Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
18 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:
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Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week A**	Nov	21	Assembly: Yrs 10, 11 & 13 via Teams Yr 9 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 10 GCSE Mock Examination Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Begin Yr 12 Progress Check 1 to Parents
Tuesday	Nov	22	Assembly: Yr 11 via Teams Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations
Wednesday	Nov	23	Assembly: Yr 8 & 9 via Teams Yr 9 Religion & Worldviews Matrix Day (9AA, 9BB & 9CC) Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations
Thursday	Nov	24	Assembly: Yr 7 via Teams Yr 9 Religion & Worldviews Matrix Day (9DD, 9EE & 9FF) Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Yr 12 Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.15
Friday	Nov	25	Assembly: Yr 12 via Teams Yr 10 ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition via Zoom 16.30 (selected students) Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations
Saturday	Nov	26	PTFA Christmas Market 12.00 – 15.00

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, to mark this year's Anti-Bullying Week, students are exploring the world of "fandoms"
Fandom: A group of fans of someone or something, especially very enthusiastic ones. Students will decide whether or not, in a bid to show appreciation, these sometimes go too far and venture into bullying or trolling.

Uniform Reminder
We remind parents and students that navy blue jumpers are not permitted, but students may wear a navy cardigan under their blazers in cold weather. In addition, students should wear ankle socks (white, navy or black) or tights (black or navy blue), not both together.

Annual Christmas Market 2022: Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
The PTFA are seeking support for the Christmas Market. Please see the PTFA section below for how you can help with donations or help on the day. Thank you.

PE Department Football Boot Appeal
If anyone has any old pairs of football boots you no longer need, the PE department would be glad to receive them! Any size and from friends or family would be gratefully received, thank you.

Winter Concert – Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December
CCHSG Music Department are pleased to invite you to the annual Winter Concert on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December. Tickets are available via TryBooking - CCHSG Winter Concert at a cost of £8. The event starts at 19.00 and there will be one 20-minute interval. A licensed bar and refreshments for purchase, kindly organised by the PTFA, will be available before the show and during the interval.
Please purchase your tickets by midday on Tuesday 13 December, when the booking site will close.
We hope to see you there!

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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Upcoming/Overdue Ski Trip 2023 Deadlines
EHIC/GHIC Expiry date – 11 November
Trip Hoody – 18 November
Personal Ski Equipment – 21 November
Photo Opportunity: Requires Parental Consent – 21 November
Passport & EHIC/GHIC: Requires Upload – 25 November
All tasks need to be completed via the student's individual trip page. If parents have any issues they should please contact Mr Williams as soon as possible via dwilliams@cchsg.com

CCHSG Young Enterprise
Please see the posters below from the Yr 12 Young Enterprise companies, who will be displaying and selling their products at the PTFA Christmas Market.
Team 1 selling customized tote bags and Team 2 Sewsoy selling their soy wax wraps as an alternative to clingfilm.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 21 November
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 2 will have their first session on Monday 21 November during Periods 4 & 5 – rearranged from Monday 7 November
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 3 will have their first session on Tuesday 22 November during Period 1.
Parents and students have had their recipe sent to them for the ingredients needed, this can also be found on 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.

Bebras 2022
The Computing department would like to congratulate all students who took part in the Bebras challenge 2022 over the past fortnight. The results will be available shortly for which they will all be awarded a certificate. For those students who qualify for the next round, the OUCC – Oxford University Computing Challenge, this will take place between 16 and 20 January 2023.

iDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award) Awards
The Computing department are also happy to announce the iDEA Gold Award is now available. Many students have already completed the Bronze and Silver Award and were awaiting the publication of the new award. Shortly, all students will be given a reminder of what the awards are and why they are an excellent opportunity for all age groups as well as their account details. They can continue completion of the awards in any order. If they have completed any of the awards since the end of the Summer Term, then certificates for doing so will be awarded just before the Christmas break. For further information regarding iDEA Awards, please see https://idea.org.uk/

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.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
22.11.2022	15.15 – 17.30	Netball Central Venue	Various	The Gilberd	Yrs 7 & 8
22.11.2022	TBC	Badminton	Various	Philip Morant School	U14
23.11.2022	13.00 – 18.00	Netball Essex Cup	Passmore	Away	Yr 7
24.11.2022	TBC	Badminton	Various	Philip Morant	U16
24.11.2022	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	St Benedicts	Away	Yr 9

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

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!

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Yr 11 Physics Revision
Sessions for the next two Fridays (25 November and 2 December) will be drop in sessions due to the mock examinations. Students can come along with any questions or problems or can just pop along and revise. There will be a selection of revision materials for students to use. Sessions will run in G0 from 12.45.

Mathematics Department Revision Sessions for Week A
Yr 13 Coordinate Geometry and trigonometry (AS) with Mrs Roshen
Yr 13 Tuesday Revision after school with Mrs Ball
Yr 13 Wednesday, Statistics with Mrs Bradnum
Yr 12 Tuesday, Maths Intervention with Mr Williams
Yr 12 Thursday, Maths Problem Solving with Mrs Bradnum
Yr 11 GCSE Mathematics Revision
There will be no revision sessions with Mrs King for the next two weeks due to the Yr 11 mock examinations.

MMI Preparation
The MMI Workshop for Yr 13 continues at 12.50 on Wednesday 23 November in the Lecture Theatre. This week we will be practising questions that could be asked in either a panel interview or MMI such as students' motivation to study their chosen course, their reason for selecting the university, their work experience and what they have learnt. Students should eat their lunch before the session.

Medsoc – TUESDAY (note not the usual Thursday this week) 22 November at 12.45 in F13
Two former CCHSG students in their first year at Liverpool Medical school, are giving a talk about their training so far. All welcome to this great opportunity.

Yr 11 Biology Revision Sessions
Weekly revision session for GCSE Biology on Monday 21 November at lunchtime, 12.45 in F13. We will be looking at the heart and circulatory system with exam Qs. All welcome

Yr 12 and 13 Biologists
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 up as a report. The prize is £600 and a former CCHSG student has just won the 2022 prize, a fabulous achievement. Full details are available via https://www.zsl.org/about-us/zsl-awards. If students are interested in undertaking a study please come and discuss with Dr Martin first. Deadline for submission is 15 January.

Yr 12 Biology Rat Dissection
Those who ordered a preserved rat to dissect need to sign up for a date for the after-school sessions (between 17 – 29 November). The sign-up sheet can be found on the door of F13.

Young Writers Competition – Integer
Students who wish to flex their story writing muscles should collect a competition entry form from the English Department notice board at the end of the F corridor. Their story must be 100 words long and the theme is **Numbers!** All entries should be handed in to Miss Simcock by Wednesday 14 December. Successful entries will be published in the Young Writers anthology and the top five poets receive a £50 prize.

Yrs 7 – 10 CCHSG Award
A chance for students to create a proposal for their own social enterprise and have the chance of winning £100 towards their social enterprise. They will need to be in a group of three or four students to enter.
If interested in the competition they should email Mr Fletcher tfletcher@cchsg.com to be added to the MS Teams group and be provided with the template for their proposal.

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.

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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.

Post 16 options: Do you know about T Levels?
T Levels are new two-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to three A Levels. Launched in September 2020, these courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for entry into skilled employment, an apprenticeship or related technical study through further or higher education.
T Levels offer students practical and knowledge-based learning at a school or college and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of at least 315 hours – approximately 45 days.
The courses are available at selected colleges, schools and other providers across England.
For more information please visit: https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/

e-Safety Information – E-Safety Training by the 2 Johns and The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service, running from 22 November to 21 December

These parent workshops are to help parents become more aware of how their young people are using the online world, this will include looking at favourite apps, games, dangers they face, how young people are influenced on line, and solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe. Online and free, the workshops run from 20.00 – 21.30.

Please see poster below for full information.

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
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 21 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chili con Carne with Rice	Pork & Lentil Sausage Roll	Beef Burger, Chips & Beans	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta with Salad (Vegan)	Vegetable Chilli with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Jam Sponge with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Pancakes	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yr 8: Risk Avert Programme
Yr 11: Sixth Form Taster Day
Yr 12: Parent Consultation Evening
Yrs 12&13: Sixth Form Charity Day

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Friday 18 November
Yr 7	Bushcraft Residential Trip	Friday 9 December
Yrs 9 & 10	GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase	Friday 18 November
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Consent & Initial Payment	Wednesday 30 November
Yr 10	DofE Silver Consent & Initial Payment	Wednesday 30 November
Yrs 12 & 13	Sixth Form Charity Day	Friday 18 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 21 November
Next week the word is: **OBLIVIOUS** – unaware.

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1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Annual Christmas Market:** Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
- **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. 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.

3. CCHSG PTFA Christmas Grand Raffle Draw 2022

Have you purchased tickets for our Christmas Grand Prize Draw for this year yet? 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.

4. 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).

5. Volunteer Sign-up Links

There are many ways that you can support us with the upcoming events including offering to donation of items for the Christmas Market. Please sign-up via these link:

Event	Volunteer Sign-up link
Annual Christmas Market Saturday 26 November	https://volunteersignup.org/9P7R8
Nearly New Uniform Sale Saturday 26 November	https://volunteersignup.org/E4QHQ
Winter Concert Tuesday 13 December	https://volunteersignup.org/KYX8P
Winter Concert Wednesday 14 December	https://volunteersignup.org/QALJB

PTFA CONTACTS:

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

YOUNG ENTERPRISE
TEAM 1

Christmas Market

ALL FOR THE TOTE

BUY CUSTOMISED TOTE BAGS - THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

12PM- 3PM

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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Start fresh with Sewsoy at the *Christmas Market*!

Saturday, 26 November 2022
Colchester County High School for Girls, Norman Way, Colchester, CO3 3US

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- ethical values

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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Believe in children Barnardo's



eSafetyTraining

'The 2 Johns'

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

Sydney House Family Hub – Tendring District

Berechurch Family Hub - Colchester Borough

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Services commissioned by:

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PTFA

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM & BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022
12.00 - 15.00 hours
Room G23, CCHSG

(Christmas Market)

No appointment needed.

As some of the uniform may have been altered, we recommend that you bring your child along with you to try the items before purchasing. Please ensure that you child wears clothes suitable to try clothes on over them. You will also need to bring bags for your purchase.

We regret that we cannot reserve items for anyone.

Payment accepted:

Cash or credit/debit card.
(A minimum of £30.00 purchase required for card payments)

Donations:

We accept outgrown uniform and good quality revision, fiction or non-fiction books. Please deposit them into wheelie bins outside the school reception.

Email: cchsgptfa@gmail.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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