Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
10 March 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

Saturday	Mar	11	Yr 9 Magistrates Mock Trial Competition 09.00 – 13.00 DofE Silver Training Day 09.00 – 17.00
Monday **Week B**	Mar	13	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 9 Vaccinations Yr 9 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 10 Psychology Visit to London, 08.00 – 18.00 Yr 11 GCSE Drama Assessment
Tuesday	Mar	14	Assembly Yr 11 in the Hall DofE Bronze Award Presentation Evening
Wednesday	Mar	15	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall
Thursday	Mar	16	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall
Friday	Mar	17	Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall Non-Uniform Day (11E) Sixth Form Charity Day Yrs 7 – 9 National Reading Champions

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: *'Are young people comfortable calling out misogynistic behaviour?'*

Yrs 7 – 11 Non-Uniform Day and Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 17 March
11E are organising the day and they have chosen to support the charities East Anglia Childrens Hospice (EACH) and Comic Relief. Students in Yrs 7 – 11 are encouraged to participate by wearing something inspired by the first letter of their name and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay.
The Head Student Team are organising the day to also support St John's Ambulance. Students in Yrs 12 & 13 are encouraged to participate by wearing something green and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay.

Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear. If they have PE on this day students are required to bring their normal PE kit to change into and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.
Remember – no shorts, short skirts, bare midriff or ripped jeans. If students are in unacceptable clothing they will be sent to their Year Leader for alternative clothing to be provided.

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

FemSoc Purple Ribbons
On Wednesday 8 March we celebrated International Women's Day. To mark the day FemSoc are selling purple ribbons, which are available for students to purchase in H2 all next week at break and lunchtime to purchase. The cost of a ribbon is £1 and all money raised will go to the local Charity *CARA.*

Yrs 7 – 10 CCHSG Enterprise Award
Well done to the students for their social enterprise proposals. The successful groups will now have the opportunity to present their ideas to local businesses on Wednesday 19 April to compete for the CCHSG Enterprise Award.

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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Fundraising for European Youth Parliament
A reminder that the European Youth Parliament team are holding raffle for a Hotel Chocolat Easter Egg, selling tickets via ParentPay. The deadline to buy tickets is Monday 27 March. Thank you for supporting them.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 13 March
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 6 will have their first session on Monday 13 March during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 6 will have their first session on Tuesday 14 March during Period 3
The initial recipe with the ingredients has been sent to parents and students.

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.

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC) Open Evening, Thursday 27 April 17.00 – 19.00
If you or anyone you know is interested in training to teach please share with them the poster below for the CTTC Open Evening.

Music Achievement
Congratulations to a student in 7E, who participated in two events in the Stratford and East London Music Festival playing the piano last week, achieving 1st place in the Ivor Rees Memorial Cup and 1st place in the Piano Repertoire. Well done!

Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
14.03.2023	14.40 – 17.30	Football	Great Baddow	Away	U13
14.03.2023	15.00 – 17.30	Basketball League Match	TLA	Away	Yr 7
15.03.2023	11.30 – 16.30	Cricket Finals	Various	Away	U13

Yr 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision – Wednesday Lunchtime in G17
On Wednesday 15 March will be covering the Equilibrium topic.

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
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)

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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.
The Hall is now back in use for students with packed lunches. Students should arrive promptly at 12.35 and be finished by 13.00. Salad Boxes should be eaten in the Dining Hall Extension and can now be pre-ordered.
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 13 March

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Lamb Fried Rice	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Carrots	Beefburger, Chips & Salad	Cajun Chicken with Sweetcorn & Potato Wedges	Pan Fried Salmon, Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Pasta & Salad (Vegan)	Chickpea Curry Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mediterranean Pasta & Salad (Vegan)	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Cheesecake	Banana & Toffee Pudding with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
Yr 7: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)
Yr 8: Year 8 Examinations
Yr 8: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)
Yr 8: KS4 Curriculum Information Evening
Yrs 9-12: Ski Trip 2024 Expression of Interest
Yr 10: ESU Public Speaking Competition (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: A Level Geography Field Trips to London
Yr 13: A Level Mathematics Revision Materials

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	**Trip or Event**	**Deadline for Response**
All Yrs	PTFA Quiz and Curry Night	
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Thursday 16 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group B	Friday 21 April
Yrs 9 – 12	Ski Trip 2024 Expression of Interest	Monday 13 March
Yr 10	DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition	Friday 24 March
Yr 10	ESU Public Speaking Competition	Monday 13 March
Yr 12	Field Trip to The Hague, Brussels and Strasbourg - Expression of Interest	Monday 13 March
Yrs 12 & 13	STEM Physics Lecture at University of Cambridge	Friday 17 March
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Psychology Conference	Friday 10 March
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 17 March
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Geography Field Trips to London	Monday 13 March
Yr 13	A Level Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 24 March

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MENSA Brainteasers
On each row, place two letters that can be attached to the end of the word to the left to give a longer word.
When completed, the six added letters will give a word reading downwards.
What is it?
WITH _ _
BROW _ _
DIRE _ _

Answer from Friday 3 March: Seven. 10+10 +10, 20+5+5, 15+15+0, 25+2+3, 15+10+5, 25+5+0, 20+10+0.

Word of the Week for w/c 13 March
Next week the word is: **MELLIFLUOUS** – sweetly or smoothly flowing or sweet-sounding.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. Spring and Summer Term Dates for Your Diary
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
The PTFA would like to thank all the parents, students who attended the Nearly New Uniform and Revision Books Sale on Saturday 4 March which raised £736.26. We are grateful to all the PTFA volunteers and Duke of Edinburgh Year 9 students for their help and support. We are always in need of 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.

3.Year 7 Parents & Students Social Evening: Friday 10 March, 19.00 – 21.00
The PTFA looks forward to welcoming Year 7 parents tonight to the Year 7 Social Event. Doors will open from 18.30. Student entry will be via the Main Hall side entrance door and parents/carers entry will be via School Reception. 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. Please be advised that the use of cameras and recording equipment, including phones, is prohibited at all times during the student event.**

4. Quiz and Curry Night: Friday 28 April 19.00 - 22.00
The PTFA is pleased to invite you to another Family Quiz and Curry Night hosted by the PTFA's regular Quizmaster Mr Julian Roper at the CCHSG Main Hall on Friday 28 April 19.00-21.30. Teams of 6-8 or we can find you a team on the night. Tickets are available to purchase via Classlist.
Family: £25.00 (2 adults + 2 children)
Adult: £10.00 (18 years and over)
Child: £5.00 (17 years and under)
If you have not yet signed up to Classlist, please join this safe parent community through the following link www.classlist.com.

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
Quiz and Curry Night: Friday 28 April	https://volunteersignup.org/7BTCY

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

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QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Tickets

ADULT £10.00
(Age 18 & over)

CHILD £5.00
(Age 17 & under)

Family £25.00
2 adults & 2 children

- Ticket includes a vegetarian meal.
- Non-vegetarian dishes, popcorn and cakes available to purchase.
- Licensed bar available.

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2023

Main Hall, CCHSG
19.00 - 21.30 (Doors open 18.30)

Quizmaster: JULIAN ROPER
Corporate Quiz Hire
www.corporatequizhire.co.uk