Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
3 December 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

Monday Week **A**	Dec	6	Yr 11 SLT Discussions, Period 3 Yr 12 ESU Sixth Form Public Speaking Competition Final, 19.30 Yr 13 Assessments
Tuesday	Dec	7	Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 13 Assessments
Wednesday	Dec	8	Yr 13 Assessments Fair Access Information Presentation (online) 16.00
Thursday	Dec	9	Yr 10 ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition (online) 16.30 Yr 13 Assessments
Friday	Dec	10	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 13 Assessments

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.
All students should be wearing face masks in communal areas, e.g. Dining Hall and corridors, except if exempt. Frequent hand washing/sanitising and keeping social distance when possible are encouraged. All these actions are helping to keep our school safe.

Covid-19 Vaccination Information for Students aged 12-15
Please see poster below for information from the NHS regarding vaccinations for students aged 12-15.

Yr 13 Assessments
Yr 13 have their assessments from Monday 6 December to Friday 10 December. Assessments take place in the Main Hall and some classrooms around the school. We remind you to please be considerate and silent in these areas.
When not in an assessment, students are expected to be in their normal lessons.

Christmas Dinner
Christmas Dinner will be served on Tuesday 7 December and Tuesday 14 December as the main hot meal option in the Dining Hall.
See the menu below for more details.

End of Term Arrangements
On Thursday 16 December students will be able to wear non uniform including a Christmas Jumper to support the Yr 11 and Sixth Form Charities, with £1 payment via ParentPay.
There will be an extended Tutor Time including Assembly in the afternoon and school will finish at 15.00. Students catching school buses will be supervised in classrooms until 15.35.

Winter Concert – All Participants
There will be a final run through for the finale number (Christmas medley) on Friday 10 December at lunchtime (12.50 – 13.20) in M3.
A rehearsal schedule for Monday 13 December will be published on Monday 6 December in the morning – students must check the Music noticeboard carefully.

CCHSG Music Department – Winter Concert, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December, 19.00
Tickets are selling fast 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.

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 Continued…
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

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.

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.

E-Safety Information – Check your Passwords!
Have you updated your password recently? It is recommended that passwords should be 10 – 12 characters in length, a mixture of letters, numbers and other characters and something not easily guessable.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
07.12.2021	13.30 – 14.30	Netball Essex Cup	Forest School	Home	Yr 7
08.12.2021	15.35 – 17.15	Netball	TLA	Away	Yr 11
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.

PE Clubs
The PE Clubs finish on Friday 3 December, due to the Christmas interform volleyball commencing Monday 6 December.

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Rehearsals for Schools will Rock You
Final rehearsal this term will be:
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 should take time over the Christmas holiday to learn songs and lines. The rehearsal orchestration is available to students via SharePoint.

Countries of the World Competition – Final Entries
The countries of the world competition is entering its last week. Mr Kennedy has set up a leaderboard in T19 to chart how many of the 196 countries of the world you can name in 15 minutes.
Students should go to https://www.jetpunk.com/quizzes/how-many-countries-can-you-name, take the quiz and submit their results (name and form, score out of 196 and the time - ideally with a screenshot) to nkennedy@cchsg.com. The deadline for entries is Friday 10 December and results will be announced shortly after. There are many Geography related prizes to be won!

Debate Club – Tuesday 7 December, Lunchtime in T20
The debate will be on: "This House believes that assisted dying should be legalised in the UK".

Reminder that the **Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition** team are meeting in T20 at lunchtime Monday 6 December.

The **European Youth Parliament** team are meeting at lunchtime in G21 on Friday 10 December.

Yrs 7 & 8: English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare Competition
Mr Paz would like to invite students in Yrs 7 & 8 to consider taking part in the public speaking competition.
From 'bedazzled' to 'scuffles', Shakespeare was one of the greatest inventors of new words English has ever seen, revelling in the joy of spoken language and all it could achieve. The English-Speaking Union's Performing Shakespeare Competition encourages students to discover this joy for themselves, inviting them to perform a monologue or duologue from any of Shakespeare's texts, in whichever way they choose. Crucially, they also have to introduce their performance, building on their public speaking and engagement skills.
The competition not only brings to life the Shakespeare study requirement in the national curriculum in an innovative and exciting way, it enables students to develop their creativity, confidence and ability to express themselves – important skills in the classroom and in the wider world.
Students would take part in an internal round at school, and if chosen will compete in a regional round in May and possibly the final in the summer.
Any students who are interested and would like to learn more about the competition and how to prepare for the audition in January should please come along at lunchtime to T20 on Monday 13 December.

History Book Club
For those reading this term's History Book Club choice, *Hidden Figures*, Mr Paz would like to host a meeting to discuss the highlights of the book and share everyone's thoughts on the book. Even if they have not finished the book students are encouraged to come on Thursday 9 December in T20 at lunchtime. Mr Paz will bring some biscuits for those who attend!

Yr 12 Leadership Opportunity
Miss Seager is looking for 10 (or more) Yr 12 students to assist with running sessions for the Fair Access Programme. The programme is for Yr 5 students in preparation for the 11+ Examination and runs from January to July.
The sessions take place at CCHSG on Wednesdays 16.00 – 17.00, starting in January. Interested students need to make a firm commitment to helping at least once a fortnight. This experience could be used for UCAS applications, personal statements, DofE volunteering, etc, and is a perfect opportunity for anyone wanting to work in education or with young people in the future. Interested students should email Miss Seager via mseager@cchsg.com by Friday 10 December.

Yr 9 Level 2 AQA Project Students
The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 December at 12.45 in T20. Students should bring a pen and their lunch.

Yr 12 EPQ First Cohort
The first meeting will take place on Monday 6 December at 12.45 in T20. Students should bring a pen and their lunch.

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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 Form

Sixth Form Lunch Order Form

Menu for w/c 6 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Christmas Dinner with all the Trimmings	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Seafood Tagliatelle with Broccoli
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Rice & Vegetable Bake	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Christmas Pudding with Cream	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Mousse	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Carrot & Coriander	Tomato & Basil	Leek & Potato	Tomato & Lentil	Vegetable

Correspondence Sent out this Week:
All Yrs: Covid-19 Vaccination Information
Yr 11: Flu Vaccinations
Yr 13: Assessment Information

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 9, 10 & 11	GCSE PE Revision Guide Purchase	Friday 3 December
Yrs 10 & 11	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 10 December
Yr 11	Flu Vaccination	Wednesday 15 December
Yr 12	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 10 December
Yr 12	A Level Biology Field Course	Tuesday 4 January

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This Week's Brainteaser
Jean dislikes anchovies, Harrison dislikes onions and Gemma dislikes marzipan.
Is it Larry or Leroy who dislikes oysters?

Last Week's Brainteaser Answer
36 using plus, divide, multiply and minus.

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum
Well done to everyone who entered last week, especially the 24 who answered correctly, who have each earned 1 raffle ticket! Particular congratulations to a student in 10O who answered with the correct answer of '36 sides' in the quickest time.

Last week's method:

Interior + exterior = 180

∴ e + e + 160 = 180

∴ e = 10

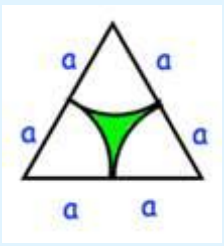
Total of exterior angles =360

∴ number of sides = 360 ÷ 10 =

36 sides

(called a triacontakaihexagon)

This week's conundrum
Calculate the area of the shaded region. Leave your answer in terms of a.



Submit your answers via **Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum** – best of luck!

Word of the Week for w/c 6 December
Next week the word is: **OBSCURANTISM** – opposition to the increase and spread of knowledge.

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PTFA
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1. Second Hand Uniform and Book Sale – THANK YOU!
Our thanks go to all the PTFA volunteers and shoppers at our recent Second Hand Uniform and Book Sale held on Saturday 27 November which raised approximately £1,800.00.

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place in the spring term on **Saturday 19 March 2022.**

Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.

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 £40.00 per card are available by request from CCHSG PTFA. Participants must be 18 or over. The stake per square is £1.00 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:

1. *Christmas Carols*
2. *Christmas Movies*
3. *Christmas Traditions*
4. *Christmas Food and Drinks*
5. *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?

5. PTFA Calendar 2021/2022
For your convenience, we have published the CCHSG PTFA Calendar for 2021/2022 academic year below. This can be found in the PTFA section of the school's website.

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

COVID-19

Vaccinations for healthy children aged 12 - 15 years

11th November 2021

WHO?



You're eligible for a jab if you haven't had your vaccination yet...



this includes those who turn 12 on the day of vaccination...



you will only receive one dose of vaccine

WHEN?

You can get vaccinated now

You do not have to wait to be contacted by the NHS

WHERE?



Many children will receive their vaccine at school – your school will contact you



OR you can choose to go to a designated large vaccination centre



OR at a designated walk-in clinic or community pharmacy

HOW?

You can book an appointment through the NHS National Booking Service Website (**www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19**), call **119** or contact the Suffolk and North East Essex helpline – **0344 257 3961**. To find your nearest walk-in vaccination centre, visit: **www.sneevaccine.org.uk**

CCHSG PTFA Calendar 2021/2022

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Autumn Term

PTFA AGM & Meeting	Mon September 27 19.30-21.00
PTFA Meeting	Mon November 8 19.30-21.00
Autumn Term Second Hand Uniform & Books Sale	Sat November 27 9.00-13.00
Winter Concert Raffle & Scratch Cards	Mon December 13 & Tues December 14 19.00-20.30

Spring Term

PTFA Meeting	Mon January 31 19.30 - 21.00
School Production (TBD) Refreshments	Wed February 2 - Friday February 4 19.00-21.30
Spring Term Second Hand Uniform & Books Sale	Sat March 19 9.00 - 13.00
Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents Refreshments	Fri March 25 19.00 - 21.00
PTFA Meeting	Mon March 28 19.30 - 21.00
Quiz & Curry Night Quizmaster: Julian Roper Food to be catered, PTFA run Bar & Cafe	Fri April 22 17.00 - 22.00

Summer Term

Summer Term Second Hand Uniform & Books Sale	Sat June 25 9.00-13.00
School Production Refreshments	TBD

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