Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
15 July 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

We wish all students and their families a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	July	16	DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Sunday	July	17	DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition

Monday Week **A**	July	18	**Last Day of Term for Students** Activities Day Yr 7 End of Year Activities Day Yr 8 Essex Outdoors Mersea Activity Day Yr 9 Cinema Trip Yr 10 Thorpe Park Yr 12 Wellness Reboot Day DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Tuesday	July	19	Academy Day DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday	July	20	Academy Day DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Thursday	July	21	Academy Day DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Friday	July	22	Summer Holiday DofE Gold Equipment Return 15.45 – 18.30

Dates for the First Week of Term

Thursday	Sep	1	Non Pupil Day Staff Meetings
Friday	Sep	2	Non Pupil Day

Monday **Week A**	Sep	5	ALL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL Yr 9 MADE Training Workshop Yr 12 MADE Training Workshop
Tuesday	Sep	6	
Wednesday	Sep	7	
Thursday	Sep	8	School Photographs Yr 12 Information Evening and Tutor Consultation Evening
Friday	Sep	9	

Votes for Schools
This week's topic was: **Do we know enough about South Asian heritage?**

Arrangements for Results Days
Please find below the arrangements for results days:

Yr 13	A Level Results	Thursday 18 August 08.30 – 09.30
Yr 12	EPQ Results	Thursday 18 August 09.30 – 10.00
Yr 11	GCSE Results	Thursday 25 August 09.00 – 10.00
Yr 10	GCSE Results	Thursday 25 August 09.45 – 10.15
Yr 9	Level 2 Project	Thursday 25 August 09.45 – 10.15

Further information will be available on the CCHSG website in the Examination Administration area by the end of July.

Yr 5 Tours
We thank the students in Yrs 7 and 8 who acted as tour guides for the recent school tours for Yr 5 students and their parents. As families left the school we received high praise from the parents. They all commented how polite, respectful and knowledgeable the students were and what a credit they were to the school.

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

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Activities Day – Monday 18 July

Yr 7 End of Year Activities Day: students will be participating in activities in Art, Music and PE in school. This is an exciting day to continue team building ahead of the transition to Yr 8. Students should arrive in their school PE kit and should bring their Art overall. After lunch students will be in their Form Rooms and will have the opportunity to watch a film, play games and relax with their peers.

Yr 8 Essex Outdoors Mersea Activity Day: the visit will provide an opportunity for students to experience outdoor activities whilst enhancing their social and group skills, leaving school at 09.00 prompt (students should arrive at school at normal time) and returning at approximately 16.45. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and wear appropriate non-uniform for physical activities that may include climbing, obstacle course and rope skills. The school PE kit can be worn as an appropriate alternative. We would recommend they bring sunscreen, a hat and drink plenty of fluids.

Yr 9 Cinema Trip: students are welcome to wear non-uniform, however this is not mandatory. Usual non-uniform expectations apply for the duration of the day; students should dress appropriately and wear suitable footwear. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low-cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. We estimate on returning to school between 12.30 – 12.45, after lunch students will be involved in games and activities, finishing the school day at the usual time of 15.35

Yr 10 Thorpe Park, 07.00 – 18.30 approx. A reminder that this is an outdoor event and appropriate clothing and shoes are essential, including waterproof clothing and sun cream/sun hat. Students should not wear shorts, short skirts (above the knee), strappy, cropped/low cut tops or playsuits. Anyone wearing inappropriate attire will not be permitted to take part in the trip. Students should bring a water bottle and a packed lunch or money to buy food.

Yr 12 Wellness Reboot Day: an opportunity for students to access eight aspects of their wellbeing and any of these areas that need replenishing will be focused on throughout the Reboot Day, culminating in rebalancing and helping students to become healthier and happier for the Summer. **Students should bring on a** packed lunch in sustainable/recyclable container or pre-order cold food from the canteen, a refillable water bottle and a blanket or towel for Yoga and picnic. **Students should wear a**ppropriate PE kit (as worn on PE days i.e. joggers and a sports top; no crop tops, vest tops, 'short' shorts, trainers and sunscreen and hat or waterproof

Students in Yrs 8 – 10 not attending the Activity visits are expected to be in school where an alternative programme has been arranged. Any student absences should be reported in the usual way via the absence telephone line.

Lost Property

Unnamed items handed in during the Summer Term will be on display in the Foyer again on Monday 18 July. Students can view items via the link on the Student Bulletin. Any remaining items unclaimed will be disposed of.

CCHSG 500 Club – Winners of the Final (July) Draw

All winners will be contacted by telephone or email.
First Prize £189: ticket 98918-1643230 – parent of a student in Yr 9
Second Prize £113: ticket 98918-1722569 – parent of a student in Yr 7
Third Prize £76: ticket 98918-1644276 – parent of a student in Yr 7

This is the final draw of the year. Our thanks go to all those generous parents and staff who have purchased tickets in support of the school. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students.

PTFA Grand Raffle Draw Summer 2022

We are delighted that the PTFA Grand Raffle Draw Summer 2022 raised £565.25. Our thanks go to all those who purchased tickets for the draw in support of the PTFA. The winners will be notified by telephone:
1st Prize – £100 cash prize - ticket number 167174 – 2493234
2nd Prize – Luxury Platinum Jubilee Hampers - ticket Number 167174 – 2498078
3rd Prize – Afternoon Tea for Two Voucher - ticket Number 167174 – 2346007

Music ABRSM Examination Success

We congratulate a student in 8O for achieving the ABRSM Grade 7 Piano and ABRSM Grade 4 Violin, well done!

Dedham Vale Mighty Hike – Miss Barrett's Charity Event

Despite injury and covid setbacks Miss Barrett is completing the Dedham Vale Mighty Hike (Marathon length) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 30 July. If you would like to support her, you can donate to her JustGiving page by clicking here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ClairesMightyHike22 . We wish her well with the event!

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Curricular and Enrichment Activities

CCHSG Summer Reading Challenge(s) 2022
Please see poster included below for challenges students can complete for enjoyment over the Summer Holiday. There will be prizes for each year group and a chance to write for The Kilt! Happy reading!

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.

Careers Information

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

Advice From Former Student – Maddie Spence
I left CCHSG in Summer 2014 and the time has gone so quickly! I went straight from school to King's College London to study Medicine. I did a five-year course and graduated in 2019 - very luckily managing a beautiful in person graduation ceremony which lots of people subsequently missed out on ...
My first two "foundation years" working as a doctor were made somewhat unique due to Covid-19. The first year I worked in Tunbridge Wells, and then in Brighton. This year, I've had a sort of late gap year; I moved back to Colchester to save some money working in A&E and interspersed this with several long trips abroad. I am soon starting a new job - 'Clinical Teaching Fellow', delivering bedside teaching to undergraduate students. My ultimate goal is to become a GP; I like community care, getting to know whole families and the social and psychological aspects of medicine. I want to maintain my interest in Medical Education, and be a "portfolio GP", which essentially means lots of different bits and pieces!
My advice would be to take each stage at a time – you learn so much about yourself and what you enjoy as you go along, and there is no rush to reach a particular stage by a particular time.

Community Information

Essex Youth Service - Summer Fun Programme
Please see the flyer below from Essex Youth Services for opportunities for young people aged 13 – 19 years (25 with SEND). https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/summer-fun-programme-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.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit for the end of Term
Student Lunch Order for Monday 18 July

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 7-10 and 12: Instrumental Music Lessons
Yr 8: Essex Outdoors Mersea Activities Trip – Information for Parents
Yr 9: EPQ Level 2 Information – Information for Parents
Yr 9: Computing Trip to The Centre of Computing History (Computing students only)
Yr 10: Examination Result and Post-Results Services
Yr 10: Computing Trip to The Centre of Computing History (Computing students only)
Yr 10: Thorpe Park
Yr 11: Celebration Evening Photograph Purchase
Yr 12: EPQ Information
Yr 13: Leaver's Ball Photograph Purchase

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7-10 and 12	Instrumental Music Lessons	Wednesday 7 September
Yr 9	Computing Trip to The Centre of Computing History	Monday 5 September
Yr 11	Celebration Evening Photograph Purchase	Sunday 17 July
Yr 10	Computing Trip to The Centre of Computing History	Monday 5 September
Yr 13	Leaver's Ball Photograph Purchase	Friday 22 July

Word of the Week for w/c 18 July
Next week the word is: **TENDENTIOUS** – having or showing a definite tendency, bias or purpose.

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1. **Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary**
   - **PTFA AGM and Ordinary Meeting:** Monday 26 September 19.30 – 21.00 Please see Notice of AGM, Agenda and Job Descriptions for PTFA Officers and Committee Members attached to this Bulletin

   - **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 *(further details below)*.

2. **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, 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

3. **Advertise our Christmas Market through Beresfords Estate Agent's Boards**
   This year, once again, we are delighted to have our Christmas Market advertised by Beresfords Estate Agents. 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, preferred email and contact telephone details.

CCHSG PTFA would like to thank you all for your tremendous support in 2021/22 academic year and wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in September 2022!

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



CCHSG Summer reading Challenge(s) 2022

1. Complete a series of books
2. Read everything by one author
3. Explore a country you would like to visit
4. Read 10 Classic novels
5. Explore Classic retellings
6. Create your own book club and get your family involved

You can complete the above for enjoyment or email a presentation to ccroxson@cchsg.com with what you have read over the summer- there will be prizes for each year group and a chance to write for The Kilt! Good luck and happy reading!

YOUTH SERVICE | Inspire Enable Achieve

Summer Fun 2022

Come and join Essex Youth Service on a FREE, fun and engaging summer programme for 13-19 year olds (up to 25 with SEND). Available at venues across the county



YOUTH SERVICE | Essex County Council

You can't miss this!

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Scan the QR code or visit https://youth.essex.gov.uk

Week One 25-27th July:
Basildon- Timberlog Youth Centre
Braintree- Chapel Hill Youth Centre

Week Two 1st-3rd Aug:
Colchester- Townhouse Youth Centre
Brentwood- The Hermit Youth Centre

Week Three 8th-10th Aug:
Clacton- Green Lodge Youth Centre
Chelmsford- Galleywood Youth Centre

Week Four 15-17th Aug:
Harlow- Hare St Youth Centre
Halstead- Halstead Resource Centre

Expedition: 22nd and 23rd Aug
For more information email:
youth.workeessex.gov.uk

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