Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
13 January 2023

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

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
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

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week A**	Jan	16	Assembly: Yr 12 in the Hall Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Workshop Yr 10 GCSE RS Mock Examination Results to Parents Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examination Results to Parents Yr 13 Mock Examinations
Tuesday	Jan	17	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Yr 11 Reports to Office Yr 13 Mock Examinations
Wednesday	Jan	18	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 13 Mock Examinations
Thursday	Jan	19	No Assembly Yr 13 Mock Examinations CTTC Open Evening 17.00 – 19.00
Friday	Jan	20	No Assembly Yr 13 Mock Examinations

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: *Will Science solve the world's problems?*

Kathleen Glasgow Books
Books by Kathleen Glasgow are currently popular with students. Although written for young adults (14 years +), some of the books deal with themes and topics such as self-harm, suicide and abuse, which means they are not suitable for everyone - even if they are a young adult**.** These titles are not stocked in the school Library, but are being brought into school by students. We suggest that if your child is reading books by this author you check if the content is appropriate for them. The school Librarians can be contacted by emailing library@cchsg.com if you have any questions or concerns about what your child is reading.

Yrs 7 – 9 Flu Vaccination – Friday 27 January
The immunisation team will be in school to administer the vaccination, parents have been sent information and need to complete the consent form within the letter by Friday 20 January.
If you have any queries we ask that you do not contact the school, as we will be unable to help, but should contact the immunisation service via 0300 7900597 or 0300 7900594.

Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge – Monday 16 January
Students will be off timetable to take part in this workshop, which we hope they will enjoy.

Art Department Appeal
The Art department are looking for any unwanted buckets and spades for a project. If you are able to help, students can donate items to Mrs Saunders in G26. Thank you.

***Les Misérables* School Edition - Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 February**
Tickets for the performances are on sale at £10 each and can be purchased via TryBooking using the link: Trybooking: Les Miserables School Edition. The show will start at 19.00, refreshments will be served during the interval.
Please be aware that this production contains adult themes and some bad language which might not be appropriate for very young children. There will also be use of flashing lights and loud noises.

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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CTTC Open Evening, Thursday 19 January 17.00 – 19.00
If you or anyone you know are 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 16 January
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 3 will have their second session on Monday 16 January during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 3 will have their second session on Tuesday 17 January during Period 3
Students will have discussed the recipe and the ingredients needed in their previous session with Mrs Webb.

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.

Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities

New Kilt Edition
Calling all student writers to submit an article for the school newspaper – The Kilt!
The deadline for submission is **Friday 20 January**. Articles can be about any topic that students find interesting or students like to learn more about. Full information is available on the Student Bulletin for interested students.

Yr 12 Oxbridge Club – Wednesday Week A, 12.45 in G21
This is where students come together fortnightly to discuss and debate wider issues. Universities will expect students to analyse and critique articles/literature/reviews so this will enable them to develop these skills. It also gives students good experience in terms of thinking on their feet which relates to interview situations where they have to articulate ideas verbally. In the past students have also presented key issues they are interested in- like a TED talk- again a vital skill which will help make them stand out.
If students would like to attend then they must be willing to participate in discussions and be confident to answer/ask questions. Also, if any student is interested in leading the group then they should let Mrs Pigott know – the role would be to facilitate discussions and to find articles/topics to examine.
We will meet every Wednesday Week B in G21 at 12.45. Students can bring their lunch.

Mathematics Department Revision Sessions for Week A
No Yr 13 revision this week due to mock examinations.
Yr 12 Tuesday, Maths Intervention with Mr Williams
Yr 11 Friday, revision with Mrs King
Yr 10 Wednesday, Add Maths with Mrs Roshen in M7

CCHSG Enterprise Award – Friday 12.45 – 13.15
Next Friday Mrs Okubanjo of Action on Blood (social enterprise) will be coming in to talk about her role as CEO of Action on Blood. She will also answer questions to help with their social enterprise proposals.
All students taking part in the CCHSG Enterprise Award should attend to get support with their social enterprise proposals (deadline for submission is Wednesday 22 February)
If attending, students should please email Mr Fletcher via tfletcher@cchsg.com so we know the number attending, thank you.

Physics Film Club Every – Tuesday Lunchtime in G2
This week we will be watching a documentary about the evolution of the universe by Professor Brian Cox.

Physics Club – Wednesday Lunchtime in G2
We will be continuing to work on the Reimagine Ceres competition this week.

Geography Essay Competition — Minds Underground 2023 Geography Competition
The Minds Underground™ Geography Essay Competition is aimed at students in Yr 12, though younger applicants are welcome, as well as Yr 13 re-applicants to university. The competition provides students with an opportunity to engage in university-level research, hone their writing skills and contribute to the climate discussion. Entrants must choose one question from the list below to answer. Submission Deadline: Friday 31 March.
1. 'Millions in Africa are poorer today because of aid; misery and poverty have not ended but increased' (DAMBISA MOYO). What do you think?
2. Are some societies more developed than others?
3. Should physical and human geography cease to be two distinct areas of geography?
For full information please see Geography Essay Competition — Minds Underground

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Yrs 7 – 9: English Speaking Union Performing Shakespeare Competition
Mr Paz would like to invite students in Yrs 7 - 9 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 you choose. Crucially, students 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, but it also enables students to develop creativity, confidence and ability to express themselves – important skills in the classroom and in the wider world. They will take part in an internal round at school, and if chosen will compete in a regional round in February or March and possibly the final in the summer.
The chosen monologue or duologue should be more than 3 minutes in length. Details about the competition and some guidance is available via: 2022-23-ESU-Shakespeare-school-handbook.pdf
If students would like to audition, they need to prepare to perform on Monday 30 January in T20 at 12.45. If students have any questions they should see Mr Paz.

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

Yrs 11 – 13 Legal and General Insight Event – Wednesday 25 January 17.00 – 18.00
Students may be interested in this event which Legal and General have asked us to share.
They are holding an insight evening where they will be joined by members of their investment teams to talk through the world of investing, pensions, insurances, and asset management, as well as about a career at Legal and General.
Sign up here**:** Legal & General Apprenticeship & Work Experience Insight Evening

Yrs 11 & 12 US University Application Workshop – Wednesday 25 January at 18.30
Students may be interested in this webinar hosted by former Stanford Admissions Officer Martin Walsh. He will explain what it takes to impress top US universities, how to craft a winning essay and why early application matters
To book: US University Application Workshop

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.
Please note:
Due to the upcoming school production, packed lunches for Yrs 7 – 9 are to be eaten in Form Rooms 12.35 – 12.50.
Students should ensure they are outside by 12.50.
Panini and salad bowls are to be eaten in the Dining Hall Extension only, not in Form Rooms.

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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.

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 16 January

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Breaded Cod, Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Vegetable Curry with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Black Forest Roulade	Rice Pudding with Jam	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 7 – 9: Annual Flu Vaccination
Yrs 8 – 13: *Les Miserables* (School Edition) Performance (selected students)
Yrs 10 – 13: Jack Petchey Foundation Presentation Evening (selected students)
Yr 12: English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	**Trip or Event**	**Deadline for Response**
All Yrs	Parent Governor Vacancy	Thursday 19 January
Yrs 7 – 9	Annual Flu Vaccination	Friday 20 January
Yr 8	Computing Trip to Bletchley Park	Monday 6 February
Yrs 8-10	Disneyland Netball Tour (final balance due)	Tuesday 31 January
Yrs 8 – 13	*Les Miserables* (School Edition) Performance Permission	Friday 13 January
Yrs 10 – 13	Jack Petchey Foundation Presentation Evening	Friday 20 January
Yr 12	English Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition	Friday 13 January

MENSA Brainteasers
What number and letter continues this sequence?
12 T 17 E 22 F 27 N ? ?

Answer from Friday 6 January: 51 using minus, divide, plus and multiply. Minus 27 using plus, divide, minus and multiply.

Word of the Week for w/c 16 January
Next week the word is: **LITHE** – bending readily.

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PTFA
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1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary
- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 30 January, 19.00 – 20.30
- ***Les Misérables* (School Edition) Production (Refreshments):** Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 February
- **Nearly New Uniform Sale:** Saturday 4 March, 10.00 – 12.30
- **Year 7 Parents & Students Social Evening:** Friday 10 March, 19.00 – 21.00

2. *Les Misérables* (School Edition) Production (Refreshments): Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 February
The PTFA will be selling refreshments, popcorn and running a licensed bar, before the performance and during the interval. Please sign-up via the links below if you are able to help.

3. Nearly New Uniform and Revision Books Sale: Saturday 4 March, 10.00 – 12.30
The next Nearly New Uniform Sale, open to all years, will be held in the Main Hall.
We appeal for donations of clean, good quality uniform items that your child has outgrown and revision books. Donations can be deposited in the clearly marked blue wheelie bins outside the school reception. Please send donations by Tuesday 28 February to allow preparation ahead of the sale that weekend.
Thank you in advance for your continued support.

4. Year 7 Parents & Students Social Evening: Friday 10 March, 19.00 – 21.00
The PTFA is pleased to invite all Year 7 students and their parents/carers to a social evening on Friday 10 March from 19.00 - 21.00.
Tickets are available to purchase at £12.50 per child via www.classlist.com. Students will be entertained with a disco and games and snacks and drinks will be provided.
Parents/carers are invited to attend a separate reception while the students are at their party. Complimentary canapes will be served and there will be a licensed bar and hot drinks available to purchase.
Tickets must be purchased **by 23.55 on Friday 3 March.** If you have not yet signed up to Classlist, please join this safe parent community through the link given above.

5. Volunteer Sign-up links
None of our planned events can run without the kind support of volunteer staff/parents/carers. Could you help? To sign-up, please click on the link for the individual event to go to the sign-up sheet (or copy it into your web browser if clicking does not work).
CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

EVENT	SIGN-UP LINK
***Les Misérables* (School Edition) Production:** Wednesday 1 February	https://volunteersignup.org/4BBC9
***Les Misérables* (School Edition) Production:** Thursday 2 February	https://volunteersignup.org/JT8AB
***Les Misérables* (School Edition) Production:** Friday 3 February	https://volunteersignup.org/A4FB9
Year 7 Students & Parents/Guardians Social Evening: Friday 10 March	https://volunteersignup.org/JDWJW

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

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