Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
24 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

Monday **Week B**	Mar	27	Assembly: Yrs 12 & 13 via Teams Yr 12 Young Enterprise Trade Fair Yr 13 Progress Check 2 to Parents PTFA Meeting 19.00 – 20.00
Tuesday	Mar	28	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 via Teams Yr 9 Enterprise Day Yr 12 & 13 Psychology Conference
Wednesday	Mar	29	Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 via Teams Yr 8 KS4 Information Evening Yr 13 Economics Revision Conference 10.15 – 15.15 Alumni Afternoon & Certificate Tea 15.45 – 16.45
Thursday	Mar	30	Easter Assembly: Yrs 9-13 via Teams Yr 7 Bushcraft Parent Information Talk via TEAMS 18.00 Yr 11 GCSE History Revision Webinar 16.00 – 17.00 History Book Club Author Visit, Lunchtime DofE Silver Practice Expedition Departs
Friday	Mar	31	Last Day of Spring Term 08.50 – 09.20 Yrs 11 – 13 Assembly in the Sports Hall 09.30 – 10.00 Yrs 9 & 10 Assembly in the Sports Hall 10.35 – 11.00 Yrs 7 & 8 Easter Assembly in the Sports Hall DofE Practice Expedition

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 life improve with more use of AI?'*

Yr 7 BYOD Scheme
Any student who missed the opportunity to take up the Buy Your Own Device scheme in the summer and still wish to purchase one, the window is now open. Please follow the link www.tech4learners.co.uk and enter the username: Colchester2023 and password: S3cure02! Thank you.

Practical Challenge Success
Congratulations to the Yr 9 students on winning the Science Week Practical Competition at Ipswich High School. They worked extremely well as a team and carried out practicals that were beyond their experience and did some excellent analyses of their results. They were a credit to the school and showed huge enthusiasm for the challenge – well done!

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.

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Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 27 March
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 6 will have their second session on Monday 27 February during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 6 will have their second session on Tuesday 28 February during Period 3
The recipe and the ingredients needed were discussed in their previous session.

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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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:
For students thinking of studying Geography then a great read is Naomi Klein's international bestseller *This Changes Everything*.
For Philosophy enthusiasts have a listen to BBC Radio 4, In Our Time: Philosophy podcasts
Students who are hoping to study Veterinary Medicine can use the I want to be a vet - Animal Owners (rcvs.org.uk) which includes lots of information about the profession and requirements to study it.

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.

Student Summer Show at the Royal Academy
Mrs Saunders reminds all students that entries to this year's Student Summer Show at the Royal Academy deadline is Friday 31 March. Entries need to be uploaded by the end of next week. Any student interested should see Mrs Saunders in G26 next Monday lunchtime.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
27.03.2023	13.25 – 16.30	Essex Netball Semi-Final	Great Baddow	Away	Yr 7
28.03.2023	14.30 – 17.45	Essex Netball Finals	TBC	Beaulieu Park School	Yrs 10 & 11
30.03.2023	15.15 – 17.30	Football Tournament	Stanway School	Away	Yrs 7 & 8

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

History Book Club Author Visit – Thursday 30 March
A reminder that Debra Barnes, a child of a Holocaust survivor and the author of this term's History Book Club, *Young Survivors* is visiting the school. All students are welcome to come along to hear her talk about her experiences and the writing processes, students can attend even if they have not read the book. To register their interest in attending the talk and Q&A session students should complete the online form via History Book Club Author Event. Early lunch tickets will be available to collect from Mr Paz next Wednesday at break from T20.
The book is available to buy at a discounted price, to register their interest to purchase a copy students should sign up via History Book Club - Book Purchase after the talk by Friday 31 March. Books will then be distributed to students after the Easter holiday.

The Kilt: Calling All Aspiring Writers
The Kilt is looking for articles for the Easter edition, the deadline for submission is Friday 31 March. Students are welcome to write about anything that interests them
Yr 12 Opportunity – they are also currently recruiting editors for next year. Any Yr 12 student interested, should get in touch with the current editorial team. This is an excellent opportunity to gain a leadership role which is fun and something to take pride in! Contact details are available on the Student Bulletin

Yr 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision – Wednesday Lunchtime in G17
On Wednesday 22 March will be covering the Organic 2 topic.

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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.

NHS Supporting Young People's Mental Health Parent/Carer workshops April – May 2023
Please find attached to this Bulletin information regarding free virtual workshops via Zoom delivered by the NHS. They are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support young people

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)

Yr 12 – Thinking about Oxbridge?
The University of Cambridge are delivering virtual subject masterclasses for Yr 12 students which cost £12.50 each. All masterclasses run from 16.15 - 18.45. Please use the link to apply online Subject Masterclasses | Undergraduate Study (cam.ac.uk)

- Cambridge Sociology Virtual Subject Masterclass – Tuesday 28 March. Bookings will close for this event on Sunday 26 March
- Plant Sciences and Zoology Virtual Subject Masterclass – Thursday 30 March. Bookings will close for this event on Tuesday 28 March
- Education Virtual Subject Masterclass – Tuesday 4 April. Bookings will close for this event on Sunday 2 April
- Biochemistry and Genetics Virtual Subject Masterclass – Wednesday 5 April. Bookings will close for this event on Monday 3 April
- Pharmacology Virtual Subject Masterclass – Tuesday 18 April. Bookings will close for this event on Sunday 16 April
- Cardiovascular Physiology Virtual Subject Masterclass – Wednesday 19 April. Bookings will close for this event on Monday 17 April
- Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology Subject Masterclass – Wednesday 19 April. Bookings will close for this event on Monday 17 April
- History Subject Masterclass – Thursday 20 April. Bookings will close for this event on Tuesday 18 April
- Economics Subject Masterclass – Tuesday 25 April. Bookings will close for this event on Sunday 23 April

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.

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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.

Menu for w/c 27 March

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Slow Roast Por with Roast Potatoes & Mixed Veg	Sausages, Chips & Bens	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Pasta with Salad (Vegan)	Vegetable Chilli with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad (Vegan)
Main Meal £3.30				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Lemon Meringue Pie	Chocolate Mousse
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 & Lentil (Vegan)	French Onion (Vegan)	Minestrone (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week

Yrs 7 & 8: STEM Computing Trip (selected students)
Yrs 9 – 12: Ski Trip 2024 (selected students)
Yr 11: Hoodie Purchase
Yr 12: Young Enterprise Trade Fair

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	
Yrs 7 & 8	STEM Computing Trip	Monday 27 March
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group B	Friday 21 April
Yrs 9 – 12	Ski Trip 2024	Friday 31 March
Yr 10	DofE Silver Training Day and Practice Expedition	Friday 24 March
Yr 11	Hoodie Purchase	Friday 31 March
Yr 12	Young Enterprise Trade Fair	Friday 24 March
Yr 13	A Level Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 24 March

MENSA Brainteasers

The alphabet is written here but some letters are missing.
Arrange the missing letters to give a word. What is it?
ABDFGHIJKLMPRVWXYZ

Answer from Friday 17 March: 200. The alphabetical value of the last letter is multiplied by 100 to give the miles.

Word of the Week for w/c 27 March

Next week the word is: hypocrisy – a pretence of having a virtuous character, moral or religious beliefs or principles, etc, that one does not really possess.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

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. PTFA Meeting: Monday 27 March 19.00-20.30

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Monday 27 March from 19.00 – 20.30 in the cafeteria. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

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.

Ticket price includes vegetarian meal and for children and non-spicy eaters there will be pizza and noodles available. Additional meat dishes will be available for purchase and the PTFA will be running a licensed bar, raffle and dessert stall.

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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QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

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