Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
25 March 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

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Mar	26	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group B Training Day 09.00 – 17.00 Yr 11 Historical Association Great Debate Competition
Sunday	Mar	27	
Monday Week **B**	Mar	28	No Assembly – Thought for the Languages Week PTFA Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Mar	29	Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall Languages Week Yr 11 CANSAT Competition 08.00 – 19.00 DofE Gold Session 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	Mar	30	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall Languages Week
Thursday	Mar	31	No Assembly – Thought for the Languages Week Yr 13 A Level PE Revision Webinar 16.00 – 17.30 DofE Gold Equipment Issue 15.45 – 18.30
Friday	Apr	1	**Last Day of Term** Languages Week End of Term Assemblies

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 Animals ever be tested on?**
In light of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill currently going through Parliament, voters are discussing the way we treat animals, the attitudes we have towards them based on their emotional intelligence, and whether there are ever situations in which animal testing is appropriate.

CCHSG Language, Culture and Diversity Week 28 March – 1 April
The MFL Department invites the school community to celebrate some of the different languages and cultures present at CCHSG. Please see poster at the end of the Bulletin for the week's activities.

CCHSG 500 Club – Winners of the March Draw
First Prize £189: ticket 98918-1723539 – parent of a student in Yr 12
Second Prize £113: ticket 98918-1684200 - parent of a student in Yr 10
Third Prize £76: ticket 98918-1737139 – parent of a student in Yr 7
All winners will be contacted by telephone or email. Our thanks go to all those generous parents and staff who have purchased tickets in support of the school. The next draw takes place on Wednesday 20 April. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. Terms and conditions apply and can be found on our website https://www.cchsg.com/500-club-rules/.

M3 Challenge
On Monday 28 February ten students were involved in a grueling, 14-hour long Mathematical Modelling challenge, well done to who took part. The problem this year was all about working remotely, and the two teams had to use all their modelling skills to predict how many people will be ready to work remotely by 2024 and 2027 and of those, how many will actually choose to.
Extra congratulations to five of the students for making it into the top 18.5% - beating nearly 500 other teams! This means that they were in the top six of all entries from the UK!

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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Amber Atherton Award
We congratulate the Young Enterprise groups for their proposals for a Social Enterprise they have chosen to present to the judges from local businesses at the event on Wednesday 20 April.

Schools Prom – Charter Hall
This was an amazing event and we praise the students involved for their outstanding effort and professional approach; they sung beautifully and were a credit to the school. Congratulations to a student in 12L who organised and rehearsed the choirs since January. She conducted CCHSG in the evening and was the only student to do so.

British Biology Olympiad
We congratulate the Yr 13 biologists who took part in the British Biology Olympiad 2022. Over 10,000 students took part in this competition nationally on very challenging Biology content. Well done to the students from CCHSG who all were awarded medals or highly commended which is a tremendous achievement. Special mention goes to a student in 13L, our top scorer with a Gold medal (putting them in the top 5%), and three students who achieved a Silver medal. Well done all!

European Youth Parliament Fundraising
Please consider supporting the Easter Egg raffle ticket sale that is in support of the Yr 12 European Youth Parliament team going to nationals in Liverpool in June. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please make payment via ParentPay – 50p a ticket or £2 for 5 tickets. Thank you.

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
Next week's rotations are – **Monday 28 March is 7Y Rotation 5** and on **Tuesday 29 March is 7X 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.

A Message from the Wellbeing Ambassadors
Mental Health Check in – go through the checklist and reflect on your current wellbeing:

- Have you been drinking enough water?
- What was the last fruit and vegetable you ate?
- Did you get at least 7 hours of sleep?
- How have you been feeling lately? What words could you use to describe your emotions?
- Have you spent time in the fresh air?
- Have you been taking regular breaks?

e-Safety Information – Yubo
Yubo is a chat and live streaming app, extremely popular among young people, with 4.7 million users in the UK alone. It has been involved in controversy since it launched (originally under the name Yellow), being nicknamed **"Tinder for Teens"** due to its swipe-to-match functionality which mimics the adult dating app.
Despite being age-rated 13+, Yubo has been criticised for the way some young users have been exposed to inappropriate content and harassment. We advise parents to be very cautious about allowing your children to use this platform.
Please see this guide for more information: https://parentzone.org.uk/article/what-is-yubo

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Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
29.03.2022	15.45 – 16.45	Netball	CHS	Home	Yr 11

Students 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, focussing 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 starting 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.

Debate Club – Tuesday, Lunchtime in T20
Next week will be an impromptu debate.

CCHSG Book of the Month
April's book is *Good Omens* by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman, please see poster below for more details about the book. In addition, students are encouraged to write a review of the book and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by Friday 29 April.

Physics Club - Friday Week B, Lunchtime in G2
This week we will be looking at Nuclear Power, how it works and how we can replace it.

Physics Entrance Examination Preparation – Tuesday Lunchtime in G2
We will go through a few Oxbridge entrance examination questions every week. Those students who are not applying but enjoy some challenging Physics are welcome to attend as well!

VetSoc – Tuesday 29 March, Lunchtime in F13
A former CCHSG student who is currently studying Veterinary Medicine is coming into school to give a talk about her university application journey and the benefits of studying the course.

Royal Geographical Society Essay Competition 2022
What are the environmental costs of current consumer trends, behaviours and purchasing decisions?
The 2022 Essay Competition, organised in partnership with the *Financial Times*, is asking students to explain what are the environmental costs of current consumer trends, behaviours and purchasing decisions.
The competition closes on Monday 3 October at 17.00 and is open to all A Level Geography students (or equivalent) aged 16-18. The judges are looking for:

- A clear essay or ArcGIS StoryMap which is well-evidenced and reaches a clear conclusion
- Submissions that do not exceed 1,000 words (excluding references)
- Referenced sources of information and data

Submissions which are the entrant's own work and relevant to the title and guidance https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/school-essay-competition/ Student should see or email Mr King if they would like to know more jking@cchsg.com

PsychSoc – Tuesday 29 March, Lunchtime in H4
The new PsychSoc team invite students to come along to their interactive talk about dreams. Students should bring their lunch.

Economics Society Talk – Friday 22 April, G3 12.45 – 13.15
Peter Blanc, Executive Officer at AstonLark, will be coming into the school to talk about his role and insurance. This is a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into working for an insurance company. If students are interested in attending, they should email Mr Fletcher tfletcher@cchsg.com as our speaker will be providing some information to students about careers in insurance.

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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 12.35 – 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 28 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice	Breaded Pork Schnitzel with Chips	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Cod in Tomato Sauce with New Potatoes & Vegetables
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta with Salad	Vegetarian Stir Fry (Vegan) with Salad	Vegetarian Pasta (Vegan)	Sweet Potato Dhal with Salad	Ratatouille (Vegan) with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £3				
Tiramisu	Toffee & Banana Pudding with Custard	Apple Strudel	Indian Rice Pudding	Tarte Tatin
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 7: Healthy Living sessions (selected students)
Yr 9: T9 Mentoring Programme (selected students)
Yr 9: DTP and Meningitis Immunisation
Yr 11: CanSat Competition (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day
Yr 13: Important Dates during the Examination Season

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Instrumental Music Lessons	Wednesday 30 March
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Friday 25 March
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
Yr 11	CanSat Competition	Friday 25 March
Yr 12	A Level Biology Dissection Opportunity	Wednesday 30 March
Yrs 12 & 13	Charity Day	Friday 25 March
Yr 13	Leavers Hoodies	Tuesday 29 March

Word of the Week for w/c 28 March
Next week the word is **PROPITIOUS** – presenting favourable conditions.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 28 March, 19.30 – 21.00 (Agenda below)
- **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. TCS London Marathon Public Ballot Results (Sunday 2 October)

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 sent on Monday 14 March.

3. 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.

4**. 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 event to go to the volunteer 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
Quiz & Curry Night Friday 22 April 18.00 – 21.30	https://volunteersignup.org/QKQMH

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



Language, Culture and Diversity Week

28 March – 1 April 2022

Join the MFL Department to celebrate some of the different languages and cultures of our CCHSG Community.

Form Time	The Big MFL Quiz, Short Film on Diversity
MFL lessons	Cross-Curricular activities with Maths, English, History, Art and Music Depts. Games, quizzes, songs, dance etc…
Canteen	Italian, Chinese, German, Indian and French specialities on the menu!
Activities At Lunchtime	
French	Monday: Making Paper Fish, 'poisson d'avril '; Traditional pastries, G22
South Asian Society	Monday: Garba/Dandiya workshop, Hall.
Japanese	Tuesday: Origami, the Art of Paper Folding, G7
German	Tuesday: Making Schultüte, 'school cone'; Traditional pastries, G22
Spanish	Tuesday: Singing No se habla de Bruno' ; Making Papier-mâché figurines, Art Block
Chinese	Wednesday: Chinese Calligraphy, T10
Korean	Thursday: Live Music singing *Fake Love* and *Tamed-Dashed*, Hall
Tamil	A Bharatnatyam (Indian Classical Dance) performance acompanied by Carnatic Music, Hall
Italian	Decorating masks inspired by the Venice Carnival, T11

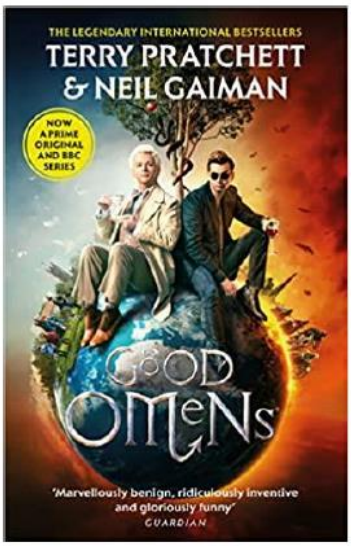
Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman

GOOD OMENS

The CCHSG Book Of The Month-April
Good Omens
by Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman

It's a predicament that **Aziraphale**, a somewhat fussy angel, and **Crowley**, a fast-living demon, now find themselves in. They've been living amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and, truth be told, have grown rather fond of the lifestyle and, in all honesty, are not actually looking forward to the coming Apocalypse.

And then there's the small matter that someone appears to have misplaced the Antichrist . . .



In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the **last Friday of each month.**

Prizes for the best reviews

The European Youth Parliament Year 12 team has made it through to the nationals competition.

Can you help us get there?

We are selling raffle tickets for 50p or 5 for £2.

That's right – this delicious Hotel Chocolat Extra-Thick egg with a dozen melt-in-the-middle truffle and praline tiddly eggs that retails for **£30** could be yours for just **50p**!!



*Warning – contains nuts!

PTFA

Date:	Monday 28 March
Time:	19.30 – 21.00
Place:	Colchester County High School for Girls

MEETING AGENDA

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies for absence	Anni Cullen
2	Attendees Attendance form to be filled in by all attendees	Anni Cullen
3	Review of Previous Meeting Notes and Action Points *(not covered later in this meeting)*	Kate Stubbs
4	Treasurer's Report	Rouzbeh N. Elahi
5	Feedback on Spring Term Second Hand Uniform & Books Sale *Date : Saturday 19 March Time: 09.00-13.00*	Annie Cullen
6	Feedback on Rescheduled Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Carers *Date : Friday 25 March Time: 19.00-21.00*	Agness O'Brien
7	Upcoming Social Event – Quiz & Curry Night *Date : Friday 22 April Time: 19.00-21.30*	Anni Cullen
8	Annual Christmas Market 2022 *Date : Saturday 26 November 2022 Time: 12.00-15.00*	Agness O'Brien Anni Cullen
9	PTFA Funding Bids	Michael Muldoon Agness O'Brien
10	Any Other Business	Agness O'Brien
11	End of Meeting: Next Meeting: Monday 6 June 2022, 19.30-21.00 *To discuss Summer Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale and Annual Christmas Market*	Agness O'Brien

