Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
18 March 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

Saturday	Mar	19	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A Training Day 09.00 – 17.00 PTFA Nearly New Sale 09.00 – 16.00
Sunday	Mar	20	
Monday Week **A**	Mar	21	Assembly: Yrs 12 & 13 via Teams Yr 8 Examinations Yr 11 Assessments Yr 11 Progress Check 2 to Parents
Tuesday	Mar	22	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 via Teams Yr 8 Examinations Yr 11 Assessments
Wednesday	Mar	23	Assembly: Yrs 7 & 8 via Teams e-Safety Whole School Event Yr 8 Examinations Yr 11 Assessments Fair Access Programme 16.00 – 17.00
Thursday	Mar	24	Assembly: Yr 9 via Teams Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 10 RS Report and Examination Results to Parents Yr 11 Assessments Yr 13 Progress Check 2 to Parents Former Yr 13 Certificate Tea
Friday	Mar	25	Non-Uniform Charity Day Sixth Form Charity Day Yr 7 PTFA Welcome Party Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group B Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 Assessments
Saturday	Mar	26	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A Training Day 09.00 – 17.00 Yr 11 Historical Association Great Debate Competition

We continue to urge everyone to regular hand wash and practice respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it). Windows should be opened to ensure ventilation. Face masks are a personal choice and recommended in communal areas.
It is recommended that individuals should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result.

VotesforSchools
The topic for next week is: **Are neurodiversity labels helpful?**
This is to celebrate Neurodiveristy week (21.03 to 27.03.2022) which challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

Yr 8 KS4 Information Evening
The presentation and Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide 2022-2025 are both on the school website, www.cchsg.com, in the Year 8 Curriculum area. The presentation will provide information about the curriculum students will study during Yrs 9, 10 and 11. If you require further subject information, please contact the Head of Department via email office@cchsg.com) The deadline for the online form will be Tuesday 3 May and the link will be sent at the end of April.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 25 March
11E are organising the day to support the charity Save the Children. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing items of white clothing appropriate to their chosen theme of Peace and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay. However, as with all non-uniform days, students should dress appropriately for a working school day 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. If students have PE on this day they are required to bring PE kit to change into and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.

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

Parent Weekly Bulletin – 18 March 2022

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 25 March
The Head Student Team are organising the day to support Girls out Loud, a charity dedicated to raising the aspirations of teenage girls in the UK. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay to wear more casual clothes for the day, in the colours purple, white and green. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low-cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply.

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
There will be no Healthy Living next week due to the Yr 8 examinations. 8Y Rotation 5 and 8X Rotation 6 will be re-arranged, date to be advised.

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.

e-Safety Information – Whole School e-Safety Event – Wednesday 23 March
The event will involve Yrs 7-10 during the school day, staff after-school training event and a parent workshop in the evening. The parent workshop will run 19.30 – 21.00 and will be extremely informative. Tickets are free of charge, available via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNHT. Please refer to the letter sent to parents on Monday 7 March for full details.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
21.03.2022	08.45 – 13.30	Badminton	Various	Away	U14 & U16
22.03.2022	15.45 – 16.45	Netball		Home	A Level
23.03.2022	14.45 – 17.30	Netball Essex Cup Final	Brentwood	Away	U14
23.03.2022	15.45 – 16.45	Netball	St Mary's	Away	Yr 10
24.03.2022	15.45 – 16.45	Netball	Philip Morant	Home	Yrs 10 & 11

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

Yr 13 A Level Biology Revision – Wednesdays 12.15 – 13.15 in F13
These will continue each week on Wednesday, picking up a different topic/skill. Next week we will be looking at approaching 6 marker questions, focusing on the biotechnology topic.

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision – Thursdays 12.45 – 13.15 in F13
These will continue each week on Thursdays, picking up a different topic/skill. Students are welcome to being their lunch. Next week we will be a drop-in session with any queries on the assessment topics, as the assessment is taking place on Friday afternoon.

Yr 11 GCSE History Revision
Weekly revision sessions for Yr 11 History students continue every Monday in T21 from 12.45 (students are welcome to being their lunch). Each week will focus on a different examination question and therefore all History students are encouraged to attend.

Parent Weekly Bulletin – 18 March 2022

Debate Club – Tuesday, Lunchtime in T20
Topic is: "This House believes that support for refugees is inadequate".

Yr 12 A level Mathematics – SUMS (Steps to University for Mathematical Students)
The latest issue of SUMS, a monthly web-magazine from AMSP for Yr 12 A level Mathematics students, is now available to read. **SUMS** aims to encourage and support applications to university Mathematics courses.
See this month's issue for an introduction to game theory, and to hear about life at the University of Oxford from Lucy who is in the second term of her first year there. The issue also features an update on exactly what students should be doing if they are thinking of applying to read Mathematics at university: https://amsp.org.uk/resource/sums.

Careers & University Information

National Careers Week at CCHSG
National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.
During National Careers Week students at CCHSG had exposure to the world of work, learning how the subjects they are studying lead to a huge range of exciting, challenging careers, some of which will be pioneering others steeped in tradition and expertise.
Do continue to follow the Careers news in the Bulletin and eNewsletter for further careers 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.

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 21 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Lamb Fried Rice	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweet Corn	Seafood Tagliatelle with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Ratatouille (Vegan) with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £3				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Pancakes	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Minestrone (Vegan)	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: Instrumental Music Lessons
All Yrs: PTFA London Marathon
Yr 7: PTFA Welcome Party Information
Yr 10: Examination Information
Yr 12: A Level Biology Dissection Opportunity
Yr 13: Leavers Hoodies

Parent Weekly Bulletin – 18 March 2022

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Instrumental Music Lessons	Wednesday 30 March
Yr 7	Tickets for PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 18 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Tuesday 19 April
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 29 April
Yr 10	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 18 March
Yr 12	A Level Biology Dissection Opportunity	Wednesday 30 March
Yr 13	Leavers Hoodies	Tuesday 29 March

Word of the Week for w/c 21 March
Next week the word is **HOKUM** – out-and-out nonsense.

Colchester County High School for Girls
18 March 2022

PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
WISDOM GIVETH LIFE
CCHSG

1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Spring Term Nearly New Uniform & Book Sale for All Year Groups**: Saturday 19 March, 09.00-13.00
- **Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents**: Friday 25 March, 19.00-21.00, doors open from 18.30
- **PTFA Meeting: Monday 28 March**, 19.30-21.00 *(Agenda attached)*
- **Quiz & Curry Night**: **Friday 22 April**, 19.00-21.30, doors open from 18.30 Tickets are on sale now!

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

2. Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents/Carers - Friday 25 March 19.00 – 21.00 (doors open from 18.30)
Deadline for ticket purchase via Classlist is today, Friday 18 March.
We are pleased to invite students and parents of current Year 7 students to this rescheduled Welcome Party. Further details can be found in the letter sent to parents in February.

3. TCS London Marathon Public Ballot Results (Sunday 2 October 2022)
If you have been successful in obtaining a place via the Public Ballot which was announced on Monday 14 March for the TCS London Marathon 2022, to be run on Sunday 2 October, would you consider raising funds for Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA (Charity No. 1110464)? The CCHSG PTFA was unsuccessful in gaining a charity ballot place.

There is no limit to the number of runners who could represent our charity. If you would like to run for CCHSG PTFA or know someone else with a place who might be interested in doing so, please contact PTFA Chair Agness O'Brien at cchsgptfa@gmail.com by Wednesday 30 March. For further details, see letter from PTFA to parents and staff sent on Monday 14 March.

4. Spring Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale, Saturday 19 March 09.00 – 13.00
A reminder that the Nearly New Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will take place on Saturday 19 March (09.00 – 13.00) 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. Please try to avoid bringing siblings unless they are currently at the school and need to get uniform.
We regret that we cannot reserve items for anyone unable to attend the sale.

5.Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 22 April 2022, 19.00-21.30
Tickets for this popular event are selling fast!
This will be a sell-out event, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
Tickets are available via Classlist :-
Family (2 adults & 2 children up to 16 years) = £25 (limited availability)
Adult (17 and over) = £10 (selling very fast!)
Child (16 and under) = £5 (limited availability)
Notes:

1. Only cash payments please for Raffle tickets, licenced bar and purchase of additional meat dishes at this event.
2. If there are more than 2 children aged 16 or under attending with 2 adults, please purchase a Family ticket plus any additional child ticket(s) as required.
3. Ticket price includes a vegetarian meal. Meat dishes available to purchase on the night.
4. No external food or drinks allowed at this event.
5. Last date for ticket purchase is **Friday 15 April** but we strongly encourage those interested to get your tickets now as when they're gone, they're gone!

Tickets are only available via **Classlist**. If you are not yet registered with us on Classlist, please sign up on Classlist via www.classlist.com or scan the qr-code, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOs and Android.

6. Volunteering Opportunities
None of our planned events can run without the kind support of volunteer parents/carers. Could you help?
To sign up, please click on the link for the individual event to go to the signup sheet (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work). CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

Event	Volunteer Sign-up Link
Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents/Carers Friday 25 March 18.00 – 21.30	https://volunteersignup.org/ADCJH
Quiz & Curry Night Friday 22 April 2022 18.00 – 21.30	https://volunteersignup.org/QKQMH

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