Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
1 April 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 EASTER BREAK

Dates for Your Diary

DofE Gold Practice Expedition	Monday 11 April – Wednesday 13 April

Monday Week **A**	April	18	**BANK HOLIDAY**
Tuesday	April	19	**First Day of Summer Term** Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall DofE Gold Equipment Return 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	April	20	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall Yrs 7 – 10 Amber Atherton Finalist Day, Enterprise Event 12.30 – 15.30 Fair Access Programme
Thursday	April	21	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall Yr 8 Parent Consultation Evening for 8C,O&L
Friday	Apr	22	Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall Yr 8 Examination Deadline PTFA Quiz & Curry Night 19.00 – 21.00

We continue to urge our school community to ensure good hygiene.
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 or have had a positive test result.

VotesforSchools
The topic this week was: Should the Homes for Ukraine scheme be for more refugees?
In light of the recent Homes for Ukraine programme and its uptake in the UK, voters assess whether something similar could be effective for refugees from other parts of the world and what is currently in place.

Student Absence Reporting
Please report your child's absence via the absence line - 01206 576973 or to office@cchsg.com by 08.30 on each day of their absence. If we are unable to reach you regarding your child's absence, we will contact the emergency contacts held for your child.
Please provide notification of appointments, where possible – if not, please confirm this in writing to office@cchsg.com
Please do not send appointment notification emails to Form Tutors or Year Leaders.

Student Leave of Absence Requests
If your child has a planned absence from school for a whole day, please contact Reception to obtain a Leave of Absence form. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.
Please do not send Leave of Absence requests directly to Form Tutors or Year Leaders.
Thank you.

Uniform Reminder
We remind parents to check their child's skirt length before the return to school after the Easter holiday. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee.
Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring, worn in each earlobe, is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only.
False nails or nail polish should not be worn.
During the summer months white, navy or black ankle socks may be worn instead of tights.
See student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code. Thank you for your support.

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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Lunchtime Arrangements
In consultation with the Student Voice Team, the arrangements for queuing at lunchtime have gone back to the pre-Covid-19 arrangements, starting after Easter. This includes queuing for the Snack Shack, with the exception of pre-orders and paninis which can be collected from 12.35.

12.35 Priority for Yr 13 students (Yr 12 to collect their food from the Sixth Form Servery)
Lunchtime activity participants with passes (must be on the list held by Mr Gosling)
Pre-orders and Paninis

WEEK A		**WEEK B**	
12.40	Yr 11	**12.40**	Year 11
12.45	Yrs 9 & 10	**12.45**	Year 7 & 8
12.55	Yrs 7 & 8	**12.55**	Year 9 & 10
13.05	All Yrs who missed their allocated slot	**13.05**	All years who missed their allocated slot

Students must wear their Year Group badge. Hot food and drinks **must** be consumed in the Dining Hall.
Yrs 12 & 13 can take **covered** hot drinks to the Common Room only.
Bags must be put on the racks. No mobile phones out in the Dining Hall.
No eating in Form Rooms – eat in Dining Hall or outside only.
Students should follow the Form Room behaviour protocols devised by Student Voice when in their Form Room at wet break and lunchtime.

Yr 8 Parent Consultation Evening for 8C, 8O & 8L – Thursday 21 April, 16.15 – 19.15
Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud. Appointments will be available to book from Friday 1 April at 20.00
The Parent Consultation Evening for 8H, 8E and 8S will be on Thursday 28 April from 16.15 – 19.15. Parents can make appointments for this evening from 20.00 on Thursday 21 April.

CCHSG Language, Culture and Diversity Week 28 March – 1 April
A huge thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Language, Culture and Diversity Week delivering the presentations, the Big MFL Quiz, the cross-curricular activities and attending the lunchtime club activities. Winners for the Quiz are: 1st place: 11H, 2nd place: 10E & 10L, 3rd place: 9H, 10O & 11C. Well done!

2022 Chemistry Olympiad
Congratulations to the Yr 13 students for some extremely impressive results in the 2022 Chemistry Olympiad: three Gold and four Silver awards. Congratulations to all who took part.

March E-Newsletter Published
The E-Newsletter for this Half Term is now available via the website at: https://www.cchsg.com/latest-newsletter/
Do take a look to find out about some of the interesting activities that students have been involved in this Half Term. Items include International Women's Day, Young Enterprise & Economics Society, meet our Language Assistants, Amber Atherton Enterprise Award, STEM - Visiting Speakers & Science Week, World Book Day, A Level PE Trip to the University of Essex, Mathematics - M3 Modelling Challenge & UKIC Maths Challenge, Magistrates Mock Trial Competition, Microsoft Imagine Cup, European Youth Parliament and much more.

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: Healthy Living
After Easter the rotation is – **Tuesday 29 April is 8X Rotation 5**.
We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

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.

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Good mental health is as important as good physical health. As many of our students are preparing to take public examinations next month, now would be a good time to reflect on health and how we can promote and sustain positive physical and mental wellbeing. Below are some links that you can use over the holidays if you feel that your health needs a boost.

Stay Informed to support our students https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/truth_about_self-harm_NEW_BRAND_0.pdf
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/

Parental Support
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/
https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/



e-Safety Information
Following our successful whole school safety event on Wednesday 23 March, we would like to remind all students, staff and parents of the importance of staying safe online. There was a huge amount of valuable information provided to all who took part in the event. The training provider EST eSafety Training, known as the two Johns are excellent and the information and quality of presentation is outstanding.

We encourage everyone to visit their website for general or specific advice and where possible engage with them on social media. In particular the website has some very useful information and advice on applying privacy settings and how to talk to your child about their use of certain social media platform.

Website: *https://esafetytraining.org/*
Facebook: EST E Safety Training @The2johns
Instagram: johnsthe2
Twitter: The2Johns @JohnsThe2

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Clubs and Practices
The timetable for the Spring Term can be found below.

Art Club – Mondays 12.45 in G26
Art Club will be returning from Monday 26 April, run by the new Art Ambassadors. It's an opportunity to get creative and learn something new each week, all Years welcome, students should bring their lunch. See poster below.

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. After the Easter holiday we will continue to look at approaching 6 marker questions.

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. After the Easter holiday we will be continuing the plant transport topic for revision.

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.

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Summer Production Audition Notice
Please see below information and dates for auditions, after Easter.
Please also be aware that we will also be looking for a soloist to kick off the show – "The Greatest Show". This will be a big chorus number but will need a strong soloist. We will also need a soloist for the finale "The Black Parade", again, this is full cast number but will need soloist at the beginning.
If students are interested in either of these roles, they should listen to the pieces and be prepared to audition after the holiday.
Audition Dates:
Thursday 21 April, 15.35 – 16.45: Skits (film trailers) – Yr 9 and above
Thursday 28 April, 15.35 – 16.45: Harry Rings Lord of the Potters – Yr 9
Thursday 5 May, 15.35 – 17.00: Harry Rings Lord of the Potters – Yr 8 in M3 and music ensembles in M2
Thursday 12 May, 15.35 – 17.00: All singing and dancing auditions

Young Geographer of the Year 2022
The Society's Young Geographer of the Year Competition 2022 is now open to all students. The annual competition recognises the outstanding work of the next generation of geographers. This year's competition encourages thoughtful and creative responses to the theme: **Where, how and why?**
The deadline for receipt of all entries is Monday 3 October at 17.00. KS2, KS3 and KS4 students will produce an A3 size entry. This can be handmade (then sent in electronically via a scanned copy or photograph) or using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF, etc. KS5 students will produce an Esri StoryMap containing no more than 1,500 words.
For full details see the GeogSoc TEAMS page or speak to Mr King https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2022-competition/

Careers Information
Following on from last week's very successful Alumni 'Sharing Experiences' afternoon, where previous Yr 13s and current Yr 12s met and discussed everything students need to know for enjoying their first year at university alongside vital information regarding taking a gap year; working or travelling. This week we had a visit from a representative of the University of Essex on their Spring Tour who came to speak not only to our university applicants, but also to students thinking about going to university. The session provided an opportunity for student's individual questions to be addressed in an informal setting as well as providing up to date accurate information on applications, personal statements and student finance.



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.

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Student Lunch Order

Sixth Form Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 19 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Sausage Pasta Salad	Beefburger Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Breaded Cod, Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Bank Holiday	Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Bank Holiday	Apple Crumble with Custard	Cheesecake	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				
Bank Holiday	Minestrone (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 9 – 11: Ski Trip 2023 Consent (selected students)
Yr 11: GCSE Subject Easter Revision Sessions
Yr 13: A Level Subject Revision Sessions (selected students)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Tuesday 19 April
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 29 April
Yr 9	DTP and Meningitis Immunisation	Friday 6 May
Yrs 9 – 11	Ski Trip 2023 Consent Letter	Friday 29 April

Word of the Week for w/c 19 April
After the Easter Holiday the word is **MALLEABLE** – capable of being extended or shaped by hammering or by pressure from rollers.

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- **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. Year 7 Welcome Party for Parents/Carer and Students – THANK YOU!
A massive thank you to all those parents/carers and students who attended the Year 7 Welcome Party last Friday. The PTFA is very grateful to the parents, staff and the Sixth Form student volunteers who helped to make the event a huge success. It was a lovely social occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

3. Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 22 April, 19.00 – 21.30 in the Hall
This popular event will be a sell-out, 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, lease 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.

Our profound thanks to our regular Quizmaster, parent Julian Roper who runs 'Corporate Quiz Hire' (www.corporatequizhire.co.uk) for hosting this in person Quiz Night free of charge for the PTFA.

4. Volunteering Opportunities
None of our planned fundraising and social events can run without the kind support of volunteers.
Could you help?

- **Nearly New Uniform Donations – Volunteers needed**

Thanks to generous donations of uniform, our Nearly New Uniform Shop has been a steady source of income bringing in an average of £7,000 annually. We do, however, need 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 six people, who can be part of a rota, collecting items from the designated wheelie bins. With this number of volunteers, the commitment would be minimal, with each volunteer only needing to collect items once every six weeks. Most of the volunteers currently working on this scheme have children who will be leaving CCHSG soon so we would particularly 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. Please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com to find out more or to volunteer.

- **Quiz & Curry Night (Friday 22 April 17.00 – 21.30)**

Volunteers are needed for different time slots between 18.00 and 22.30 to help with a variety of tasks including set-up and clearing up. To sign up, please click on the link for the event to go to the volunteer signup sheet (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work). Volunteer Sign-up Link: https://volunteersignup.org/QKQMH CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

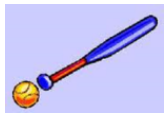
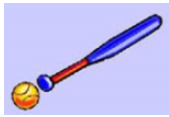
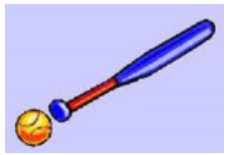
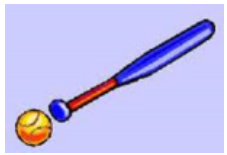
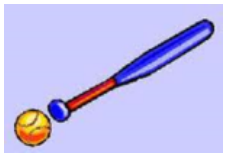
We wish you all an enjoyable and restful break!

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

PE Clubs and Practices (Spring Term 2022)

Monday 25 April – Friday 27 May 2022

Interform Rounders 23 – 27 May

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch-time 12:30-13:05	**Year 7 & 8 Rounders** (NWI, OTH & LDY)  **Cricket All Years** (PCA) 	**Athletics All Years** Track (Long Distance) and Jumps (SBA, DWI & LDY)  **Badminton - Sports Hall** All Years (JWA) 	**Athletics All Years** Track (Sprints) and Throws (NWI & PCA)  AQA www.aqa.org.uk	**Year 9 & 10 Rounders** (SBA, DWI & LDY)  **Sports Leaders** (PCA) SPORTS LEADERS **Beginners Swimming** (NWI) 	**Friday Fun Day** All Years (All staff)  **PE Soc- H3** (M.A & K.S) 
After school 15:45-16:45	**SCHOOL MEETINGS**	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	

ART CLUB

Enjoy art or learning something creative? Join us in G26 every

MONDAY

12:45 - 13:20

ALL YEARS WELCOME

No artistic skills required!



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Quiz & Curry

Friday 22 April 2022

Teams of 6-8 or we can find you a team

Doors Open 18.30
Quiz starts 19.00

Ticket price includes a vegetarian meal
Meat dishes will be available for an additional charge
Cash transactions only on the night

Adult: £10 (17 years and over)

Child: £5 (up to 16 years)

LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE

Family of 2A + 2C: £25

Tickets available to purchase on Classlist
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