Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
1 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

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week **A**	Oct	4	Assembly: Yr 12 & Yr 13 Yr 7 Baseline Tests
Tuesday	Oct	5	Assembly: Yr 10 & Yr 11 Yr 7 Baseline Tests Yr 10 Virtual Information Evening
Wednesday	Oct	6	Assembly: Yr 7 & Yr 8 Yr 7 Baseline Tests
Thursday	Oct	7	Assembly: 9 Yr 7 Baseline Tests Yr 8 Virtual Information Evening CTTC Virtual Open Evening 18.00 – 19.00
Friday	Oct	8	Yr 7 Baseline Tests
Saturday	Oct	9	Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Technical Rehearsal

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.
A reminder that with the Lateral Flow test a line, no matter how faint, that appears on the T line should be assumed as a positive result and a PCR test should be booked immediately. Please do not send your child in to school if they have had a positive lateral flow test or if they are experiencing symptoms, book a PCR test for confirmation, and keep the school informed.

Please note: if students are absent from school from illness, there is no expectation for them to join lessons or complete work until they are better.

School Day Timings: Following a review of the end of the day arrangements for Year 7 and 8, these students will now finish school at the normal time of 15.35.

Criminal Exploitation Audio Workshop for Parents and Carers
We a sharing a Criminal Exploitation Audio Resource with parents and carers Please find attached. Please note that this aimed at parents and not students.
The resource has been put together by Suffolk County Council but the majority of the content will be of interest to all parents.

Nut Free School
Due to the number of students with severe nut allergies at school we request that all students and staff do not bring in any nut products to school.
The canteen does not use nuts or nut products in cooking, but if any student with allergies wishes to know the ingredients of any dish they should ask a member of canteen staff.

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium Virtual Open Evening – Thursday 7 October 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.

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/

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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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: Healthy Living We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
06.10.2021	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	Passmores	Home	U16
06.10.2021	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	CRGS	Away	U19
08.10.2021	15.15 – 23.00	Regional Relay Swimming Championships	Various	Watford	Yrs 7 - 13

Yrs 10 – 13 Netball training is cancelled on Wednesday 6 October due to the two fixtures happening that evening.
Students should also check the noticeboard in PE regularly for any updates or changes.

Good luck to Miss Wiseman running the London Marathon, and a Yr 9 student running the Mini London Marathon on Sunday 3 October!

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Schools Will Rock You – Auditions Thursday 7 October, 15.45 – 17.00
Auditions for any student in Yrs 9 -13 who wish to be considered for one of the Bohemians – they should listen to the song to "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" from the show.
The call back list will be going up at the beginning of next week. If they have been called back students should take note of the song(s) to prepare. Call back auditions will be on Wednesday 13 October.

A Level History NEA Drop-In Session
A reminder to Yr 13 History students that the department is offering NEA drop in sessions in the computer room T17 after school on Tuesday 5, 12 and 19 October.

Countries of the World Competition
How strong is students' world knowledge? Mr Kennedy has set up a leaderboard in T19 to chart how many of the 196 countries of the world students can name in 15 minutes. Students can see the Student Bulletin for how to rake the quiz. The competition is open to all year groups, and there are prizes to be won!

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 6 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.

Debate Club
The next Debate Club will be in T20 on Tuesday 5 October at lunchtime. Interested students should join our Teams group to be aware of debate topics and notices: Debate Club Teams

German Club
Hallo Liebe Leute! Guten Tag CCHSG! The German Club will be beginning from next week on Donnerstag (Thursday) Mittagspause (lunchtime) in T14 from 12.50 – 13.15.
In German Club we will learn all about life in Germany from our German language assistant Julia, talking about festivals, culture, music, film and food! Bis dann! See you there, the German Department

"Inktober" from the Art Ambassadors
The Ambassadors are introducing "Inktober" encouraging students to complete a drawing for every day of October based upon different prompts. Please see the poster below with the different prompts for the Inktober challenge.

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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 first book this school year will be *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. 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 11 October.

VetSoc
Next week at VetSoc we are having a talk from the Zoological Society of London. This is a really good opportunity to learn and to ask questions about anything related to zoology! It will be at 12.45 in F13 and is open to All Years.

Flute Recital – Thursday 14 October, 12.20 – 13.20
A Level Music student will be holding a Flute Recital in M3 on Thursday lunchtime for students, free admission and all are welcome.

Biology Week at CCHSG (and Nationally) 2 – 10 October
It is Biology Week 2021 and to celebrate all thing biological we have two lunchtime talks that all students are free to attend.
Tuesday 5 October in F13 at 13.00: two speakers from London Zoo (one who works with manta rays and the effects of plastic pollution), the Zoological Society of London will give a live talk via Zoom, there will be time for questions with them.
Friday 8 October in F13 at 12.45 we have a live talk form a Cancer research scientists from the University of Essex about her work on Cancer, there will be time for questions with her.
For national events for Biology Week see the options here: https://www.rsb.org.uk/get-involved/biologyweek/biology-week-2021-calendar

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.

Careers & University Information

Investing in your future – free Webinars
HSBC Commercial Banking has created three, free to join events across October, all designed to open up a world of opportunity and increase the aspirations and employability of young people all over the country.
HSBC & You – Thursday 7 October Find out more about the depth, breadth and mission of one of the largest Financial Services institutions in the world. This includes an exploration on potential career paths, more detail on what a bank truly does and what employers such as HSBC are doing to develop talent for the future.
Who am I – an exploration of personal branding – Wednesday 13 October Personal Branding –hear from HSBC colleagues on just what a personal brand is and
Panel event - Meet our Commercial Banking colleagues - Tuesday 19 October This session will hear from and question a series of HSBC colleagues on their personal and career journeys, what working in banking is truly like, and some top tips.
All the events are 17.00 – 18.00. Please contact the Early Careers team if you have any questions.

Community Information

Colchester Park-And-Ride Student Offer
Students aged between 11 and 18 can now take advantage of Essex County Council's student park-and-ride offer, for only £1 a day. Please see flyer below for further details.
Cheaper than the regular buses and cheaper than driving. ECC hope that by using the park-and-ride would make a contribution to decreasing Colchester traffic, whether on Northern Approach, North Station Road or Lexden Road.

A reminder to parents to please complete the Colchester School Streets Survey via the link https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/sustainable-travel-planning-team/colchester-school-streets-survey by 3 October, please see end of Bulletin for full details.

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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 12.20 – 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 4 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Beef Burger, Chips & Beans	Breaded Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Broccoli
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Vegetable Curry	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Vegetable Pasta Salad
Main Meal £3				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pana Cotta	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Leek & Potato	Vegetable	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Stilton	French Onion

Correspondence Sent out this Week:
Yr 7: Advice to All Year 7 Parents – Positive Case in School
Yrs 7 & 8: KS3 Mathematics Textbook Purchase
Yr 8 Virtual Information Evening
Yr 8: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
Yrs 9-11: KS4 Mathematics Textbook Purchase
Yrs 9-13: Graphical Calculator Purchase
Yr 9: Virtual Information Evening
Yr 10: Invitation to Yr 11 Devised Performance (Drama students only)
Yr 11: GCSE Drama Devised Theatre Technical Rehearsal and Performance
Yr 12: Assisting with Yr 11 GCSE Drama Devised Theatre Technical Rehearsal and Performance (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics Textbook Purchase
Yrs 12 & 13: Geography Review Subscription
Yr 13: Year 13 Virtual Information Evening
Yr 13: Advice to All Yr 13 Parents – Positive Case in School

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 1 October
Yrs 7 & 8	KS3 Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 15 October
Yrs 7, 8 & 9	Buy Your Own Device Scheme	Sunday 10 October
Yrs 9-11	KS4 Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 22 October
Yrs 9-13	Graphical Calculator Purchase	Friday 8 October
Yr 10	Invitation to Year 11 Devised Performance	Friday 8 October
Yr 11	GCSE Drama Devised Theatre Technical Rehearsal and Performance	Friday 8 October
Yr 12	Assisting with Yr 11 GCSE Drama Devised Theatre	Friday 8 October
Yrs 12 & 13	Science Magazine Subscriptions	Friday 1 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 4 October
Next week the word is: **FERVOUR** – great warmth and earnestness of feeling.

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PTFA
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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – THANK YOU!
A huge thank you to all those who attended the PTFA's AGM on Monday 27 September. Your contributions and enthusiasm were much appreciated. We look forward to another successful year. The AGM Presentation and Minutes of the Meeting will be available in the PTFA section of the school website shortly.

We are grateful to the 2020/2021 PTFA Committee Members who have done a sterling job over the past year. Your commitment and hard work is truly appreciated.

The final item on the agenda was the election of officers and members of the PTFA Committee for 2021/22. We thank Ade Asemota, Miranda White and Kathryn Held who stepped down this year, for all the work that they have done to support the PTFA during 2020/21. We thank our new Committee Members for volunteering and we look forward to working with them.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES		
Title	**Previous (2020/2021)**	**Current (2021/202)**
Chair	Agness O'Brien	Agness O'Brien
Vice Chair	Ade Asemota	Anni Cullen Sushma Manish
Secretary	Vacant	Caroline Westgarth
Treasurer	Rouzbeh N. Elahi	Rouzbeh N. Elahi
COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
Title	**Previous (2019/2020)**	**Current (2021/2022)**
Communications	This role is currently fulfilled by Ms Kate Stubbs, who is employed as Marketing & Communications Manager at CCHSG. She is not a member of the PTFA Committee**.**	
Recruitment	Tolu Alalade	Tolu Alalade
PTFA Events *(support with organising aspects of PTFA Events)*	Comfort Zedomi	Comfort Zedomi
Second Hand Uniform *(organisation of sales)*	Miranda White Kathryn Held	Udhya S Pandian Deborah Abrams

2. Diary Dates for Autumn Term (2021/2022 Academic Year)
- **PTFA Meeting – Monday 8 November 2021 19.30 – 21.00**
  All are welcome to this meeting to finalise plans for the upcoming Christmas Market.
- **Annual Christmas Market - Saturday 27 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. Volunteering opportunities will be published soon.
- **Second Hand Uniform & Revision Book Sale - Saturday 27 November 12.00 – 15.00** during the Christmas Market.

3. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market
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, Chelmsford** or surrounding areas 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.

4. Second Uniform & Good Quality Revision Books & General Interest Reading (Child or Adult) Donations
The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place during the Annual Christmas Market on Saturday 27 November. The PTFA will also be running a bookstall at the Christmas Market. Please donate good quality revision materials or fiction and non fiction books, which are suitable for resale. Items for donation can be deposited in the PTFA wheelie bins outside school reception for collection as usual.

PTFA CONTACTS:
Chair: Agness O'Brien
agnessobrien@hotmail.com Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

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Enjoy History? Or love reading? Join...

History Book Club!

Hidden Figures

By Margot Lee Shetterly

Recommended: All Years



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

We will also play the film in December. Date TBC.

Set against the backdrop of the Jim Crow South and the civil rights movement, the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program-and whose contributions have been unheralded, until now.

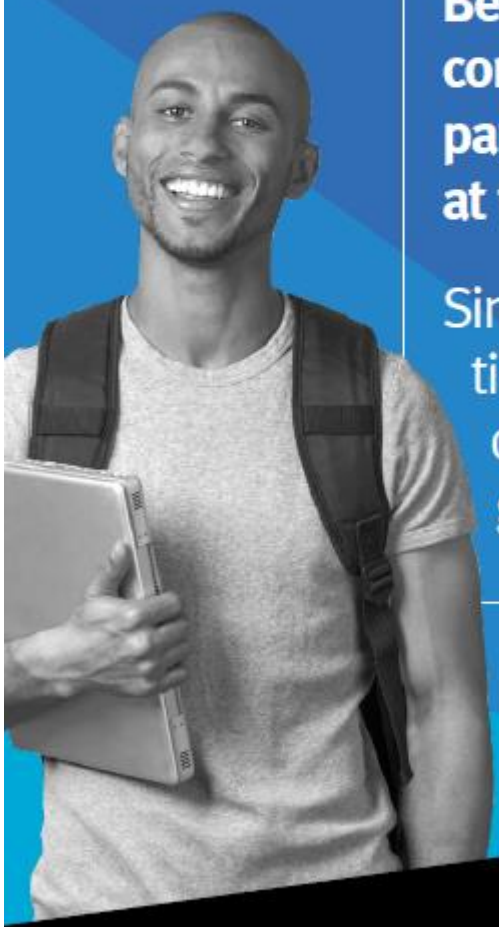
Before John Glenn orbited the Earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as "Human Computers," calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright, talented African-American women.

Drawing on the oral histories, personal recollections, interviews with NASA executives and engineers, archival documents, correspondence, and reporting from the era, Hidden Figures recalls America's greatest adventure and NASA's groundbreaking successes through the experiences of five spunky, courageous, intelligent, determined, and patriotic women: Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Christine Darden, and Gloria Champine.

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

COLCHESTER

CALLING ALL STUDENTS 11–18



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Essex County Council

Please give us your feedback on School Streets!

In our recent Active Travel Survey consultation, we asked Colchester residents whether they supported the principle of introducing “School Streets” off of Lexden Road and North Station Road. Three quarters of respondents were in support (74%). Respondents felt the introduction of park and stride arrangements, improved walking and cycling infrastructure and increased planting and public realm were the key initiatives they would support.

We now want to get more feedback from you including what you’d like to see introduced to make your school road safer, greener and healthier for everybody. We’ll be launching a survey from 20 September - 3 October
here: **https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/sustainable-travel-planning-team/colchester-school-streets-survey** If you could spare five minutes to answer the questions, we would be very grateful.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us by emailing sgh.Routes@essex.gov.uk

Best wishes from the Safer Greener Healthier team at Essex County Council

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