Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
9 September 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



We send our heartfelt condolences to the Royal family on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and pay tribute to her many years of dedicated and inspirational service.

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Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term
Thursday 1 September
Tuesday 20 December

Half Term
Monday 24 October
Friday 28 October

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

Half Term
Monday 29 May
Friday 2 June

Non-Pupil Days
Thursday 1 September
Friday 2 September
Thursday 20 October
Friday 21 October
Monday 19 December
Tuesday 20 December
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
TBC

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 welcome back to school our students and thank them for the positive start to the new school year

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week B**	Sep	12	Assembly: Yr 12 in the Hall
Tuesday	Sep	13	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Yr 7 Road Safety Play 13.30 – 14.50
Wednesday	Sep	14	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 7 Information Evening 19.00 Yr 12 SLT Welcome Breakfast for 12C,O,L&H 08.50 – 09.05
Thursday	Sep	15	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall Yr 11 Computing Trip to The Centre for Computing History 08.30 – 16.30 approx
Friday	Sep	16	Yr 12 SLT Welcome Breakfast for 12E,S&T 08.50 – 09.05 Sixth Form EFA Bursary Application Deadline
Saturday	Sep	17	11+ Test Day

Votes for Schools
This week's topic was: Will the Lionesses' win create long-lasting change?

Student Absence Reporting
Parents should please report all absences to the school absence telephone line or to the Schoolgateway by 08.30. You can sign up for the gateway using the link:
https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login

School Chaplain
Rev Greenland is the School Chaplain and offers support for the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all staff, parents and students at the school. She is available to those of all faiths and none. Rev Greenland will be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted via email hgreenland@cchsg.com.

Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
A reminder to parents that the online Information Evening regarding the residential field trip is on Monday 12 September at 18.00 via MS Teams. Invitations have already been sent via email.

Yr 7 Art Kit Purchase
Parents have been invited to purchase an Art Kit. If you have not already ordered a kit but would like to do so, the kits are still available to order by making payment via ParentPay. The final deadline for orders is Monday 19 September. Thank you.

Former Student Visit
We were delighted to welcome Laura Stephens, former student at CCHSG and Commonwealth Silver Medalist 2022 back to the school on Tuesday 6 September. Laura spoke to Year 11 in Assembly and held a Q&A session to selected students.

Lost Property
The school was cleared during the Summer holiday, all unnamed property found in classrooms and around the school has been logged and photographed, these can be viewed via Lost Property. Items can be claimed at Reception.
Any unclaimed items remaining will be disposed of after Friday 16 September.

Healthy Living
Healthy Living Rotations for Yrs 7 & 8 will begin from w/c 19 September. Parents and students will be emailed the week prior to their 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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Student voice survey
At CCHSG we value the opinions of our school community. Next week students will have the opportunity to complete a 20 minute survey which looks at all aspects of school life. We thank students in advance for completing this survey.

Vacancies at CCHSG
If you know anyone who might be interested in our Caretaker vacancy, please direct them to the CCHSG website - link.

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) Bursary Fund
The EFA aims to support students who face the greatest financial barriers to continuing in education post-16.
The deadline for applications for bursaries for CCHSG Sixth Form students is Friday16 September. Students should complete a new application for each year in the Sixth Form where support is required. Letters can be obtained from the School Office. Further information on the bursary can be obtained from https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview

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.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Information
Upcoming Trials and Clubs
Netball
- Yr 8-9: Tuesday 13 September, afterschool 15.45 – 16.45
- Yr 10-13: Wednesday 14 September, afterschool 15.45 - 16.45

For Netball, we select about 16-21 students per year group for team training. This will be Tuesdays (Yr 7-9) or Wednesdays (Yr 10-13) afterschool. Students should only attend trials if they can commit to weekly training sessions.
Yr 7 trials have already taken place. Thank you to those that attended the trials. The team training selection will be up on the noticeboard on Monday morning. If students are on the selected list, team training will start on Tuesday 20 September after school 15.45 – 16.45.
Swimming
- Yr 7-8 Tuesday 13 September
- Yr 9-10 Wednesday 14 September

This is to select the relay teams for the regional championships on Friday 7 October. If students are attending the trials, they need to get changed promptly at the start of lunchtime in the swimming pool changing rooms. They will need to pre-order lunch or bring a packed lunch to eat afterwards. This is a time trials, and the four fastest per year group will get selected for the Regional Competition.
Non-Swimmers
If students cannot swim 25m confidently on their front and back, they are required to attend the Beginners Swimming Club, which is held on Wednesday lunchtimes 12.40 - 13.10. If students are unable to swim 25m on their front and back, please email nwiseman@cchsg.com with their name and Form Group. This is so the PE department can keep track for health and safety reasons.
Clubs Timetable
Please find attached the clubs timetable for this half term. All PE clubs are run on a “turn up and play” basis, students do not need to sign up for any clubs. PE clubs are a great way to meet new friends, try a new sport, and have a run around. If attending a club, students should eat afterwards.
Table Tennis – no need to get changed, turn up to the Gym and play.
Basketball – in the Sports Hall, get changed in the Sports Hall changing room 3.
Netball – lunchtime Netball sessions are open for anyone to come and play. This is a great way to learn positions and get more game time! Use the Gym changing room 1.
Netball Team Training – this is just for students who have been selected from trials. Please use changing rooms 1 and 2.
Football – use the Gym changing room 1. Students will need your shin pads. Meet by the container on the field once you are changed.
Badminton - in the Sports Hall, get changed in the Sports Hall changing room 3
Swimming – use the swimming pool changing rooms (changing room 4). Do not forget a towel and swimming hat! This is an opportunity to use our lovely new swimming pool for some lane swimming.
Indoor Cricket – in the Sports Hall, get changed in the Sports Hall changing room 3**Friday Fun Day** – this is a chance to play dodgeball and the infamous CCHSG benchball in the Gym. Please use changing room 1 and 2.

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Classical Civilisations Society
Classical Civilisations Society will run every week in at lunchtime in G5, all Years welcome.

DentSoc
DentSoc are starting their first session next week on Monday 12 September at 12.45 in F12. All Years are welcome. DenSoc will continue every Monday Week B.

Psychology Clubs
Starting from next week:
Yr 11 Psychology Revision: Tuesdays 15.35 – 16.40 in H2
Yr 13 Psychology Revision: Wednesdays 15.35 – 16.40 in H2
Yr 13 Issues and Debates Club: Thursday at lunchtime in H2
A brilliant way to get organised/ start thinking about paper 3
All Yrs FemSoc: Tuesday at lunchtime in H2
Mrs Bridge is excited to be running FemSoc again on Tuesday we will be discussing this year's plans.
PsychSoc: Tuesday lunchtime in H4
PsychSoc starts back on Tuesday, all Years are welcome, we are starting off with the topic of consumerism and why products are placed in strategic places in shops. Why did you buy that last minute magazine that is right next to the checkout? Students can come along and discuss the Psychology behind this! This session is led by Psychology student in Yr 13.
Students should see Mrs Bridge for further information on any of these clubs/revision sessions.

CCHSG Book of the Month
September's book is *The Room in the Attic* by Louise Douglas, please see poster below for more details about the book. In addition, students are encouraged to write a review of the book and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by Friday 30 September.

Drama Rehearsal/Audition Information
Final auditions for lead and minor roles in *Les Misérables* will take place on Thursday 15 September, 15.45 – 16.30. These auditions are open to Yr 12 students who can audition for as many roles as they wish. If students wish to audition, they should take time over the next week to learn the appropriate song(s) from the list below.
If any Yr 12 student would like to participate as a member of the chorus, please see Mrs Cudmore-Rice. If any Yr 12 student who would like to be part of the orchestra for the show, please see Mrs Jefferies.
We anticipate that the cast list will go up by Monday 19 September and that rehearsals will start shortly afterwards. As always, please keep an eye on the notice boards over in M school and look out for emails and notices via the Bulletins.
Les Misérables audition songs:

Character	Song		Character	Song
Valjean	Bring him home		Cosette	A Heart full of Love and Rue Plumet (in my life)
Eponine	On my Own		M and Mme Thenardier	The Inn Keepers Song
Little Cosette	Castle on a Cloud		Marius	Empty Chairs and A Heart Full of Love
Gavroche	Little People		Enjolras	The ABC Café (Red/Black) and The People's Song
Javert	Stars		Fantine	I dreamed a dream

If students wish to be considered for a minor role, they will also need to select one of these songs to sing in audition.

e-Safety Information – WhatsApp: What Parents need to know
WhatsApp is a popular messaging application, however we remind parents and students that you must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.
Students will never be asked to use WhatsApp to complete school or homework, all work set will be via MS Teams. Each teacher has a MS Team set up for their classes, so students are advised to ask their teacher via MS Teams rather than speculate on WhatsApp.
If WhatsApp is used as a social means to communicate, please talk to your child to ensure that the content, security measures and messages are appropriate.
You may wish to read the developer's privacy policy for details on how information is collected, used, and shared and any choices you may have in the matter, and note that privacy policies and terms of service frequently change. Under the CCPA law you have the right to protect your personal information. Attached is a guide for parents on the safe and appropriate use of WhatsApp for those who are 16+.
WhatsApp Terms of Service - **Terms of Service - EEA (whatsapp.com)**
WhatsApp Privacy Policy - https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/privacy-policy-eea

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Community Information

Colchester Heritage Open Days
We draw your attention to the Heritage Open Days as an enrichment opportunity for students, as doors to Colchester's heritage buildings and attractions are open for visitors to explore. For further information please go to:
https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days

Careers Information

Careers Lead – Mr Gosling

Advice from Former Students – Jasmine left CCHSG in 2020, please see below what she has gone on to do and her advice to current students

My name is Jasmine, I am a third year Medical Student at the University of Exeter. I left CCHSG in 2020, during the Covid-19 outbreak. I have always loved Science, particularly human biology, and so medicine felt like a natural choice. T his idea was enforced through work experience in Colchester hospital, where I spent time on the surgical ward and in the Emergency Medical Unit. I recognised that medicine was a demanding career, but I saw how fulfilling it was.
Albeit the first year of Medical School was not what I expected, I could not be more pleased with my decision. I love my degree and find it fascinating every day. Exeter is a university that prioritises patient contact from the outset. I have been lucky enough to experience life on a cardiology ward, in theatre and in an abortion care clinic to name a few. In addition to this, I am constantly developing clinical skills like blood taking, injection technique and cannulation, skills which are taught in labs and then practiced in hospital on patients.
Alongside my studies I make time for surfing, running, Netball and socializing with friends. If I am not in the hospital or the library, chances are I'm in the outdoors. This is the biggest lesson I have learnt from university so far: balance is crucial. There is so much more to life than studying, embracing that motivates you to do better academically, mentally, and physically.
I can't wait for the coming year!

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 outside servery 12.35 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.
There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30
Please ensure your ParentPay meal account is in credit.

Student Lunch Order

Sixth Form Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 12 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll	Beefburger, Chips & Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Seafood Tagliatelle with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3.30				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Stilton	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Minestrone (Vegan)

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yr 7: Year 7 Information Evening

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 12 & 13	The Education Funding Agency (EFA) Bursary Fund	Friday 16 September

Word of the Week for w/c 12 September
Next week the word is: **TENDENTIOUS** – having or showing a definite tendency, bias or purpose.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. Welcome to All New Students
CCHSG PTFA extends a warm welcome to all new students to the school and their parents.
We are pleased to inform you that we have this dedicated page in the Weekly Bulletin to bring you all the latest updates on our fundraising and social activities.
The CCHSG PTFA Calendar for the 2022/2023 academic year is below for your reference.

2. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary
PTFA AGM and Ordinary Meeting: Monday 26 September 19.00 – 20.30 *(Agenda attached)*
Year 9 Social Evening for Parents and Students: Friday 14 October 19.00 – 21.30
Annual Christmas Market: Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
Save the date for this popular annual fundraising event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community *(event poster attached)*.

3. Year 9 Social Evening for Parents & Students: Friday 14 October 19.00 – 21.30
Year 9 parents and students are invited to a Social Evening on Friday 15 October 2022.
Further details and tickets £10/students available on Classlist (Community Events)
at https://app.classlist.com/school/#/community-events/dashboard/917341201

4. Annual Christmas Market 2022 – Invitation to Stallholders
Bookings are now open for stalls at this very popular annual event, open to the school community and general public, on Saturday 26 November, 12.00-15.00.
Cost: Single stall £25, Double stalls £40.
For further details and a copy of the booking form please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

5. Classlist (Years 7-11)
At CCHSG, we use Classlist to connect our parent community and to keep them informed on all PTFA's activities and fundraising initiatives.

If you have not registered with Classlist, please do so now to stay up to date with our news and events. We encourage all parents to join this wonderful and safe community.

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

PE Clubs and Practices (Autumn Term 2022)
Tuesday 12 September – Friday 7 October 2022
Year 7-13 INTERFORM NETBALL: w/c 10 October

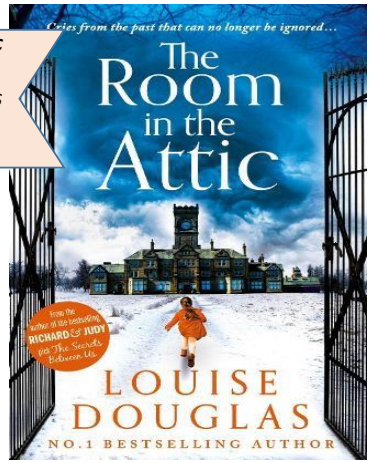
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08.00-08.30		**Table Tennis** Gym All Years (PCA) 	**Netball Team Training** Years 7-8 (NKN, KMA) 	**Morning Swim** All years (NKN) 	
Lunchtime 12.40-13.05	**Table Tennis** Gym ALL YEARS (RJE)  **Basketball** Sports Hall Years 7-8 (JWA, DWI)  **Netball** Year 8-11 (NWI) 	**Football** All Years (LDY)  **Badminton** Sports Hall Years 7-9 (KMA)  **Swimming** Year 10-13 (PCA) 	**Netball** Year 7 (KMA, PCA)  **Badminton** Sports Hall (DWI, JWA)  **Swimming** Beginners Swimming (NKN, LDY) 	**GCSE/ A- LEVEL Theory Support** H3 (NKN & Pupil Mentors)  **Indoor Cricket** Sports Hall All years (PCA, LDY)  **Swimming** Year 7-9 (KMA) 	**Friday Fun Day** Gym ALL YEARS 
After School 15.45-16.45	**SCHOOL MEETINGS**	**FIXTURES EVENING** **Netball Team Training Year 7-9** (NKN, PCA, KMA, LDY) 	**FIXTURES EVENING** **Netball Team Training Year 10-13** (NKN, PCA, KMA, LDY) 	**FIXTURES EVENING** 	

The CCHSG Book Of The Month June

The Room in the Attic

Louise Douglas

Modern Gothic
Recommended reading for this term's Year 9 English topic



A child who does not know her name...
In 1903 fishermen find a wrecked boat containing a woman, who has been badly beaten, and a young girl. An ambulance is sent for, and the two survivors are taken to All Hallows, the imposing asylum, hidden deep on Dartmoor. The woman remains in a coma, but the little girl, Harriet, awakens and is taken to an attic room, far away from the noise of the asylum, and is put in the care of Nurse Emma Everdeen.

Two motherless boys banished to boarding school...
In 1993, All Hallows is now a boarding school. Following his mother's death and his father's hasty remarriage, Lewis Tyler is banished to Dartmoor, stripped of his fashionable clothes, shorn of his long hair, and left feeling more alone than ever. There he meets Isak, another lost soul, and whilst refurbishment of the dormitories is taking place, the boys are marooned up in the attic, in an old wing of the school.
Cries and calls from the past that can no longer be ignored...

In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the **last Friday of each month** .





CCHSG PTFA Calendar 2022/2023

PTFA

Autumn Term

PTFA Annual General Meeting followed by Ordinary PTFA Meeting	Mon September 26 19.00 - 20.30
Year 9 Parents and Students Social Evening Disco & Refreshments for students, Refreshments & Raffle Draw for parents	Fri October 14 19.00 - 21.30
PTFA Meeting	Mon November 7 19.00 - 20.30
Annual Christmas Market (Includes Nearly New Uniform)	Sat November 26 12.00 - 15.00
Winter Concert Hot Drinks, Licenced Bar, Raffle & Scratch Cards	Tues December 13 & Wed December 14 19.00 - 21.30

Spring Term

PTFA Meeting	Mon January 30 19.00 - 20.30
Spring Term Nearly New Uniform & Books Sale (Open to ALL Year Groups))	Sat March 4 10.00 - 12.30
Year 7 Parents and Students Social Evening Disco & Refreshments for students, Refreshments & Raffle Draw for parents	Fri March 10 19.00 - 21.30
PTFA Meeting	Mon March 27 19.00 - 20.30

Summer Term

Quiz & Curry Night Food to be catered, PTFA run Bar & Cafe	Fri April 28 19.00 - 22.00
Summer Term Nearly New Uniform Sale (1) (New Year 7 September 2023 intake only)	(TBC) 16.00-20.00
Summer Term Nearly New Uniform Sale (2) (Open to ALL Year Groups)	Tues 18 July 16.00 - 18.30
School Production Refreshments	Thur July 13 & Fri July 14 19.00 - 21.30