14 Career Experience Programmes: book your place
Ages 15 - 18 Career Experience Programmes: book your place

Community Information

Essex Libraries – Everyone's Library Service 2022 – 2026 Draft Plan
Essex residents are urged to have your say on the draft plan intended to transform the Library service over the next four years, by completing an online survey. Please see https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/everyoneslibrary/ for full details and the survey via https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/libraries-survey/. Deadline to complete the survey is 21 January 2022.

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

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Menu for w/c 17 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Beef Burger, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Green Beans	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £3				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Pancakes	White Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Tomato & Basil	Leek & Potato	Minestrone	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato	French Onion

Correspondence Sent out this Week:
All Yrs: We Will Rock You Participation Permission
Yr 8: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
Yr 10: Parent Consultation Evening
Yrs 10 and 11: GCSE Revision Workshops for Parents/Carers
Yr 12: Permission to Leave Early - Free Periods

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Bushcraft Residential Programme	Friday 28 January
All Yrs	We Will Rock You Participation Permission	Friday 28 January

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum
Well done to everyone who entered last week, the solution to last week's conundrum will be published in next week's Bulletin.

Word of the Week for w/c 17 January
Next week the word is: **DISPARAGE** – to speak of or treat slightingly.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. **Spring Term Dates for Your Diary**
   - **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 31 January, 19.30 – 21.00 – see attached agenda
   - **Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale:** Saturday 19 March, 09.00 – 13.00

   Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.
   - **Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents:** Friday 25 March, 19.00 – 21.00

   TBC (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)
   - **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 28 March, 19.30 – 21.00
   - **Quiz & Curry Night:** Friday 22 April, 19.00 – 21.30, TBC (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)

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

2. **Second Hand Uniform Shop – Volunteers needed**

At CCHSG, we have a team of very dedicated volunteers who continually look at ways to generate funds in aid of the school. Our second hand uniform shop has been a steady source of income bringing in an average of £7,000 annually. There is however, a need for more volunteers to come forward to help with washing, ironing and mending the items donated before they go on sale. Ideally, we would like to establish a team of at least 4-6 people, who can be part of a weekly rota, collecting items from the designated wheelie bins. Most of the volunteers currently working on this scheme have children who will be leaving CCHSG soon so we would like to encourage parent volunteers from Years 7 and 8 to come forward so that we can continue to provide this useful service to our community.

4. **PTFA Virtual Market Place**

CCHSG PTFA has a Virtual Market on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this opportunity 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?

5. **Raise FREE donations for CCHSG PTFA via Easyfundraising & AmazonSmile**

Here are two simple ways that you can support the school whilst you shop online for all your travel, business or family needs.

- You can sign up and help us by choosing to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA on the **AmazonSmile** website, or search for AmazonSmile on www.easyfundraising.org.uk or the App. You will then be directed to AmazonSmile.
- Sign up to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA for all other online purchases via **Easyfundraising** at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/ Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising retailers donate money to CCHSG PTA, completely free or scan the QR-code

6. **Fundraising Ideas**

   If you have ideas that could help generate funds and/or create virtual social opportunities for the PTFA community, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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

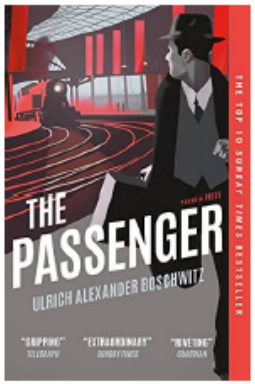
Enjoy History? Or love reading? Join...

History Book Club!

The Passenger

By Ulrich Alexander Boschwtiz

Recommended: All Years



Contribute to discussions/questions on the book in the Teams group.

We will also meet to discuss in person in March.

Berlin, November 1938.

With Nazi storm troopers battering against his door, Otto Silberman must flee out the back of his own home. He emerges onto streets thrumming with violence: it is Kristallnacht, and synagogues are being burnt, Jews rounded up and their businesses destroyed.

Turned away from establishments he had long patronised, betrayed by friends and colleagues, Otto finds his life as a respected businessman has dissolved overnight. Desperately trying to conceal his Jewish identity, he takes train after train across Germany in a race to escape this homeland that is no longer home.

Twenty-three-year-old Ulrich Boschwitz wrote The Passenger at breakneck speed in 1938, fresh in the wake of the Kristallnacht pogroms, and his prose flies at the same pace. Shot through with Hitchcockian tension, The Passenger is a blisteringly immediate story of flight and survival in Nazi Germany.

The book was forgotten about for 80 years and rediscovered in 2018 and reprinted with a new translation. It is now a Times bestseller!

Books can be borrowed from libraries or bought from Red Lion Bookshop at 125 High Street, Colchester through the school's ParentPay at a discount - £6.99

Rotary



COULD THIS BE *YOU* IN 2022 ?

Colchester Rotary Festival of Music and Drama

Headgate Theatre Colchester

March 26th and 27th 2022

Classes for all ages and abilities, groups, soloists instrument, singing, speech and drama

Visit: www.colchesterrotaryfestival.org for further information and registration

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Virtual Open Evening

Thurs 20 January, 2022
6 - 7pm

See Website to Book

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