Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
17 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:
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Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service for CCHSG

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week A**	Mar	20	Assembly: Yr 12 in The Hall Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 ESU Churchill Regional Final 15.00 – 18.00 (selected students) Yr 11 Progress Check 2 to Parents
Tuesday	Mar	21	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Computer Science Matrix Day (C, O & L) Yr 11 GCSE Art Examination Piano Concert 19.00 – 20.00
Wednesday	Mar	22	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 8 Examinations Yr 9 Computer Science Matrix Day (H, E & S) Yr 11 GCSE Art Examination Yr 11 GCSE History Revision Webinar 16.00 – 17.00
Thursday	Mar	23	No Assembly Yr 8 Examinations Yr 10 RS Report & Examination Results to Parents Sixth Form STEM Physics Lecture at University of Cambridge 16.00 – 20.30
Friday	Mar	24	No Assembly Yr 8 Examinations Colchester Schools Prom Rehearsal departing 13.15 Colchester School Prom Performance 19.00 – 21.45

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: *'Would more awareness help improve support for young carers?'*

Uniform Reminder
A reminder that students in Yrs 7-11 should wear a cardigan and not navy v-neck jumpers under their blazer. Students should also not wear leggings under their kilts, but black or navy tights. If students are cold on the journey to school, they should remove their leggings once in school.

Yr 8 Examinations Monday 20 March – Friday 24 March
We wish students every success in their examinations.

Yr 9 Computer Science Matrix Days – Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March
Students will be off timetable with half of the year group being out of lessons on each day: Form Groups 9C, 9O and 9L on Tuesday 21 March and 9H, 9E and 9S on Wednesday 22 March.
On each day, the students will be completing a range of activities based around the concept "GCSE Computer Science – in a day. We hope they find the activities engaging.

Yr 12 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Reminder
A reminder to students that the deadline for EPQ submission is Thursday 30 March. Thank you.

Yr 9 Level 2 AQA Projects
A reminder to students that the deadline for their project submission is Wednesday 29 March. Thank you.

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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Yr 9 Magistrates Mock Trial Competition
Congratulations to our Yr 9 team won the local heat of the Magistrates Court Mock Trial Competition in Basildon Crown Court on Saturday 11 March. Our prosecution side went against the Deanes School and our defence side went against Chelmsford School for Girls – the latter was a particularly tough round. There were 7 schools in total that took part and this is the first time CCHSG has won the local heat. We look forward to preparing a new case for the regional heat.
Well done to everyone on the team, including our lawyers, witnesses, Magistrates and legal advisers. We wish them well in the next stage of the competition.

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 20 March
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 5 will have their second session on Monday 20 March during Periods 4 & 5
Students will have discussed the recipe with the ingredients needed in their previous session.
There is no Yr 8 session on Tuesday 21 March, due to the examinations.

Lost Property
We urge all belongings to be clearly named.
All unnamed lost property that has been handed is photographed and displayed for students to view via SharePoint.
Items can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two school weeks before being recycled.

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.

Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities

Supercurricular Reading
Mrs Pigott recommends some supercurriculur reading for those students who wish to extend their reading:
For students wanting to continue to study History then Herbert Butterfield's *The Whig Interpretation of History*', is a great read.
For Chemical Engineering enthusiasts, take a look at New Scientist's article 'Notre Dame fire revealed cathedral's innovative use of iron'.
For those wishing to study Mathematics may like to see https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/outreach/oxford-mathematics-alphabet?redirected=1 where they can find members of the Oxford Mathematical Institute writing about engaging mathematical ideas and the latest research.

All Yrs: Oxplore
This is an engaging digital resource from the University of Oxford and is the 'Home of Big Questions'. It aims to challenge students with debates and ideas that go beyond the classroom, tackling complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and reflect the kind of critical thinking undertaken at university. Oxplore's aims to raise aspirations, promote broader thinking and encourage intellectual curiosity, everything is underpinned by the latest discoveries and research from the University of Oxford.
Their latest debate question is 'Would it be better if we all spoke the same Language?' Here students can find different arguments put forward https://oxplore.org/.

Yr 10: Oxbridge Programme for Students of Black African and Caribbean Heritage
This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into life as an Oxbridge student and how to prepare an Oxbridge application. It provides students with an insight into the A Level subject combinations that will enable them to study the subjects they are interested in at university. The programme consists of four online webinars, taking place once a month between April and July. Students are then invited to join two further webinars during their Yr 11 studies. Students will have the chance to hear from Black Oxford and Cambridge students and graduates, the Target Oxbridge team and the Oxford and Cambridge Outreach and Admissions teams.
The programme is open to UK-based state school students in Yr 10 who identify as Black African and Caribbean, or mixed race with Black heritage.
Applications for the Target Oxbridge Year 10 Programme are now open and end at 23.59 on Sunday 26 March.
Students wishing to apply should use the link: Target Oxbridge and use Mrs Pigott as a teacher reference.

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Art Department Easter Quiz
The Art department is running an Easter quiz with the chance to win some Easter themed prizes. Students should see the end of the Student Bulletin for further details and the quiz sheet.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
20.03.2023	15.35 – 16.45	Badminton	Chelmsford CHS	Home	Yrs 7 & 8
21.03.2023	15.15 – 17.00	Football Tournament	Various	The Gilberd	Yrs 7 & 8
22.03.2023	15.35 – 16.45	Netball League Match	Sixth Form College	Home	Yrs 12 & 13
22.03.2023	10.15 – 14.15	Colchester Schools Swimming Gala	Various	Colchester Leisure World	Yrs 7 – 11
22.03.2023	15.35 – 17.00	Football Match	The Gilberd	Home	Yrs 9 – 10
22.03.2023	14.30 – 17.45	Netball Plate Match	Burnt Mill Academy	Away	Yr 7

Just Dance Interform Competition
The competition will be held in the Gym starting at 12.45.
Monday 27 March – Yr 7
Tuesday 28 March – Yr 8
Wednesday 29 March – Yr 9
Thursday 30 March – Yr 10
Friday 31 March - Yrs 11, 12 & 13

Yr 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision – Wednesday Lunchtime in G17
On Wednesday 22 March will be covering the Organic 1 topic.

Mathematics Department Revision Sessions for Week A (Lunchtime)
Yr 13 Tuesday, Year 2 trigonometry with Mrs Roshen in M10
Yr 13 Wednesday, Statistics with Mrs Bradnum
Yr 12 Tuesday, Maths Intervention with Mr Williams
Yr 11 Thursday, revision with Mr Glease (groups 11EGL and 11BRO) in M7
Yr 11 Friday, drop-in session with Mrs King
Yr 10 Wednesday, Add Maths with Mrs Roshen in M10
Wednesday: Maths Surgery Yr 13 Further Mathematics students (open to All Yr Groups)
Friday: Add Maths drop-in session, run by Yr 12 Further Mathematics students in M10

PsychSoc – Tuesday 21 March
We will be making our own mindfulness glitter bottles; students should bring an old clear water bottle. We will be talking about mindfulness strategies that can be used and how effective they are. We will make and discuss how a glitter bottle can help balance emotions.

All Yrs: Astronomy Club – Every Thursday Week A, Lunchtimes in G1
For students who want to learn about the beautiful universe whilst having fun. We will be looking at different topics each session, and there is always a fun Kahoot at the end to get competitive at (with prizes of course). Students should come along and join the adventure, see you there Astronomers!

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!

Yr 11 Physics Revision
Sessions will resume on Friday 24 March with Nuclear Radiation in G0 at 12.45.

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)

Choosing Oxford Online Student Conference: Monday 20 March – 23 March
Suitable for Year 11-13 students The University of Oxford is holding free online conferences to help students find out more about applying to Oxford, course information and the support available. Live sessions run **in the evenings from Monday 20 March to Thursday 23 March** where academics will talk about courses and current student ambassadors will share their experiences. Each session will last 50 minutes and will include a presentation and a live Q&A.
For further information and to register 2023 Choosing Oxford Student Conference booking form | University of Oxford

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.

We strongly suggest students pre-order sandwiches and salad pots to avoid lengthy queues.

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 20 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Fajita Chicken Fried Rice	Fishcake with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Brie, Apple & onion Tart with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Crispy Spiced Tofu (Vegan)	Ratatouille (Vegan) with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £3.30				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Minestrone (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: Instrumental Music Lessons
All Yrs: Piano Concert (selected students)
All Yrs: Colchester Schools' Prom Concert (Selected students)
Yr 9: Science Week Competition (selected students)
Yr 9: Enterprise Day
Yrs 9, 10 & 11: Top of the Bench Competition (selected students)
Yr 11: Examination Information and Easter Revision Sessions
Yrs 11 – 13: Engineering Trip to Cranfield University (selected students)
Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day
Yr 13: A Level Easter Revision Sessions

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Instrumental Music Lessons	Friday 24 March
All Yrs	PTFA Quiz and Curry Night	
All Yrs	Piano Concert	Monday 20 March
All Yrs	Colchester Schools' Prom Concert	Monday 20 March
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, 10 & 11	Top of the Bench Competition	Wednesday 22 March
Yr 10	DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition	Friday 24 March
Yr 11	GCSE Easter Subject Revision Sessions	Thursday 23 March
Yrs 11 – 13	Engineering Trip to Cranfield University	Friday 17 March
Yrs 12 & 13	STEM Physics Lecture at University of Cambridge	Friday 17 March
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 17 March
Yrs 12 & 13	Sixth Form Charity Day	Thursday 16 March
Yr 13	A Level Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 24 March
Yr 13	A Level Easter Revision Sessions	Thursday 23 March

MENSA Brainteasers
If the distance to Ostend is 400 miles, the distance to Prague is 500 miles, Salzburg is 700 miles and Toronto 1500 miles, how many miles is it to Zagreb?

Answer from Friday 10 March: Insect

Word of the Week for w/c 20 March
Next week the word is: **DISCORDANT** – being at variance.

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PTFA
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1. Spring and Summer Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 27 March, 19.00 – 20.30
- **Quiz and Curry Night:** Friday 28 April, 19.00 – 22.00

2. Year 7 Social Event

The PTFA would like to thank all the Year 7 parents and students who attended the Year 7 Social Event on Friday 10 March. £811 was raised and a fantastic night was had by all. We are grateful to all the PTFA volunteers, Sixth Formers, Duke of Edinburgh Year 9 students and staff for their help and support.

3. 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. We only have two family tickets left so please book promptly to avoid disappointment.

Family: £25 (2 adults + 2 children)
Adult: £10 (18 years and over)
Child: £5 (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.

4. 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!

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
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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Tickets available on www.classlist.com

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