Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
16 December 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



All the staff and Governors wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to our parents for your consistent support.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week A**	Jan	2	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Jan	3	School Holiday
Wednesday	Jan	4	School Holiday
Thursday	Jan	5	**First Day of Spring Term** No Assembly
Friday	Jan	6	No Assembly

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's topic was: *Should there be strikes during the festive period?*

Primary Volunteers
This term CCHSG students have been supporting primary students with reading and Mathematics at Wix and Wrabness and Home Farm Primary Schools. We have received the message below, thanking our students:
"Please pass on our grateful thanks to your students who have been coming into our school at 08.00 every Monday morning since September. They have been a great help with a group of our Year 6 children who have needed an extra support with their reading". Mrs Bell, Home Farm Primary School.
Miss Torr would also like to pass on her thanks to the students.
Next term we will be working with Iceni Primary School on enterprise activities as part of the primary volunteers scheme. If students would like to be involved or support with English and Mathematics with Primary School students (NB some sessions would be at lunchtime next term) they should contact Miss Torr via storr@cchsg.com.

December E-Newsletter Published
The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: https://www.cchsg.com/news/latest-e-newsletter/
This is a bumper edition with items from the majority of curriculum areas as well as coverage of the Sixth Form Open Evening, Winter Concert, Yr 8 Remembrance Day Art Project, PTFA Christmas Market and more – do take a look!

CCHSG 500 Club
Congratulations to the winners of the December draw (all winners will be contacted by telephone or email).
1st Prize – £104 - 2648422 (Parent of Yr 10 student)
2nd Prize – £62 - 2653049 (Parent of Yr 10 student)
3rd Prize – £42 - 2679633 (Parent of Yr 9 student)
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 25 January. 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/

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CTTC Open Evening, Thursday 19 January 17.00 – 19.00
If you know of anyone who is interested in training to teach please share with them the poster below for the CTTC Open Evening. To express an interest in attending please complete the online form CTTC Open Evening Registration Form

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 9 January
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 4 will have their first session on Monday 9 January during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 4 will have their first session on Tuesday 10 January during Period 3
Parents and students have had the initial recipe with ingredients emailed to them.

Lost Property
We urge all belongings to be clearly named.
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two school weeks before being disposed of.

Brighton Half Marathon – Appeal for Support
Miss Wright is running the Brighton Half Marathon in February with her sister to raise money for St Helena Hospice. If you would like to support them, their Just Giving page is available via justgiving.com/fundraising/wrights-running-for-jeff

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 Clubs and Practices Timetable
Please see below for the PE Clubs timetable for new term.

Yr 11 Physics Revision, Fridays, from 12.45 in G0
Sessions will continue on Friday 6 January with a masterclass on reading graphs and drawing tangents.

Physics Film Club – Tuesday Lunchtime in G2
Starting next term we will be watching various Physics themed programmes every week. If interested, students should come along at the start of lunch!
First up is: 'Seeing the invisible – the dark matter puzzle'

All Yrs: Historical Fiction Writing Competition
Mr Paz urges all students to consider taking part in this year's historical fiction writing competition with the Historical Association. Please see poster below for more information. To submit please send entries to Mr Paz, not directly to the Historical Association. Deadline for entries is Monday 1 May.

Yr 12 & 13: History of Totalitarianism Essay Competition
Mr Paz would like to make students aware of an essay competition on the topic of totalitarianism. Students do not have to be taking A Level History to take part! There is a financial prize and taking part could also be used to support UCAS applications. More information including instructions on how to submit can be seen via: https://historyoftotalitarianism.com/
This year's topic is on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.
Students should let the History department know if they submit an essay. The deadline is February 2023.

Community Information

Free Football with Colchester United this Christmas
Colchester United are holding an open football event for young people aged 14-16 (Girls and Boys). This is part of their Premier League Kicks programme which uses the power of football to engage young people in constructive activities. Please see the poster below for full details.

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.

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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.

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 the Snack Shack 12.35 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.
Yrs 7-9 can eat their packed lunches in the Main Hall.
Panini and salad pots can be eaten in the Dining Room Extension. Merchandise from the vending machine is also available to purchase in the Snack Shack at Break and Lunchtime.
There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared.

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.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30 via the Civica Eats APP
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.

Menu for w/c 2 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn
Or				
Bank Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	Vegetable Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Bank Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	Banana Toffee Sponge with Custard	Pancakes
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Bank Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yr 7: Healthy Living Sessions
Yrs 7-11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 8: Healthy Living Sessions
Yr 9: Dora Love Prize Workshop (selected students)
Yr 10: Public Speaking Competition (selected students)
Yrs 10 & 11: UCAT and BMAT Preparation
Yr 11: Disneyland Paris Trip (selected students)
Yr 12: UCAT and BMAT Preparation
Yrs 12 & 13: Charity Day

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Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7 - 11	Non-Uniform Day	Thursday 15 December
Yr 9	Dora Love Prize Workshop (selected students)	Friday 16 December
Yr 10	Public Speaking Competition	Friday 6 January
Yrs 10 & 11	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 6 January
Yr 11	Disneyland Paris Trip	Friday 16 December
Yr 12	UCAT and BMAT Preparation	Friday 6 January
Yrs 12 & 13	Charity Day	Thursday 15 December

MENSA Brainteasers
A fire engine travels seven miles to a fire at a speed of 40 mph.
Its tank holds 500 gallons of water but has been leaking at a rate of 22.5 gallons per hour throughout the journey.
If the fine engine needs 497 gallons of water to put out the fire, will it have sufficient?

Last week's answer: Wave

Word of the Week for w/c 2 January
Next week the word is: **JUBILANT** – showing great joy, satisfaction or triumph.

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PTFA
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The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their support in 2022, and particularly all those many parents, students and friends of CCHSG who have volunteered to help at our events.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful holiday break.



PE Clubs and Practices (Spring Term 2023)

Monday 9 January – Friday 6 February 2023

Year 7-13 INTERFORM JUST DANCE and FOOTBALL: w/c 6 February

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08:00-08:30	**Swimming** All years (LDY) 	**Gymnastics Competition Squad only** Gym (KMA) 	**Netball Team Training** Years 7-8 (NKN, KMA) 	**GCSE Swimming** All years (NKN) 	**Badminton** Sports Hall All Years (PCA) 
Breaktime 10.10-10.20	**Netball Shooting** (team shooters only) In sports hall		**Netball Shooting** (team shooters only) In sports hall		**Netball Shooting** (team shooters only) In sports hall
Lunch-time 12:40-13:05	**Table Tennis** Gym All Years (PCA)  **Netball Team Training** Year 10-13 (KMA)  **Basketball** Sports Hall Year 7-8 (JWA/DWI) 	**Football** Year 7 (LDY)  **Beginners Swimming** Year 10-13 (NKN)  **Volleyball** Year 10-11 Sports Hall (JWA/KMA)  **Just Dance** All years Gym (PCA) 	**Netball Team Training** Year 7-9 (PCA, KMA)  **Beginners Swimming** Year 7-9 (NKN)  **Badminton** Sports Hall All Years (DWI)  **Tag Rugby** Field (LDY & Student Lead) 	**GCSE/ A- LEVEL Theory Support** H3 (NKN & Student Mentors) **Fun Swim** Year 7-9 (KMA)  **Football** Year 8-11 (LDY)  **Indoor Cricket** Sports Hall All years (PCA) 	**Friday Fun Day** Gym All Years  **Sports Leaders** (PCA, KMA) 
After school 15:45-16:45	**SCHOOL MEETINGS** **Trampolining Club (competition only)** 	**FIXTURES EVENING**	**FIXTURES EVENING**	**FIXTURES EVENING**	

Write your own Historical Fiction Competition 2023

The Historical Association Historical Fiction Prize and the Joan Blyth Memorial Prize

Across Years 7, 8 and 9 there will be three prizes for the best individual story.

Across Years 10,11, 12 and 13 there will be three prizes for best individual story.

There is also a prize for the best fictional historical character in a convincing historical setting. Three prizes will be on offer here across all year groups.



This year they are asking entries to be linked to the theme of coronation. Pupils can still set their stories in ANY period or place across the world in the past, so long as it links to the theme of coronation. Your story can be about a real coronation and the events surrounding it – whether it's an Egyptian ruler, the Oba of Benin, a Mughal emperor, the last French king or perhaps the first English queen; or it might be a fictional coronation but in an accurate and real historical context that hooks into some of the symbolism and themes around a coronation.Winning students will each receive a cash prize of £25 and an engraved Bath Aqua Blue glass paperweight. Schools will receive a year's **FREE** subscription to the HA.

What are the judges looking for?

- **Historical accuracy** – even down to the choice of names characters are given and any props additional to the historical setting
- A **riveting read** with a good plot!
- A **convincing story** - i.e. is it plausible that these events and/or this character could have existed at the time?
- Use of **historical knowledge** to feed the plot, context and character
- Effective use of **historical vocabulary** and **literary conventions**, including where dialogue is included in the story
- **Creative and interesting perspectives** of story-telling. In the past they received an entry telling the story of a siege from the perspective of the castle!
- Minimum word court of 400 words and a maximum word count of 3500 words.
- Your story may be illustrated.

Entries in the form of a word document must be emailed to Mr Paz by Monday 1 May 2023. ipaz@cchsg.com

The History department will then choose up to 5 entries to be forwarded to the Historical Association.


Premier League
Kicks
FREE FOOTBALL
14-16 YEAR OLD's
XMAS Premier League Kicks Session with Colchester United FITC
Who – Anyone aged between 14-16 years old. Girls and Boys welcome. There will be a girls only section.
What – Free football practice with your mates, in front of our development centre coaches (chance to get scouted).
Where – Shrub End Community Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, CO2 9BG.
When – Friday 23rd December between 1pm-3pm.
To book follow the link below or scan the QR code.
https://colchester-united-cf.class4kids.co.uk/camp/288
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