Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
14 July 2023

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

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 and enjoyable summer break.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week A**	July	17	Activities Day Y12 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Tuesday	July	18	End of Year Celebration Assemblies Y12 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday	July	19	Y12 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition **Non Pupil Day**
Thursday	July	20	Y12 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition **Non Pupil Day**
Friday	July	21	Y12 DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition **Academy Day**

Dates for the First Week of Term

Monday **Week A**	Sept	4	**Non Pupil Day**
Tuesday	Sept	5	**All Students in School** Yr9 MADE Training Workshop P1-3 Y11 MADE Training Workshop P4&5
Wednesday	Sept	6	
Thursday	Sept	7	School Photographs
Friday	Sept	8	

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 there be more rules at live shows?

Lost Property
Unnamed items handed in during the Summer Term will be on display in the Foyer on Monday 17 July and Tuesday 18 July.
Items can be also be viewed via the link CCHSG Lost Property

Any remaining items unclaimed will be disposed of. Students who may have lost a valuable item should claim it from the School Office.

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium
Applications to train with Colchester Teacher Training Consortium are still open for September 2023. Further details can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Yr 5 Tours
We thank the students in Yrs 7-10 who acted as tour guides for the recent school tours for Yr 5 students and their parents. As families left the school we received high praise from the parents. They all commented how polite, respectful and knowledgeable the students were and what a credit they were to the school.

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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Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities

PE
If you child still has a school netball dress or athletics vest, please can they return it to the PE department as soon as possible.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Equipment
Thank you to all students who have returned their DofE kit.
If your child still has any items of DofE equipment at home, it must be returned by the last day of term. It can be returned Tuesday breaktime or lunchtime at the DofE container. Alternatively, it can be placed in F4.

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

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.

E Safety

Stay Safe Online This Summer
Keeping your child safe online is not always an easy task. New technology, regular updates or upgrades can change how things work, sometimes making it difficult to keep up.
So, to help, Essex Police have put together some simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer which can be found on their website (Sort your settings | Essex Police) and in the poster below.

You can find lots more advice and information on how to keep your child safe online by visiting the Essex Safer Children's Board website.
Top tips for internet safety

1. Protect your identity. Do not share personal information.
2. Think before you post. Once posted its no longer yours.
3. Check your privacy settings.
4. Games and Apps have age ratings for a reason.
5. Make use of the parental controls.

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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 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 by the end of Term.

Dining Arrangements students to Dining Hall for Lunch:

Week A		**Week B**	
12.35	Yr 13 , 12, 11	**12.35**	Yr 13, 12, 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 July

Monday	**Tuesday**
Spaghetti Bolognese sweetcorn	Fajita chicken fried rice
Vegetable pasta salad (Vegan)	Cheese & tomato tart salad
Jam sponge pudding & custard	Apple crumble custard
Pudding £1.30	
Panini £3.30	
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40	
French onion soup (vegan)	Tomato basil soup

Menu for w/c 4 September

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Non-Pupil Day	Spaghetti Bolognese sweetcorn	Sausages chips beans	Cajun chicken wedges sweetcorn	Breaded cod wedges & green beans
	Vegetable pasta salad	Macaroni cheese & peas	Cheese & tomato tart salad	Quiche salad
	Jam sponge pudding & custard	Cheesecake	Banana & toffee sponge	Cornflake tart & custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
	Vegetable soup (Vegan)	Carrot & coriander soup (Vegan)	Tomato basil soup	Leek & potato soup (Vegan)

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Arrangements for Results Days
Please find below the arrangements for results days:

Yr 13	A Level Results	Thursday 17 August 08.00 – 09.30
Yr 12	EPQ Results	Thursday 17 August 09.30 – 10.00
Yr 11	GCSE Results FSMSQ (Add Maths)	Thursday 24 August 09.00 – 10.00 Thursday 17 August 09.30 – 10.00
Yr 10	GCSE Results	Thursday 24 August 09.45 – 10.15
Yr 9	Level 2 Project	Thursday 24 August 09.45 – 10.15

Further information will be available on the CCHSG website in the Examination Administration area by the end of July

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Y7 Activities Day – All year 7 students
Y12 Activities Day – All year 12 students
Y10 Examination Results arrangements
CCHSG 500 Club

MENSA Brainteasers

Answer to last week's brainteaser:
Answer: A windmill

Word of the Week for w/c 17 July
Word of the week is**: Belligerent** meaning aggressively hostile

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK

Water Safety Advice

Please find attached a guide from the Royal Life Saving Society UK with information to help keep your family safe around water this summer.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Annual General Meeting:** Tuesday 26 September 2023
  Please find attached a letter with further information, the agenda for the meeting and job descriptions for CCHSG PTFA Officers & Committee Members.
- **New Year 7 Welcome Party:** Friday 13 October 2023
- **Nearly New Uniform Sale:** Saturday 25 November 2023

2. Summer Term Nearly New Uniform and Book Sale Feedback

Last Saturday the PTFA held the last Nearly New Uniform and Book sale of the term. Over £1800 was raised! This means that together with the new Year 7 intake sale, we raised £6000.The PTFA would like to thank all the parent volunteers who gave up their time and helped with preparing the sale on Friday afternoon and staffing the sale on Saturday morning – your help was invaluable.

3. PTFA Uniform Team Volunteers

None of our Nearly New Uniform and Books Sales can run without the kind support of volunteer staff/parents/carers. To help us to continue to provide this vital service, please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com to join the PTFA Uniform Team volunteers.

CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

4. Vinodh Gurusamy's Kilimanjaro Trek: July 2023

We are delighted to announce that Year 7 parent, Vinodh Gurusamy, has successfully summitted Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa to raise funds for the PTFA. Vinodh, who has previously completed several summits in the UK, as well as Machu Picchu, in Peru before the pandemic, is delighted with his achievement. There is still time to help him raise funds for the PTFA. To support him, please visit: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/vinodhkilimanjaro

5. Grand Prize Draw Summer 2023

Be in it to win it - the PTFA's Grand Prize Summer Draw is live with some amazing prizes up for grabs!
1st Prize - £150 cash
2nd Prize - Enchanting Escape for 2 Gift Box (overnight stay in one of 330 locations) 3rd Prize - BBQ Hamper

Tickets at £5.00 per entry can be purchased via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CKJZ

Winners will be notified via email. Winning ticket numbers, but not the names of the winners, will also be posted in the school's Parent and Staff Bulletins, Facebook page and on Classlist. Draw date: Monday 17 July 2023 10:00-10:30. All monies raised will allow the PTFA to continue funding additional equipment and resources for departments across the school. We thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising initiative.

CCHSG PTFA would like to thank you for your support in the 2022/23 academic year and wish all students, staff and their families a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in September 2023!

PTFA CONTACTS:

PTFA Chair: Mrs Anni Cullen
For all enquires related to PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com
https://www.cchsg.com/parent-carers-hub/cchsg-ptfa/

PTFA

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Summer 2023

1st Prize: £150 cash

2nd Prize: Enchanting Escape for 2 Gift Box

(Overnight stay in one of over 330 locations)

3rd Prize: Barbeque Hamper

Scan QR Code for tickets

£5.00 per entry

Draw Date:
Monday 17 July 2023

Registered Charity No. 1110464
Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Colchester Borough Council

Promoter: Mrs Anni Cullen (Chair, CCHSG PTFA)
Colchester County High School for Girls, Norman Way, Colchester, CO3 3US

Tickets are non-transferable and may not be purchased by persons under 16 years of age.



Kilimanjaro Trek
July 2023

In July 2023, CCHSG parent, Vinodh Gurusamy, will be trekking up Kilimanjaro, in Tanzania. Having climbed summits both in the UK and in Peru before the pandemic, Vinodh is excited to be trekking once again, in a bid to raise funds for CCHSG PTFA.

We hope that the funds raised by Vinodh's Kilimanjaro trek will enable us to provide further funding support across the school and wish him all the best with the trek.

JustGiving

Scan QR-code to donate now

If you or anyone in your family is taking part in similar fundraising activities and would like to raise funds for CCHSG PTFA to benefit students at CCHSG, please contact us at

cchsgptfa@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

Advertise our most popular annual event with a

Beresfords Estate Agents Advertising Board

Do you own a property in COLCHESTER or CHELMSFORD which is in a prominent location with public access and visibility and would like to volunteer your address?

Boards are installed no more than 3 weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer.

GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

cchsgptfa@gmail.com

with the following information:

- full address
- preferred contact email
- preferred contact number



PTFA

Thank you for your support!

For all things CCHSG PTFA related, visit
www://cchsg.com/parent-carers-hub/cchsg-ptfa/

SORT YOUR SETTINGS

HELP YOUR CHILDREN #STAYSAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

A practical guide on things you can do to make your child's devices safer when they are online.

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.ESSEX.POLICE.UK/SORTYOURSETTINGS

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium

Interested in training to teach?

Applications are still

OPEN

for September 2023

APPLY VIA DFE APPLY
USING THE QR CODE

Please contact:
enquiries@colchesterttc.org.uk
Phone: 01206 364728

