Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
26 November 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:
Click Here to make an Anonymous Report
Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service for CCHSG

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Nov	27	**PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale 09.00 – 13.00**
Monday Week **B**	Nov	29	Yr 8 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 13 Progress Check 1 to Parents
Tuesday	Nov	30	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group B Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yrs 12 ESU Sixth Form Regional Final Public Speaking Competition, 19.30
Wednesday	Dec	01	Yr 11 Mock Examinations
Thursday	Dec	02	Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 13 Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.00
Friday	Dec	03	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group B Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 Mock Examinations

Student Home Testing
We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should still be recorded via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
We continue to urge students to sanitise, keep distance and encourage them to wear face masks in communal areas. All these actions are helping to keep our school safe and transmission at a low rate.

Reporting Student Absence
Please can all absence notifications be left, by a parent/carer, on the Absence line 01206 576973, to office@cchsg.com or via the School Gateway app. You can sign up to the School Gateway via https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login. Please do not send absence notifications directly to the Form Tutor.
Please can all Leave of Absence requests be submitted at least two weeks before the required date. Leave of Absence forms can be collected from Reception. Absence requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Yr 13 Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.00
Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud.

Mock GCSE Examinations
Yr 11 continue to have their mock examinations from until Friday 3 December. Examinations will take place in the Sports Hall and H Block.
During the mock examination period, students are expected to be in school for revision sessions. Revising at home during this time is not an authorised absence.

500 Club – Winners of the November Draw
Congratulations to:

First Prize, £188	ticket 98918-1724094	Parent of a student in Yr 9
Second Prize, £113	ticket 98918-1723957	Parent of a student in Yr 13
Third Prize, £75	ticket 98918-1683986	Member of staff

Our thanks go to all those generous parents and staff who have purchased tickets in support of the school. Tickets are still available at £40. In the absence of our annual PTFA Christmas Market fundraiser this year, please consider supporting us by purchasing a ticket for the remaining 8 draws via https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU

Please purchase your tickets by 16.00 on Wednesday 15 December, ahead of the next draw which takes place on Thursday 16 December. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. 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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CCHSG Music Department – Winter Concert, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December, 19.00
We would be delighted if you could join us for the Winter Concert: an extravaganza of festive and non-festive musical treats with a variety of our groups performing including the Concert Orchestra and choirs, along with some smaller ensembles and solo performances. Tickets are now available at £8 each and can be purchased via TryBooking using the following link: https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BJBP Please book before 17.00 on Thursday 9 December, when the site will close.

The event starts at 19.00 and will last for around 90 minutes. As there will be no interval you are welcome to bring your own refreshments if required. Ticket numbers are limited to ensure an element of social distancing and the room will be well ventilated, so please dress warmly. We ask that audience members wear masks at the event and where possible, take a lateral flow test prior to attending.
Please note that video and photography at the concert is not permitted.

QR Code for booking winter concert Tickets

Covid-19 Vaccination Information
The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, 16 and 17 year olds will not be vaccinated through the schools programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service is available from Monday 22 November for 16 and 17 year olds to book their vaccine.
Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds: you or your child can:

- book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- check if there is a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site near you to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

Not all walk-in vaccination sites can vaccinate children aged 12 to 15. More sites will become available over time.
Any questions or comments regarding vaccinations should be addressed to the School Aged Immunisation Service via 0300 790 0597 or epunft.NE-Immunisations@nhs.net

Essex ActivAte December Holiday Programme
Active Essex and Essex County Council are pleased to be offering FREE places on the Essex ActivAte December holiday programme for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and for those working families who could benefit from this additional holiday support, as well as other eligible groups. These clubs provide a range of fun activities and a healthy lunch for every child attending. Please follow the link for more information and to book.
https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/bookings/

Senior Mathematics Challenge 2021
The UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge results were once again excellent this year with students who participated achieving 1 gold, 13 silver and 12 bronze certificates. Congratulations to the students and those that have qualified for the Senior Kangaroo, the follow on round. Congratulations to all the students who took part, from the Mathematics Department.

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.

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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 after Half Term.

Wellbeing Ambassadors
It is always important to regularly check up on your own mental health and take steps to care for yourself. Take a look at this NHS link; it will provide some quick and simple techniques to relax and improve your wellbeing.
https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/youth-mental-health/

E-Safety Information – Share Kindness Online
Last year, around 1 in 5 young people aged between 10 and 18 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. With this in mind, we at CCHSG, take a strong stance on cyber-bullying but also try to take a pre-emptive approach by encouraging our students to use the internet and online communication to show kindness and support. In-line with last week's anti-bullying theme of "One Kind Word" we are encouraging everyone to take the message on-board and show kindness online whenever they can. Here are some suggestions to help you achieve this:

- When you can praise somebody for achieving something worthwhile do it – this can be as simple as commenting "Well-done!" on another person's celebratory post
- Reach out and check-in with people – even just a quick message to say "Hi, how are you doing?" can be enough to brighten up someone's day
- If you found a fun enjoyable activity, recommend it to others – you could create a post about the activity or just message a few friends about it
- Offer help – if you see a post where somebody is asking for help and you have the means to help, then offer to do so
- Post positively – try to make sure your posts are upbeat and cheery. Posting negative comments or complaining about things will affect your mood and those who read them. Keep those sorts of discussion for face-to-face and with those closest to you who can offer support that way
- Show appreciation – if somebody praises you or shows kindness towards you, always remember to thank them. Gratitude costs nothing
- Be understanding – if you see that someone is upset show them some empathy. Listening to their problem and understanding the situation is sometimes the kindest thing you can do for someone
- Share inspirational posts – if you see something inspirational that has inspired you or made you feel happy, then share it so others can have the same experience
- Always think before posting or commenting – it is so easy to post or comment in the moment without considering how your words might be understood or misunderstood by others. If it might have negative, offensive or hurtful implications then perhaps reconsider
- Like, love and engage – If you see posts on social media that you like, take the time to engage with it, then show your appreciation by liking / loving the post or leaving an appreciative comment

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
01.12.2021	14.30 – 17.30	Netball	Anglo European School	Away	Yr 7
08.12.2021	13.00 – 19.30	Lee Valley Athletics Final	Various	Lee Valley	Various

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

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PE Lunchtime Clubs
Due to the Yr 11 mock examinations, the Sports Hall will be out of action from Friday 19 November to Monday 6 December, so there will be no Badminton or Basketball Club next week. All other clubs running as normal.

Rehearsals for Schools will Rock You
Further rehearsals this term:
Wednesday 1 December, 15.35 – 17.00 – Blocking – Act Two – all leads and Bohemian Chorus in M2/M3.
Thursday 2 December, 15.35 – 16.30 – Super Yuppies and Killer Queen in M2
Thursday 9 December, 15.35 – 17.00 – Scaramouche, Galileo, Oz, Brittney, all named Bohemians and Bohemian Chorus.
There will be no rehearsal in the last week of term because of the Christmas Concert.
Students are urged to take time over the Christmas holiday to learn songs and can access the rehearsal orchestration via SharePoint.

Yr 11 Weekly GCSE Biology Revision Sessions
No revision next week due to the mock examinations.

Yr 13 Biology Revision Sessions
Biology revision will be in F13 at lunchtime on Thursday 2 December and Friday 3 December, topics to be confirmed by email/teams. All welcome, bring your lunch

CCHSG Book of the Month
This month's book is *Let it Snow* by John Green. Students are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the **last Friday of each month**.

Yr 12 Oxbridge Group
This is a new group that is open to any Yr 12 student who is intending or thinking of applying to an Oxbridge or Russell Group University. During the sessions students will discuss and debate current affairs and debatable topics in order to extend their critical thinking and evaluation skills. This helps prepare them for being questioned at university interviews and ensure their answers are strong. A Microsoft Teams group will also be set up so students can search for this and request to be a member.
We will meet every Wednesday Week A at lunchtime in T20. The first meeting will take place Wednesday 8 December.

Tree Champion Competition
Trees can't speak for themselves. But if they could, what do you think they'd say?
For this challenge, we would like students to create their own tree champion. It could be a person, an animal or a made-up creature. They will be a spokesperson for woods and trees, standing up for them and fighting their corner. They should be as imaginative and creative as they can, thinking about what trees might want to tell us and the stories they could share. How will your characters voice a tree's thoughts and feelings? How will they make people listen? Consider their appearance, personality and what they love about trees and woodland.
After they have created their character, email the picture and description to Mr King jking@cchsg.com, help us to earn points on the Green Tree Schools Award. Entries will be shared on GeogSoc and a poll run so we can vote for our overall winner and School Champion!

CCHSG Nature Garden
Now the building work is complete on the new Art block, the nature garden is ready to be reinvigorated. We already have some amazing planters and beds ready for the Spring and a beautifully wild pond area as a hub for biodiversity.
We would love donations of wildflower seeds or pollinator friendly bulbs ready for the Spring and as we are now getting our first frost, some bird feed/seed for our bird feeders. If you have any suitable donations, please contact Mr King jking@cchsg.com

Physics Club
Any student that has a growing love of Physics and would like to explore all the fun things that it has offer is invited to G2, Friday lunchtime, Week B. They will learn to bend water with their mind and be shown why you can't punch your way out of a paper bag.

Art Subject Mastery Extension Session (SME)
Miss Allard-Austin is offering a SME session which will focus on drawing skills on Thursday 2 December at lunchtime in G27, all years welcome! Bring pencils (they can be supplied if not). The session will begin at 12.50 and last till the end of lunch.

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Careers and University Information

INVESTIN Success Beyond School: Free Careers Evenings for Parents
For parents of students aged 12-18 these are free-of-charge, live online evening seminars for parents to help children's career potential. Register now for:
Wednesday 24 Nov: Learning to Lead Help enhance your child's leadership skills
Wednesday 1 Dec: Building a Future in Finance How your child can break into the finance industry
Wednesday 8 Dec: Level up with Law Support your child on their journey to becoming a top lawyer

INVESTIN Summer Internship Experiences for Students Aged 12-18
The opportunity to shadow doctors in a hospital, argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court, explore a supercar engine with F1 engineers and more. Go to https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career for more information.

Community Information

Enrichment Opportunity: Colchester Castle's Free Christmas Open Evening: Wednesday 8 December 15.00-20.00
An opportunity to explore the Castle and exhibits for free as well as soak up the festive atmosphere (entry to the Castle will be free, however to meet Father Christmas there is a £6 charge).

Layer Colts Youth Football Club U14 Girls
The football club are looking for experienced, new, passionate and exciting football players to join their club – please see poster below for more details.

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 29 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Salad	Spicy Lamb Mince Curry with Rice/Naan Bread	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Homemade Fish Finger Roll with Salad
Or				
Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	Cheesecake
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Carrot & Coriander	Vegetable	Tomato & Basil	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato	Minestrone

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Correspondence Sent out this Week:
All Yrs: Winter Concert (participants only)
Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 9: Level 2 Project (selected students)
Yrs 9, 10 & 11: GCSE PE Revision Guide Purchase (GCSE students only)
Yrs 10 & 11: UCAT and BMAT Preparation
Yrs 10 & 11: GCSE French Additional Support (selected students)
Yrs 10 & 11: Assessment Information
Yr 12: UCAT and BMAT Preparation
Yr 12: A Level Biology Field Course
Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day
Yr 13: Parent Consultation Evening

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	PTFA Christmas Grand Prize Draw	Wednesday 15 December
All Yrs	Instrumental Lessons	Friday 3 December
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Friday 26 November
Yrs 8 – 12	Netball Dress Purchase	
Yr 9	Level 2 Project	Friday 26 November
Yrs 9, 10 & 11	GCSE PE Revision Guide Purchase	Friday 3 December
Yrs 10 & 11	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 10 December
Yr 12	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 10 December
Yr 12	A Level Biology Field Course	Tuesday 4 Janaury
Yrs 12 & 13	Sixth Form Charity Day	Friday 26 November

This Week's Brainteaser
Working from left to right, calculate the numbers in the order shown (without using order of operation).
Replace each question mark with a mathematical sign: plus, minus, multiply and divide, each can be used once only.
What is the highest number that can possibly be scored?
8 ? 5 ? 2 ? 6 ? 3 =

Last Week's Brainteaser Answer
They are coffees: americano, espresso, latte, mocha and cappuccino

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum
Well done to everyone who entered last week, especially the 7 who answered correctly – you've each earned 1 raffle ticket!
Particular congratulations to Yan Ouyang 7E who answered with the correct answer of '$\mathbf{108\sqrt{3}}$' in the quickest time.

If radius of the circle is r:

Area of circle = πr^2

Area of hexagon = 6 x ½ x r x r x sin 60 = $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} r^2$

$\therefore \pi r^2 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} r^2 = 72\pi - 108\sqrt{3}$

$Giving\ r^2 = 72$

Area of hexagon = $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 72 = \mathbf{108\sqrt{3}}$

This week's conundrum
The interior angle of a regular polygon exceeds the exterior angle by $\mathbf{160}°$. Find the number of sides.
Click the link below to submit your answer – best of luck! **Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum**

Word of the Week for w/c 29 November
Next week the word is: **GLUTTONY** – excessive eating and drinking.

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale – Saturday 27 November, 09.00 - 13.00
Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.
A Second Hand Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will still take place on Saturday 27 November 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.

The PTFA is very grateful to the many parents who have volunteered to help prepare for the sales and to support with the stewarding and staffing during the sale.

2. Virtual Grand Prize Draw 2021
In the absence of our usual well-supported Christmas Market, we are delighted to announce that we have organised a **Virtual Grand Prize Draw** this year. The draw will take place on **Wednesday 15 December** and winners will be notified via email or telephone. Prizes must be collected in person by **Friday 17 December 2021**.

1st Prize - £250 cash
2nd Prize - Luxury Festive Hamper
3rd Prize – Case of Prosecco

Tickets at £5 per entry can be purchased via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BIQH

3. Christmas Themed Fundraising Scratch Cards
Would you like to raise funds for the PTFA using our scratch cards? Scratch cards for selling squares worth £40 per card are available by request from CCHSG PTFA. Participants must be 18 or over. The stake per square is £1 and a maximum of £20 is awarded to the winner from each card (amount is subject to the card being completed). All scratch cards must be returned **with answer block unscratched** to the PTFA via the school and monies collected to be banked into the PTFA's bank account.

The following 5 categories of scratch cards are available to choose from:
Christmas Carols
Christmas Movies
Christmas Traditions
Christmas Food and Drinks
Nativity Scene

Requests for scratch cards can be made to cchsgptfa@gmail.com

4. PTFA Virtual Christmas Market
CCHSG PTFA is 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?

PTFA CONTACTS:
Chair: Agness O'Brien
agnessobrien@hotmail.com
Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653
For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

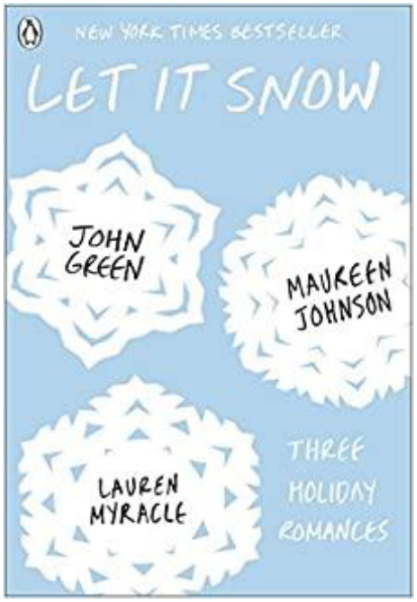


The CCHSG Book Of The Month- December

Let it Snow

John Green





It's Christmas Eve and the worst blizzard for fifty years has blanketed Gracetown. But as well as snowflakes, love is in the air - and appearing in the most unexpected ways . . .

Who'd have thought a freezing hike from a stranded train would end with a delicious kiss from a charming stranger? Or that a trip to the Waffle House through four feet of snow could lead to romance with an old friend? Or that the path to true love begins with a painfully early morning shift at Starbucks?

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.**

Layer Colts YFC

Layer Colts Girls U14s (school years 8 & 9)

We are currently looking for enthusiastic girls to join our amazing, friendly football team.

FA Charter Standard Club

FA Qualified Coaches

Training is held every Tuesday from 6:15pm to 7:30pm
At the Stanway school, Winstree Road Colchester CO3 0QA
Matches are played every Sunday, our home ground is
The University Of Essex.

FITNESS ● TEAMWORK ● FRIENDSHIP ● RESPECT

Website- www.layercoltsyfc.co.uk

For more details please contact
Gareth Nock 07825020778 or
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