Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
15 October 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:
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Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week **A**	Oct	18	Assembly: Yr 7 Yr 11 SLT Discussions Period 3 Yr 11 Progress Check 1 to Parents School Tours Following 11+ Results 16.30
Tuesday	Oct	19	Assembly: Yrs 8, 9 10, 11, 12 & 13 Yr 9 Geography/History Matrix Day Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Evaluation Write-Up
Wednesday	Oct	20	Yr 11 Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.15
Thursday	Oct	21	**NON PUPIL DAY** School Improvement Planning Day Governor Improvement Planning Morning
Friday	Oct	22	**NON PUPIL DAY**

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 October
A reminder that there is no school for students on these days due to staff training. Staff and Governors will be working on the School Improvement Plan on Thursday 21 October.
School resumes on Monday 1 November which will be Week B

Student Home Testing
We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should be recorded via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
Our whole community are all trying to keep infection rates as low as possible and prioritise the education of our students.
We are leaving windows open – good ventilation and air flow is part of our Covid-19 control measures and encourage regular handwashing.

Cultural Day – Friday 15 October
Thank you to all students and staff who participated in our Non-Uniform Day today, and for the donations made via ParentPay. All donations from Sixth Form students will be contributed to the #NoBarriersToLearn scheme organised by the charity Black Girls Camping Trip. The scheme provides stationery to students who would otherwise not have access to enough for their education; 1 in 5 students who receive Free School Meals also report that they do not have enough resources such as books for their education as a result of the cost. Products are delivered to those who need them sustainably, via food banks, educational charities, and youth and disability centres across London. Many thanks once again for your involvement and donations.

Yr 9 Geography/History Matrix Days – Tuesday 19 October
Yr 9 will be off timetable for the day, as part of the enrichment matrix days, where they get the chance to experience a flexible and balanced curriculum now they are a three year Key Stage 4.
Students who study History will be in the Hall with Geography staff, those who study Geography will be in History classrooms with History staff, students will need to bring a pen. Those who study both subjects will be in the Hall with the Geography department. We hope students enjoy the day and find it enriching.

Yr 11 Parent Consultation Evening, Wednesday 20 October from 16.15 – 19.15
Parents have been invited to the virtual Yr 11 Parent Consultation Evening which will be via the video system hosted by SchoolCloud. All appointments will be four minutes in length with a one minute break in between. Parents should see the letter with for details of how to book and to attend appointments sent out on Tuesday 12 October.

Yr 11 CCHSG Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 4 November 18.00 – 20.30
Yr 11 students and parents are invited to find out more about life in our Sixth Form at our blended Open Evening. The Sixth Form will be open for bookable tours and staff and students will be available to discuss subject choices. Running in parallel, we will also have a virtual Open Evening Tour and talks available via our website www.cchsg.com. Bookings to visit the Sixth Form for the Open Evening can be accessed via the following link: https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BHGU

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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Yr 11 The Sixth Form College, Colchester - Open Evenings 20 & 21 October, 18.15 – 21.15
The college look forward to welcoming visitors on site, they ask that all visitors read the important safety information, accessed via the following weblink, before they arrive: https://www.colchsfc.ac.uk/admissionsevents/

PE Department Netball Dresses
If Student have borrowed a school Netball dress please can they return it to the PE Department – we are very short on dresses meaning teams cannot wear them at matches. The PE Department would be grateful for any donations of dresses that are now too small or no longer needed. Thank you.

Art Department: Appeal for Crochet Club Supplies
Crochet Club has recently started on Friday lunchtimes for all years, we are appealing for any donations for additional crochet hooks and wool that you may no longer need and would be happy to donate. Items can be taken to the Art department. Many thanks.

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.

CCHSG 500 Club 2021/22
We are seeking the continued support of our school community with the CCHSG 500 Club for the 2021/2022 academic year. Membership takes the form of a one off payment of £40, which entitles participants to be entered into ten monthly draws over the academic year for prize money of up to £500. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. The ticket purchase portal is now open via https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU
Please purchase your tickets by 16.00 Tuesday 19 October, ahead of the first draw of ten which takes place on 20 October. Terms and condition apply and can be found on our website https://www.cchsg.com/500-club-rules/

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
19.10.2021	15.10 – 17.30	Netball tournament	Various	Away	Yr 7

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

PE Clubs Timetable
Please find at the end of the Bulletin the PE Clubs timetable for next half term.

Calling all Enthusiastic Linguists – Rosetta Stone Access
The Rosetta Stone package offers students the choice of teaching themselves 30 different languages including French, German, Latin, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Polish, Russian and many more. They will learn the language using total immersion techniques, working independently through units at their own speed, practising speaking, listening, reading and writing on the computer. The programme gives instant feedback on how they are doing and helps them to improve independently.
They will have full access during the School Club and they can work in their own time at home for a ten week period. There will be a small charge of £25 for attending the club, which should be paid via ParentPay. If students wish to take part, they should email Mr Snow ASAP via ssnow@cchsg.com places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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School Will Rock You
Thank you to all those who have auditioned, we hope to post the full cast list no later than Monday 17 October. After this point, all students involved with the production will need to check the notice board very carefully as rehearsals will start straight after the half term holiday. We are looking forward to working with all the students next half term, Mrs Cudmore-Rice and Mrs Jeffries.

Calling All Yr 7 & 8 Science Reading Fans
We have been selected as 1 of 530 schools to join the Royal Society's judging panel of their Young People's Book Prize 2021. We have six shortlisted Science books to read and review and decide which one is the winner. Our votes then join the other schools to decide on the overall winner of their annual prize. The shortlisted books are very varied can be found here: https://royalsociety.org/news/2021/09/shortlist-young-people-book-prize-21/
If students would like to get involved and be on the judging panel, enjoy Science and read relatively quickly then should email Dr Martin for more details.

Music Clubs
New! Boomwhacker Club: Monday lunchtimes 12.45 – 13.20 in M12. Open to Yr 9 and above. Sign up on the sheet outside the M Block exit.
New! Recorder Group – Friday lunchtimes 12.50 – 13.20 in M19. All Yrs welcome with Grade 1 and above.
New! Advanced Ensembles – All Yrs welcome, for those who play any instrument Grade 6 and above. Opportunities to create smaller ensembles such as trios, quartets and bands. Pop in and speak to Mrs Jefferies in the Music Office to find out more.

Q&A with Philip Davies, Conservative MP – Monday 1 November 08.30 – 09.30
Mr Paz is asking Form Tutors to nominate two students from their Form to take part in a webinar on Monday 1 November 08.30 – 09.30 in the Lecture Theatre. Students taking part need to be certain they will make it to school by 08.30.
Philip Davies MP holds the title of the most rebellious serving Conservative MP, having voted against his party over 250 times in the course of his parliamentary career. He has controversial views on many matters and this is a great opportunity for young people to put across their perspective and ask him some tricky questions!

E-Safety Information – What Parents Need to Know About Social Media Scams
On any social media platform, you will often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.
Beware of the following:

- Threats disguised as quizzes
- Angler phishing scams
- Untrustworthy URLs
- 'Payment first' scams
- Malicious a¬ downloads
- Clickjacking for fake rewards

Try to always:

- Set strong passwords
- Avoid opening suspicious emails
- Protect your personal information
- Review your privacy settings
- Choose trusted download sources
- Install anti-virus software

Please see guide attached to find more information and tips on how to avoid you or your child becoming a victim of online scams.

How to choose maturity ratings or block shows on Netflix
Whilst families often sit down and watch TV together, teenagers are increasingly watching series and content on their devices that you might not know much about or would not want them to watch. Squidgames is popular on Netflix at the moment, it is 15+ in its ratings, but is the content right for your child? Rather run the risk of exposing them to content that is inappropriate or not age appropriate, you can control online streaming accounts like Netflix. Remember you should be 18+ to be an owner of a Netflix account.
Below is how you can control the content of Netflix and any sub-accounts on the main account:

- From a web browser, go to your Account page
- Open the **Profile & Parental Controls** settings for the profile you want to manage
- Change the **Viewing Restrictions** setting
- Enter your Netflix password
- Set the maturity rating level or the TV shows and movies you want to allow in that profile
- Select **Save**. TV shows and movies above the selected maturity level will be removed from the profile

We ask all parents to check that what their teenager is watching online is age appropriate.

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Wellbeing Information
Any student who feels they need wellbeing support should contact their Year Leader who can advise and signposts suitable resources and support organisations.
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.

Community Information

Arriva Student Travel 2021 – 2022
Please see poster below from Arriva detailing their Student Saver Tickets which may be of interest.

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 meal account is in credit.

Student Lunch Order

Sixth Form Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 18 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham, Cheese & Leek Pasta with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Sausages, Chips & Beans	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Non-Pupil Day**
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Naan Bread	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Non-Pupil Day**
Main Meal £3				
Syrup Sponge with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Non-Pupil Day**
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	Tomato & Basil	Leek & Potato	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Non-Pupil Day**

Correspondence Sent out this Week:
All Yrs: Letter to Parents from Secretaries of State for Education and Health and Social Care
Yrs 7 – 11: Outstanding Covid-19 Vaccinations
Yr 8: Healthy Living X Band Rotation 2
Yr 8: Risk Avert
Yr 9: DofE Bronze Award Scheme
Yr 10: DofE Bronze Award Scheme
Yr 11: Parent Consultation Evening
Yr 11: DofE Bronze Award Scheme Certificate of Achievement
Yr 11: Sixth Form Open Evening Invite
Yr 11: GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials
Yr 12: Level 3 EPQ Review of Marking Information
Yrs 12 & 13: Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Scheme

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Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7 & 8	KS3 Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 15 October
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Award Scheme	Monday 18 October
Yrs 9-11	KS4 Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 22 October
Yr 11	DofE Bronze Award Scheme Certificate of Achievement	Monday 18 October
Yr 11	GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials	Monday 1 November
Yrs 12 & 13	DofE Gold Award Scheme	Monday 18 October
Yrs 12 & 13	Geography Review Subscription	Friday 15 October
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Thursday 21 October

Word of the Week for w/c 18 October
Next week the word is: **NEGLIGIBLE** – so small, trifling or unimportant that it may safely be neglected or disregarded.

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PTFA
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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. **Diary Dates for Autumn Term (2021/2022 Academic Year)**
   - **PTFA Meeting – Monday 8 November 19.30 – 21.00**
     All are welcome to this meeting to discuss events/fundraising for the 2021/2022 academic year
   - **Second Hand Uniform & Revision Book Sale – Saturday 27 November 10.00 – 14.00**
     Further details to follow.

2. Christmas Market - now virtual!

With regret, after much thought and consideration, given the ongoing number of Covid-19 cases in the community, the PTFA Committee has decided our best course is to cancel the existing in- person event and revise our plans. Unfortunately, we cannot risk the possibility that the event could be cancelled at the last minute, and even if we decided to proceed, there would be no guarantee that after the hard work of preparation and planning, it would attract sufficient visitor numbers to make it worthwhile. We have also considered the time and costs incurred by our stallholders and the logistics involved in ensuring appropriate social distancing during such an event.

We cannot thank you enough for your involvement in our previous annual Christmas Markets and for your patience and support. A special shout out to the management of **Beresfords Estate Agents, Colchester** for their fantastic support and agreeing to fund the advertising boards for this year's event. Rest assured that all being well, our Christmas Market will be back next year.

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?

3. Second Hand Uniform & Revision Book Sale – Saturday 27 November 10.00 – 14.00

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will still take place on 27 November 10.00 – 14.00. Further details and booking form to follow. 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. Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.

4. Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

If you have ideas that could help generate funds and/or create social opportunities for the PTFA community, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com.
Here are two simple ways that you can already support the school whilst you shop online for the upcoming festive season including Diwali and Christmas.

- **Easyfundraising** - Thank you to everyone for raising funds for Colchester County High School for Girls PTA with Easyfundraising. If you have not signed up yet, it is easy and completely FREE. 6,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping – at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up now at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/
- AmazonSmile - You now need to search for amazon 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.

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

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



PE Clubs and Practices (Autumn Term 2021)
Monday 1 November – Friday 3 December 2021
CHRISTMAS VOLLEYBALL INTERFORM: w/c 6 December

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08:00-08:30	**Morning Swim** Years 7-8 (PCA) 	**Table Tennis** Gym All Years (PCA & TTH) 	**Netball Team Training** (NWI, OTH) 	**Morning Swim** Years 10-13 (PCA & NWI) 	
Lunch-time 12:40-13:05	**GCSE Netball Support** (NWI) **Run Club** (SBA)  **Dance** All Years - Gym (OTH & TTH)  **Badminton – Sports Hall** Years 9-13 (PCA) 	**Sports Leaders** (PCA) **Badminton** Sports Hall Years 7-8 (OTH & TTH)  **Football** All Years (SBA & DWI)  **Swimming** Years 7-8 (NWI) 	**Netball** Year 7-9 (NWI) **GCSE and A Level Theory Support** (OTH & Student Mentors) **Table Tennis** All Years - Gym (PCA)  **Tag Rugby** All Years - Field (DWI/ SBA & JWA) 	**Basketball -** All years - Sports Hall (PCA & Student Helper) **Thursday Fun Day** Gym Year 9-13 (DWI & JWA) **Swimming** Beginner Swimming (NWI & Student Helpers) 	**Friday Fun Day** Years 7-8 (NWI, TTH) **Swimming** Years 9-13 (PCA)  **Netball** Year 10-13 (OTH) 
After school 15:45-16:45	**SCHOOL MEETINGS**	**FIXTURES EVENING**  **Netball Year 7-9 Team Training** (NWI, OTH, PCA) 	**FIXTURES EVENING**  **Netball Year 10-13 Team Training** (NWI, OTH) 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	**STAFF SPORT** 



Boomwhacker Club

Monday lunchtimes

M12

12:45pm – 1:20pm

Open to Year 9 and above- 16 spaces

Sign-up sheet at M block exit

ADVANCED ENSEMBLES

Open to any instrument
Grade 6 and above

Ever fancied playing in a smaller group such as a JAZZ QUARTET, POP BAND or a PIANO TRIO?

Or do you already play in a small group or band?

POP IN AND SPEAK TO MRS JEFFERIES IN THE MUSIC OFFICE TO FIND OUT MORE

RECORDER GROUP

ALL YEARS WELCOME
Grade 1 and above

Friday lunchtimes
12:50-13:20pm
M19