Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
4 November 2022

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

Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term
Monday 4 September
Wednesday 20 December

Half Term
Monday 23 October
Friday 27 October

Spring Term
Thursday 4 January
Thursday 28 March
Bank Holiday
Friday 29 March

Half Term
Monday 19 February
Friday 23 February

Summer Term
Monday 15 April
Tuesday 23 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 6 May

Half Term
Monday 27 May
Friday 31 May

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**	Nov	7	Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall Yr 7 Progress Check 1 to Parents PTFA Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Nov	8	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall
Wednesday	Nov	9	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall
Thursday	Nov	10	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall
Friday	Nov	11	Assembly: All Yrs via Teams Yr 9 Geography/History Matrix Day

Nut Free School
We ask everyone to ensure no nuts or nut products are brought into school. This includes during travel to and from school via public or shared transport. Thank you.

Votes for Schools
This week, students had the opportunity to explore a topical issue which has potential health implications; vaping and its increasing popularity (especially among young people). They will also consider the factors driving its appeal, and what the future may hold, these lessons refer to addiction and the law.

Remembrance
Poppies are available in Reception for students to donate. In addition, members of the Head Student Team and Yr 8 will be visiting Form Groups for students to donate and take a poppy. We will be marking the Remembrance of Armistice Day with a 2-minute silence on Friday 11 November at 11.00.

Yr 9 Geography/History Matrix Day Friday 11 November
Students who normally study History will be involved in the Geography day, this will be in the Hall. Students should make their way to the Hall for the start of Period 1. They will then be in the Hall all day. Students who have their own device through BYOD should bring those with them.
Students who normally study Geography will be with the History department
Those students who study both subjects will be in the Hall with Geography.

First Bus Timetable Change
We have been notified that there have been changes to the timetable for services by First Bus in local areas. This may affect some students commuting to and from Colchester and surrounding areas. For further information please see: First Bus Colchester Service Change
Also affecting those coming from Chelmsford First Bus Timetable Colchester to Chelmsford

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards
Nominations are now open for the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards – do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to help their community either in school or outside? If so, what better way to recognise their efforts and achievement than a Jack Petchey Achievement Award.
"The Achievement Awards are primarily about recognising those who put in the effort and do their best." Sir Jack Petchey CBE.
Young people selected should be those who have gone above and beyond, and achieved – perhaps where others thought they might fail. Winning an Achievement Award should mean different things for different people – it may represent a personal triumph against adversity, it may recognise a young person who has pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone, it may be the opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of a team player who always puts others first.
Please nominate via: Jack Petchey Achievement Award Nomination The deadline for nominations is Friday 11 November.

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 Sessions for w/c Monday 7 November
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 2 will have their first session on Monday 7 November during Periods 4 & 5.
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 2 will have their second session on Tuesday 8 November during Period 1
Students and their parents have been emailed with the initial recipe for ingredients, students can also check this via SharePoint.

Lost Property
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint, students can view this via the link on the Student Bulletin. Items can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two weeks before being disposed of.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Students are encouraged to attend extra-curricular clubs, signing-up via SchoolCloud has closed, but students are welcome to attend even if they did not sign-up.
The Extra-Curricular booklet is attached for students to see what is on offer.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
09.11.2022	13.00 – 18.30	Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Championships	Various	Lee Valley	Yrs 8 & 9
09.11.2022	11.45 – 17.15	Netball District Tournament	Various	Away	U19
10.11.2022	15.45 – 17.15	Netball	TLA	Away	Yrs 10 & 11
10.11.2022	15.45 – 17.15	Netball	Felsted	CCHSG	U19
12.11.2022	10.30 – 13.00	Regional Cross Country Final	Various	Away	Yrs 9,10 & 11

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

Yr 11 Biology Revision Sessions
Weekly revision session for GCSE Biology continues on Monday 7 November at lunchtime, 12.45 in F13. We will continue with plant transport that was started on Monday 31 October, students should bring the booklet that was handed out. All welcome.

Yr 12 and 13 Biology Competition
ZSL run an animal behaviour competition, the Prince Philip Award and Marsh prize. This involves undertaking some practical work on any aspect of animal Biology and writing it up as a report. The prize is £600 and a former CCHSG student has just won the 2022 prize, a fabulous achievement!
Full details: https://www.zsl.org/about-us/zsl-awards.
If students are interested in undertaking a study they should please come and discuss with Dr Martin first. Deadline for submission is 15 January 2023.

Mathematics Department Revision Sessions for Week A
Yr 13 Tuesday, Quadratics, Equations and Inequalities (Yr 12 topics) with Mrs Roshen
Yr 13 Wednesday, Statistics with Mrs Bradnum
Yr 12 Tuesday, Maths Intervention with Mr Williams
Yr 11 Wednesday, revision (Chapter 5) with Mrs King

Yr 11 Physics Revision Sessions
These continue next week with Force and Motion. Students should come along to G0 at 12.45 on Friday 11 November.

Physics and Mathematics Entrance Examination Preparation – Tuesday Lunchtime in G2
For students in Yrs 11 & 12 and interested in Oxbridge for Physics or Mathematics. We will have a quick introduction to the Natural Sciences admissions test and then look at several Oxford questions too.
For those students not considering Oxbridge they are still welcome to come and have a go at some challenging questions anyway!

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Yrs 10 – 13 British Physics Olympiad
The Olympiad will be continuing on Monday Week A lunchtime 12.45 in G1, with Mr Minton.
It is open to all students in Yrs 10-13, who would like to test their Physics skills against other students in the UK and potentially the world!

All Yrs – It's a Classic Readalong
Alison Davidson is continuing It's a Classic by reading Oliver Goldsmith's *The Vicar of Wakefield* (1766) from Monday 14 November via Teams. The group will read a chapter at a time and post discussion comments on the Teams page. The book is available free online and on kindle.
In addition, Pope's brilliant 18th Century mock-heroic poem *The Rape of the Lock* on four Wednesday nights from Wednesday 16 November, 17.30 start.
For further information please see poster below, to join the group please email adavidson@cchsg.com.

Yr 13 Economics – North Essex Social Impact Hack 2022
Mr Fletcher and Miss Torr draw students over 18's attention to a free online event from The Weave, taking place 18- 20 November at the end of Global Entrepreneurship Week.
Do you have the mindset of a social innovator? They are looking for independent creative problem solvers to join businesses and teams to explore new ideas that meet unmet needs. By participating students will engage with new opportunities, build networks and meet fellow social innovators. There is also the chance to win prizes and rewards. To find out more and to register please go to https://wearetheweave.co.uk/socialimpacthackathon

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.

Careers Information
Careers Lead – Mr Gosling

Students can make appointments with our impartial careers adviser via the sign-up sheet outside of Mrs Tarrier's office.

e-Safety Information – Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service eSafety Training
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service are offering free online parent workshops on various dates, looking how to keep young people safe in an online world.
Please see poster below for more information and for how to book.

Dining Room Arrangements
Breakfast – 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 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.
Please pre-order lunchtime cold food via the Civica Eats APP

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Dining Arrangements students to Dining Hall for Lunch:

Week A		**Week B**	
12.35	Yr 13	**12.35**	Yr 13
12.45	Yr 11	**12.45**	Yr 11
12.50	Yr 8 & 7	**12.50**	Yr 9 & 10
13.00	Yr 9 & 10	**13.00**	Yr 7 & 8

Students should arrive promptly for their slot.

Menu for w/c 7 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Kedgeree with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Cake with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Rice Pudding with Jam	Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil

Correspondence Sent out this Week

Yr 7: Parent Tutor Consultation Evening
Yr 7: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
Yrs 9 & 10: GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase (Psychology students only)
Yr 10: Additional Mathematics Qualification
Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Disneyland Paris Trip Expression of Interest
Yr 12: A Level Psychology Textbook and Extension Reading Materials (Psychology students only)
Yr 13: A Level Psychology Textbook and Extension Reading Materials (Psychology students only)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Bushcraft Residential Trip	Friday 9 December
Yrs 9 & 10	GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase	Friday 18 November
Yrs 12 & 13	Sixth Form Disneyland Paris Trip Expression of Interest	Sunday 6 November
Yr 12	A Level Psychology Textbook and Extension Reading Materials	Friday 18 November
Yr 13	A Level Psychology Textbook and Extension Reading Materials	Friday 18 November

Word of the Week for w/c 7 November

Next week the word is: **censorious** – severely critical.

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1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 7 November, 19.00 – 20.30
- **Annual Christmas Market:** Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
  Save the date for this popular event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community
- **Nearly New Uniform and Revision Books Sale:** Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00 (during the Christmas Market). Please continue to make donations.
- **Winter Concert (Refreshments):** Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December

2. TCS London Marathon 2023: Sunday 23 April
We understand that individual ballot results for the 2023 TCS London Marathon are being sent out to applicants this week. If you are successful in gaining a place in the individual ballot, and have not yet committed yourself to running for a charity, would you consider raising sponsorship for the PTFA? If you are interested in doing so, please contact us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com.
For anyone willing to commit to raising funds, the PTFA will create a fundraising page which you will be invited to join. We thank you in advance for your support.

3. Annual Christmas Market 2022: Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
Appeal for donations of items for the PTFA Stalls at the Christmas Market
Preparation for the Christmas Market is well underway. There are many ways that you can get involved to make this event one of our best yet. We are looking for donations for some of our PTFA run stalls including the following:

- ***Sweets for Sweets Jar Tombola*:** Celebration Tubs, Maom Strips, Kit Kats, Jelly Babies, Mini Haribo sweets packs, etc. - leftover sweets from Trick or Treat, perhaps?
- ***Chocolates for Chocolate Tombola:*** Chocolate Santa, Reindeer, Teddy, etc.
- ***Items for Bottle Tombola:*** wine, fizzy drinks, sauce jars, jam, shampoo, basically if it comes in a bottle or jar, we'll gratefully except it! Items containing alcohol must not be brought into school by students. Please contact us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com to arrange delivery
- ***Books for the Book Stall:*** Revision or good quality special interest books are most welcome, please deposit these in the wheelie bin outside school Reception
- ***Home-baked cakes, cookies, curries, etc.:*** for sale in the café

If you would like to donate any of these items (except for books, which can be left in the wheelie bin outside Reception), please contact cchsgptfa@gmail.com to make arrangements for delivery. Please ensure items donated are within date for consumption beyond December 2022.

Volunteer Sign-Up: There are many ways that you can support us with the upcoming Christmas Market including offering to donate of any of the items requested for PTFA stalls. **Please sign-up via this link:** https://volunteersignup.org/9P7R8

4. CCHSG PTFA Christmas Grand Raffle Draw 2022
We are delighted to launch our Christmas Grand Prize Draw for this year. The draw will take place on Friday 9 December and winners will be notified via email or telephone. All non-cash prizes must be collected in person from the school by Friday 16 December.
1st Prize - £250 cash **2nd Prize** - Luxury Festive Hamper, and many other exciting prizes.
Raffle Tickets cost £5 per entry and can be purchased at https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BXKF
DISCLAIMER: As a result of legislation changes by the UK Gambling Commission (UKGC), since April 2020, the use of credit cards for any type of gambling has been prohibited. This also applies to online gambling such as this Raffle Draw. Please use a debit card rather than credit card. Please gamble responsibly.

5. Christmas & World Cup Scratch Cards
Help us spread some festive cheer. The Football World Cup starts on Sunday 20 November. Why not raise funds for CCHSG PTFA through our very own Christmas and World Cup themed Scratch Cards? There is a winner for every card (50% of amount raised from the individual cards goes to the winner and 50% goes to CCHSG PTFA)
There are 7 themes to choose from:
Christmas Carols, Christmas Food & Drinks, Christmas Movies, Christmas Traditions, Christmas Nativity Scenes, Qatar World Cup 2022, English Football Teams, Lucky Numbers
Contact cchsgptfa@gmail.com to obtain your desired card(s).

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

MFL CLUBS 2022-2023

Day	Club	Yrs	Rm	Time	Leader
Monday	French	All	T13	12.45 – 13.20	Mademoiselle Prévost
Tuesday	Spanish	All	G6	12.45 – 13.20	Señor Snow
Tuesday	German	All	T14	12.50 – 13.15	Frau David and Frau Rosch
Tuesday	Italian	All	T11	12.50 – 13.15	Signorina Grandi
Wednesday	Chinese	All	T10	12.50 – 13.15	Page Laoshi
Wednesday	French GCSE – Essay Writing	11	G7	12.45 – 13.20	Madame Ollite
Wednesday	Tamil	All	G6	12.45 – 13.20	Year 11 Students
Thursday	German GCSE	10/11	T13	12.50 – 13.15	Herr Page
Thursday	French GCSE - Grammar	10/11	G6	15.45 – 16.30	Monsieur Snow
Thursday	Korean	All	G7	12.45 – 13.20	Year 12 Students
Friday	French GCSE – Listening Practice	11	T13	12.45 – 13.20	Monsieur Snow

It's a Classic Read-a-Long: *The Vicar of Wakefield*

(Years 7-13)



We have now finished *Cranford*, so next we read Oliver Goldsmith's *The Vicar of Wakefield* (1766) from Monday 14 November via Teams. You read a chapter a day and we all post our comments. There are only 144 pages – how easy is that?!

It is free online (just google *The Vicar of Wakefield* text) and on kindle.

Why *The Vicar?*

how interesting to look at something from the very early days of novel-writing

1. It's short - we'll finish it this term
2. "…so the minute her cap began to bob like a top-heavy dahlia, I whipped the *Vicar of Wakefield* out of my pocket, and read away, with one eye on him and one on Aunt. I'd just got to where they all tumbled into the water when I forgot and laughed out loud…"
3. (Extra credit if you can place that quotation from a 19th C children's book)
4. It will go well with 18th C *The Rape of the Lock* – see separate notice

If you want to join us, email **ADavidson@cchsg.com**

It's a Classic Read-a-Long: *The Rape of Lock*

(Years 7-13)



We'll read Pope's brilliant 18th C mock-heroic poem on four Wednesday nights from Wednesday 16 November via Teams– 17.30 start.

Verses will be allocated in advance we read it, discuss it.

It is free online (just google *The Rape of the Lock* text) and on kindle.

Why *The Rape of the Lock*? – because it's so clever and funny.

If you want to join us, email ADavidson@cchsg.com

PTFA

CHRISTMAS Market 2022

Grand Raffle Draw

£250 Cash Prize, Luxury Hamper
& many other exciting prizes!

To purchase tickets scan the QR code or visit
https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BXKF

£5 per entry
Draw Date - 9 December

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Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service and 'The 2 Johns' are pleased to offer **FREE** online parent workshops that will look at the online world, how our young people are using it and how to keep them safe. This includes :

- Favourite apps and games
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe

Sessions will run virtually from 8.00pm-9.30pm on dates below:

Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022
Thursday 24th Nov 2022
Monday 28th Nov 2022
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022
Wednesday 7th Dec2022
Monday 12th Dec 2022
Tuesday 14th Dec 2022
Wednesday 21st Dec 2022



To book a place please call our Hub on 0300 247 0015

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www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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