Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
24 February 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
Monday 8 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
Monday 4 September
Monday 25 September
Tuesday 3 October
Friday 20 October
Wednesday 20 December
Thursday 4 January
Friday 5 January
Monday 22 July
Tuesday 23 July

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 B**	Feb	27	Assembly: Yr 12 via Teams Yr 10 Examinations Yr 12 Departmental Assessments
Tuesday	Feb	28	Assembly: Yr 10 via Teams Yr 10 Examinations Yr 12 Departmental Assessments
Wednesday	Mar	1	Assembly: Yr 8 via Teams GCSE & A Level Music Choral Conductor Workshop Periods 2-5 Yr 12 Departmental Assessments
Thursday	Mar	2	World Book Day Assembly: All Yrs via Teams Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (7HES) Yr 12 Departmental Assessments Yr 12 Babraham Projects Day 11.15 – 18.00
Friday	Mar	3	No Assembly Yr 7 A Christmas Carol Performance Periods 1 - 3 Yr 12 Departmental Assessments
Saturday	Mar	4	PTFA Nearly New Uniform and Book Sale 09.00 – 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's topic was: *Should non-LGBTQ+ people tell LGBTQ+ stories?*

Arrangements for Wednesday 1 March
Our on-site provision will be for students in Years 7, 11, 12 and 13. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be learning from home.
Members The Bluebirds and The Nightingales choir will be participating in a full day Choral Conductors Workshop. This includes students who are members of the choirs in Years 8, 9 and 10.

Essex County Council Proposed Changes for Crouch Street, Colchester
We have been asked to share with parents Essex County Council's revised plans for Crouch Street, these can be viewed here: https://essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/traffic-regulation-orders
Comments on the plans can be made via e-mail at trafficregulation.order@essexhighways.org with subject line TRAF-7880 Revision 1. The closing date is Friday 3 March.
Part of these plans include the removal of the subway, comments regarding this can be made on https://tinyurl.com/Balkerne-Hill . This consultation closes on Friday 10 March.

Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening for 7H, 7E and 7S – Thursday 2 March
Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud.

School Nurse
The School Nurse will be in school on Wednesday 1 Mach, Wednesday 8 March and Wednesday 22 March; students can contact Mrs Ward via jward@cchsg.com to make an appointment or let their Form Tutor know, who can contact Mrs Ward on their behalf.

World Book Day – Thursday 2 March
To celebrate the Essex Year of Reading and World Book Day 2023 we are holding a competition for students. Each Form Group has been asked to decorate their Form Room door in the style of a book that has inspired or engaged them. Decorated doors will need to be finished by the end of Form time on Thursday 2 March and a prize will go to the winning door.

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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February 500 Club Draw Winners
1st Prize – £104 - Ticket number 2777553 (Parent of Yr 12 student)
2nd Prize – £62 - Ticket number 2800489 (Parent of Yr 7 student)
3rd Prize – £42 - Ticket number 2772365 (Parent of Yr 8 & 10 student)
Thank you to all those parents and staff who have purchased tickets in support of the school. The next draw will take place on 22 March.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 27 February
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 5 will have their second session on Monday 27 February during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 5 will have their second session on Tuesday 28 February during Period 3
The recipe and the ingredients needed was discussed in their previous session.

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

Please find the Extracurricular Programme for the rest of the Spring Term attached.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
01.03.2023	15.45	Netball Cup Match	Redden Court	CCHSG	U16
03.03.2023	15.15 – 17.30	Indoor Athletics	Various	TLA	Yrs 7 & 8

PE Department Swimming Trials
In preparation for the upcoming swimming gala, the following swimming trials will take place at lunchtime from 12.45:
Wednesday 1 March: Yrs 7 and 8
Thursday 2 March: Yrs 9 & 10

Yr 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision – Wednesday Lunchtime in G17
On Wednesday 1 March will be covering the Organic 4 topic.

PsychSoc – Tuesday 28 February 12.40
Believing what you see may not be reality – students can come along to PsychSoc to find out more, and build their own Ames room to show visual distortion to take home with them. They will need to bring an old breakfast cereal box with them if they wish to make one. Students can bring their lunch.

Yrs 10 – 13 English Language Club – Tuesday Lunchtime in F7
English Language Club is now meeting on Tuesday lunchtimes (12.45-13.15). Students can come along to discuss the linguistics issues of the day and a variety of real-life texts – everything from housing listings to courtroom transcripts.

English Department Creative Writing Display
The department are looking for students who love creative writing; the department has an empty display space in the F Corridor and would like to offer students the chance to display work. Students should write/print out their favourite piece of creative writing in the centre of an A4 sized piece of paper and decorate/illustrate to a high standard. Stories, descriptions, poems, all are welcome. Students should please ensure their piece is grammatically correct and put their name and Form Group on their work. Please submit any entries to their English teacher by Friday 3 March. The best 3 entries will win a chocolate prize.

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

Useful Careers Information
Is your child wondering what to do next? For options post GCSE, these links might be of use:
Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices | National Careers Service
Interested in a Career in Sport/Physical Wellbeing? Please see Careers Magazine - Active Essex
Careers Guidance for Essex career-hub-lmi-booklet-final.pdf (greateressexcareershub.co.uk)

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.
Students in Yrs 7 – 9 can eat their packed lunches in the Hall from Wednesday. For Monday and Tuesday students can eat in their Form Room until 13.00, to allow for cleaning. Yrs 10 & 11 can eat their lunches under the canopy or in the Hall.
Panini and salad bowls are to be eaten in the Dining Hall Extension 12.35 – 12.50.

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

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 27 February

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Slow Roasted Pork with Roast Potatoes & Carrots	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Rice Pudding with Jam	Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	French Onion (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)

In addition, salad pots now available for pre-order via the Civica Eats App.

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: Industrial Action on Wednesday 1 March
All Yrs: PTFA Quiz and Curry Night
Yr 7: PTFA Social Evening Reminder
Yr 9: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster and Meningitis Vaccination
Yr 9: DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group A (participants only)
Yr 9: DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group B (participants only)
Yr 10: Action Research Project Information (10AA/Chemistry class only)
Yr 10: DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition (participants only)
Yr 11: National Reference Test 2023 (selected students)
Yr 13: Leavers Hoodie Order Form and Consent

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	PTFA Quiz and Curry Night	
Yr 7	PTFA Social Event	Friday 3 March
Yr 9	Yr 9: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster and Meningitis Vaccination	Wednesday 8 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group A	Friday 24 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group B	Friday 21 April
Yr 10	DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition	Friday 24 March
Yr 11	Additional Mathematics Entry	Friday 24 February
Yr 12	UCAS Discovery Exhibition	Friday 3 March

MENSA Brainteasers
The name of a certain car manufacturer can be rearranged to give a word meaning 'impartial'. What are the two words?

Answer from Friday 10 February:
a) Neglect
b) Natural
c) Negligible

Word of the Week for w/c 27 February
Next week the word is: **CATERWAUL** – to utter long wailing cries.

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1. Spring and Summer Term Dates for Your Diary
- **Nearly New Uniform Sale:** Saturday 4 March, 10.00 – 12.30
- **Year 7 Parents & Students Social Evening:** Friday 10 March, 19.00 – 21.00
- **Quiz and Curry Night:** Friday 28 April, 19.00 - 22.00

2. 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.
Please sign up via the link below if you would like to help at the sale, either on the Saturday itself or preparing and sorting the uniform items the previous Thursday 2 March, 10.00 -13.00. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

3. 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 snacks and drinks will be provided. Please be advised, that students are not permitted to use mobile phones or recording equipment in the disco. Parents/carers are invited to attend a separate reception while the students are at their party. Complimentary canapes will be served – there will be a licensed bar and hot drinks available to purchase.
The PTFA are committed to reducing the use of single-use plastics at our events, so we would ask that all students attending the disco bring a named re-usable water bottle with them.
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.

4. Quiz and Curry Night: Friday 28 April 19.00 - 22.00
The PTFA's annual Quiz and Curry Night will take place on Friday 28 April where you can enjoy a night of brainteasing questions, good food and fun and a chance to win the PTFA Quiz Night trophy. Please refer to the letter sent to parents on Wednesday 22 February to book your tickets via Classlist.

5. Amazon Smile
A reminder that the Amazon Smile donation programme permanently closed down on 20 February. Purchases made using Amazon Smile will no longer earn any donations for the PTFA. However, CCHSG PTFA is registered with Easyfundraising so you can still help us raise funds when shopping online. It's completely free to join. Please use this link www.easyfundraising.org.uk to get started!

6. 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
Nearly New Uniform and Revision Books Sale: Saturday 4 March Sale preparation - Thursday 2 March	https://volunteersignup.org/L8MYC
Year 7 Students & Parents/Carers Social Evening: Friday 10 March	https://volunteersignup.org/JDWJW

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