Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
31 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

WE WISH ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A RESTFUL EASTER BREAK
THANK YOU FOR ALL SUPPORT

Dates for Your Diary

DofE Silver Practice Expedition	Thursday 30 March – Saturday 1 April
Disneyland Netball Tour	Sunday 2 April 05.30 – Thursday 6 April 18.00

Monday **Week A**	Apr	17	**First Day of Summer Term** Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall CTTC Open Evening 17.00 – 19.00
Tuesday	Apr	18	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall Yr 13 A Level Art Examination
Wednesday	Apr	19	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall Amber Atherton Award Finalist Day Yr 13 A Level Art Examination
Thursday	Apr	20	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall Yr 8 Parent Consultation Evening (8C,O&L) Yr 13 Art Examination
Friday	Apr	21	Yr 8 Examination Deadline Yr 13 A Level Moderation
Saturday	Apr	22	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group A Training Day

Summer Term begins for all students Monday 17 April 08.45 – Week A

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: *'Is a four-day working week a good idea?'*

In Person Staff Briefing – Monday 17 April, 08.30
Uniform Reminder
We remind parents to check their child's skirt length before the return to school after the Easter holiday. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee.
Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring, worn in each earlobe, is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only.
False nails or nail polish should not be worn.
During the summer months white, navy or black ankle socks may be worn instead of tights.
Parents and students can see the Student Planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code. Thank you for your support.

Yr 8 Parent Consultation Evening for 8C, 8O & 8L – Thursday 20 April, 16.15 – 19.15
Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this online event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud. Appointments have been available to book from Thursday 30 March at 20.00
The Parent Consultation Evening for 8H, 8E and 8S will be on Thursday 27 April from 16.15 – 19.15. Parents can make appointments for this evening from 20.00 on Thursday 20 April.

Yr 8 HPV Immunisation – Friday 5 May
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 15.00 on Tuesday 2 May.
If they have any queries we ask that parents do not contact the school, as we will be unable to help, but should contact the immunisation service via 0300 7900597 or 0300 7900594.

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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Royal Society Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition Success
Congratulations to the students on their excellent effort on Saturday 25 March for coming 2nd overall (out of 31 schools across England, Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland) in the RSC Top of the Bench Chemistry competition. They worked incredibly hard as a group for their practical challenge and were hugely enthusiastic about the competition throughout and most of all they really enjoyed themselves.
To read the article from the Royal Society please see Winchester College is Top of the Bench | News | RSC Education

March E-Newsletter Published
The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: https://www.cchsg.com/news/latest-e-newsletter/
Items include: European Youth Parliament, World Book Day Doors, Year 9 Magistrates Mock Trial Competition, Choral Conducting Workshop, Year 11 GCSE History Trip, "Young Writers" Poetry Award, PsychSoc Mindfulness, Visiting Author Alexandra Sheppard, Ski Trip to Austria and much more. Do take a look.

European Youth Parliament Chocolate Easter Egg raffle
Mr Paz would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraising for the European Youth Parliament team, **£733.85 was raised.**
1St prize of the Hotel Chocolate Easter Egg a student in 9H. 2nd & 3rd prizes of Lindt Chocolate Bunny were a student in 8C and a member of staff.
Thank you to Mr Loftus for donating the Hotel Chocolat Easter Egg, and to the EYP team for the fundraising effort!

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.

Colchester Healthy School Street – Norman Way Highway Works
Please find below a letter from the Safer Greener Healthier team at Essex County Council regarding Norman Way.

CCHSG 500 Club – Winners of the March Draw
All winners will be contacted by telephone or email.
1st Prize – £104.00 - Ticket number 190537-2669612 (Parent of Yr 10 student)
2nd Prize – £62.00 - Ticket number 190537-2800489 (Parent of Yr 7 student)
3rd Prize – £42.00 - Ticket number 190537-2651474 (Parent of Yr 7 & 10 students)
Our thanks go to all those generous parents and staff who have purchased tickets in support of the school. The next draw takes place on Wednesday 19 April. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. Terms and conditions apply and can be found on our website https://www.cchsg.com/500-club-rules/

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 17 April
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 6 will have their first session on Monday 17 April during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 6 will have their first session on Tuesday 18 April during Period 1
The recipe and the ingredients have been emailed to students and parents.

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

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

PE Clubs and Practices for the Spring Term
Please see below for the PE Clubs and Practices timetable for the Spring Term.

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Yr 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision – Wednesday Lunchtime in G17
On Wednesday 19 April will be covering the Electrolysis topic.

All New PsychSoc – Mondays 12.45 in H4
Our new PsychSoc leaders from Yr 12, would like to invite students to their interactive session on murder mysteries and serial killers.
PsychSoc is now on a **Monday** lunchtime in H4 from 12.45, starting on Monday 17 April. If students have not been along before, then they should come along! All Years are all welcome.

Yr 12 Psychology Essay Competition
'The Minds Underground™ Psychology Essay Competition & Challenge" is open to students in Yr 12 (though younger applicants are welcome). The competition provides students with an opportunity to engage in university-level research, hone their writing and argumentative skills and prepare for university interviews. Entrants must choose one question to answer.
Students should see the website Psychology Essay Competition — Minds Underground or ask Mrs Phillips for more details. The closing date for entrants is Sunday 16 April.

Easter Enrichment Opportunities
Students should see below for Subject Enrichment Activities during the Easter Holidays
French enrichment activities from the Anglo-French Circle Colchester
1. Programme | colchesteranglofrenchcircle.co.uk
2. https://www.fluentu.com/
3. https://www.heygo.com/calendar

Drama All Yr groups have been given access to Drama Online and are encouraged to watch live theatre over the Easter Holiday
Geography KS3 Geography: BBC Bitesize BBC iPlayer - Planet Earth A-Level – GA Seminars (files available on SharePoint)
Yrs 9-13: Time for Geography Videos Time for Geography | Videos Costing the Earth PodCast BBC Radio 4 - Costing the Earth – Downloads. Additionally see their class TEAMS channels for shared articles and websites relevant to their current course content.
Mathematics A Level: https://nrich.maths.org/8650
History Each Year group has dedicated scholarship tasks available through SharePoint via CCHSG - Scholarship - All Documents (sharepoint.com)
Religious Studies Dr Musharraf Hussain introduces the basic beliefs of Islam and explores the belief iman with Dr Jon Hoover. This is the first in a series of videos examining Muslim belief in God, Angels, Books, Prophets, the Last Day and Predestination, particularly from a Sunni perspective, taking the creed of al-Nasafi and the Ash'ari and Maturidi theological traditions as references Basic Beliefs of Islam - MediaSpace - The University of Nottingham

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
No coats are permitted in the Dining Hall at breakfast, break or lunchtime. Students should put their coats on the racking.
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 – 11 can eat their packed lunches in the Hall from 12.35 – 13.00.
Salad Boxes should be eaten in the Dining Hall Extension and can now be pre-ordered.
We strongly suggest students pre-order sandwiches and salad pots to avoid lengthy queues.

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 17 April

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Lamb Fried Rice	Lasagne & Salad	Beefburger, Chips & Salad	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Seafood Tagliatelle with Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta with Salad (Vegan)	Chickpea Curry with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Sweet Potato Dhal with Salad (Vegan)	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	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)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan))	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yr 7: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)
Yr 8: HPV Immunisation
Yr 8: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)
Yr 8: Parent Consultation Evening
Yr 10: GCSE History of Medicine Trip (selected students)
Yr 11: Examination Arrangements
Yrs 10 & 11: GCSE PE Revision Webinars (PE students only)
Yrs 12 & 13: A Level PE Revision Webinar (PE students only)
Yr 13: Leavers Prom 2023
Yr 13: Examination Arrangements

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	**Trip or Event**	**Deadline for Response**
All Yrs	PTFA Quiz and Curry Night	Friday 21 April
Yr 8	HPV Immunisation Consent	Tuesday 2 May
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Training Day and Practice Expedition Group B	Friday 21 April
Yrs 9 – 12	Ski Trip 2024	Friday 31 March
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE PE Revision Webinars	Friday 21 April
Yr 11	Hoodie Purchase	Friday 31 March
Yr 11	Permission to study at home from 5 June	Friday 28 April
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level PE Revision Webinars	Friday 21 April
Yr 13	Leavers Prom	Friday 21 April

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MENSA Brainteasers
Find a word related to the first clue, then change one letter to give a word related to the second clue.
1. Neighbourhood
2. Voice
What are the two words?
Answer from Friday 24 March: Conquest.

Word of the Week for w/c 17 April
Next week the word is: **INCOHERENT** – without logical or meaningful connection.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. Summer Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Quiz and Curry Night:** Friday 28 April, 19.00 – 22.00
- **Nearly New Uniform Sale**: Saturday 8 July, 10.00 – 12.30

2. 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 one 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. The fun does not end there; we are proud to announce there will be live music, performed by CCHSG's very own Mr Walsh and Mr Guille. They will be performing acoustic covers of a range of songs from 80's all the way through to 2000's. This is truly a night not to be missed!

3. Parentkind's National PTA Awards

The PTFA is delighted to announce the nomination of former Chair Mrs. Agness O'Brien for Parentkind's England PTA Volunteer of the Year Award. Under her leadership the PTFA has gone from strength to strength providing an invaluable service to the parent and school community. With her drive, determination and hard work the PTFA has become an important link between the school and parents, providing opportunities for the school community to come together at events such as the annual Quiz and Curry Night, and the Christmas Market. These events are not only a vital part of the fund-raising the PTFA undertakes, but also in the development and strengthening of the school community bonds. She remains a much-valued member of the school community and we wish her luck in Parentkind's National PTA Awards.

4. Cakes & Beyond Team Appeal

Calling all bakers! Do you like to bake and have some spare time to help the PTFA? We are looking for volunteers to join our Cakes & Beyond Team to provide baked goods: cakes, biscuits, etc, for the PTFA's social and fundraising events throughout the year. All expenses will be paid by the PTFA. If you would like to join the team or find out more, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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

Colchester Healthy School Street – Norman Way Highway Works

The Safer Greener Healthier team at Essex County Council want to encourage as many children as possible - as well as their parents/carers - to walk, cycle or scoot to school and with this in mind, we will be making some minor changes on Norman Way as part of our Healthy School Street initiative. These include installing temporary street art and “20’s Plenty” signage.

The above works will be carried out during the Easter school holidays. We appreciate that there will be some inconvenience during the works. However, please bear with us as this will enable the contractor to complete the work as quickly and safely as possible.

This work is all part of Essex County Council’s ambitious aim to make the transport network safer, greener and healthier. Rather than automatically jumping into cars, we are introducing measures to encourage as many of our residents as possible to cycle and walk, especially for shorter trips, helping us to achieve our carbon zero commitments. This will mean ultimately fewer vehicles on the road and ease congestion for those who have no alternative but to drive, making their journeys more reliable and efficient.

If you have anything you wish to raise with us relating to the works please speak with one of our representatives on site in the first instance, alternatively for general enquiries contact the Essex County Council customer service team by completing the online form: https://www.essex.gov.uk/enquiries, quoting our reference 2337385 or by telephoning 0345 603 7631 with any urgent highway-related matters.

Please note that our programmed dates may be subject to change if our works are affected by poor weather or if unexpected issues arise. For the latest information about our plans, and future updates on our progress please visit: www.essex.gov.uk/highways.

Thank you for helping us make Essex safer, greener and healthier.

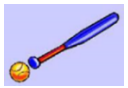
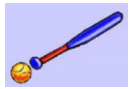
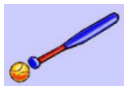
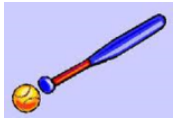
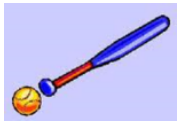
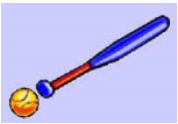
Yours faithfully

Essex Highways

PE Clubs and Practices (Spring Term 2023)

Monday 17 April – Friday 19 May

Interform Rounders Monday 22 – Friday 26 May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12.40 – 13.05	**Year 9 & 10 Rounders** (DWI & PCA)  **Year 12 &13 Rounders** (JWA)  **GCSE and A Level Theory Support** (NKN & Student Mentors) **Football 'Go Lead'** (LDE) 	**Athletics All Years** Track (Long Distance) and Jumps (PCA, KMA & LDY)  	**Athletics All Years** Track (Sprints) and Throws (DWI & PCA)   **Beginners Swimming** (NKN) 	**Year 7 & 8 Rounders** (NKN, LDY, KMA)  **Cricket All Years** (PCA) 	**Friday Fun Day** All Years (All staff)  **Sports Leaders** (PCA & KMA) **Football** Year All Years (LDE) 
After school 15.45 – 16.45	**SCHOOL MEETINGS**	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	

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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