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

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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week B**	Sep	26	Assembly: Year 12 in the Hall Yr 10 Work Experience Trip to Colchester Zoo PTFA AGM followed by PTFA Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Sep	27	No Assembly 11+ Alternative Test Day
Wednesday	Sep	28	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Yr 9 Information Evening 19.00 Yr 12 National Archives Tudors Virtual Workshop Periods 1-3
Thursday	Sep	29	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 13 Information Evening 19.00
Friday	Sep	30	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit to Dorset Departs 09.00

We have attached a letter regarding Thomas Mills High School. Alpha Trustees held an Extra Ordinary Trust Board meeting on Tuesday 6 September to discuss Thomas Mills High School joining Alpha Trust, all Trustees, except one, attended therefore the meeting was quorate. Trustees met Mr Phil Hurst, Headteacher of Thomas Mills High school who made a short presentation on the progress the school had made since their recent Ofsted inspection. The advantages and disadvantages of this school joining Alpha Trust have been discussed at Headteachers Executive Board prior to the Trust Board meeting. The Trustees were informed of these discussions and had the opportunity to raise any questions relating to the joining process. Following a healthy and informative debate/discussion Trustees voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to request the Secretary of State approval for Thomas Mills High School to join the Trust, subject to a successful due diligence process. I will keep you, as stakeholders, informed of any progress in the coming weeks.
Kind regards,
Mrs Marshall, Executive Headteacher and CEO Alpha Trust.

Nut Free School
We ask everyone to ensure no nuts or nut products are brought into school. Thank you.

Votes for Schools
This week's topic was: *Will the future feel different to the second Elizabethan era?*

Norman Way is now a 20 MPH zone
Norman Way has become a 20mph zone. This is part of the ongoing changes Essex County Council are putting in to reduce traffic and emissions in Colchester, especially in the Lexden Road area.

Streetsafe form Essex Police
We have been asked to share information from Essex Police, please follow the link StreetSafe | Essex Police This is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously report on public places where they have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 26 September
Healthy Living Rotations for next week are 7Y Rotation 1 and 8Y Rotation 1:
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 1 will have sessions on Monday 26 September and Monday 10 October during Periods 4 & 5.
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 1 will have sessions on Tuesday 27 September and Tuesday 11 October during Period 3
Students and their parents have been emailed with the initial recipe for ingredients, students can also check this via SharePoint.

Vacancies at CCHSG
If you know anyone who might be interested in our Caretaker vacancy, please direct them to the CCHSG website - https://www.cchsg.com/vacancies/.

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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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

Yr 7 Science Club – Thursday Lunchtime in G18
Science Club has started for all those who have signed up with the Science Club Leaders. Running from 12.45 to 13.20, students can bring their lunch with them.

Art Extra-Curricular Clubs
Please see below for the Art clubs this term.

PsychSoc – Tuesday 27 September, Lunchtime in H4
We will be presenting and discussing about the influence media has on the choices we make. All welcome.

Yr 11 Physics Revision – Friday 30 September, Lunchtime in G0
Revision will start next with the topic: Waves and Sound. The session will start at 12.45, students can ask any questions they might have.

Physics Club – Introduction Session Wednesday 28 September, Lunchtime in G2
Next Wednesday Physics club returns to G2! If students ever find themselves interested in the mysteries of the universe or engineering marvels!

Yr 12 & 13 Oxbridge Physics (other years are welcome if they enjoy a challenge)
Next Tuesday in G2 we shall continue practicing for the NSAA and PAT. Students are welcome to come and have a go at some interesting problems.

Yrs 10 – 13 British Physics Olympiad
The Olympiad is restarting this year. It will be held Wednesday Week B lunchtimes in G1, with Mr Minton.
It is open to all students in Yrs 10-13, who would like to pursue their interest in Physics.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
28.09.2022	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	Paxman	Away	Yr 10
28.09.2022	14.30 – 17.30	Netball Essex Cup	Brentwood Ursuline	Away	14.30 – 17.30
29.09.2022	16.00 – 17.00	Netball Essex Cup	New Hall	Home	U14
29.09.2022	15.45 – 16.46	Netball	St Mary's	Away	Yr 7

Students should also check the noticeboard in PE regularly for any updates or changes.

Careers Information
Careers Lead – Mr Gosling

Yr 10 Careers Visit to Colchester Zoo – Monday 26 September
All students will have the opportunity to explore the zoo and complete activities that will give them a better understanding of the running of a large business that are transferable to other organisations. They will meet zoo employees from a variety of areas and be able to ask questions about their roles and experiences. Further to this, students will also complete a task relating to human resource management, enclosure design, or the work of scientists in the wild.
Information for students attending the trip:
Students should arrive at school for the normal time in their school uniform, they may wear trainers or other comfortable shoes appropriate for walking around the zoo which has some steep and uneven paths. They are advised to also bring a coat/waterproof and a packed lunch.

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Community Information

Colchester Rugby Club – Girls Rugby Rocks
We have been asked by Colchester Rugby Club to share information regarding their U12 and U14 rugby teams – please see poster below.

NHA Parent Carer Workshops Supporting Young People
Please find attached information from Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Trust which may be of interest/help to families.

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 child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.**

Student Lunch Order

Sixth Form Lunch Order

Menu for w/c 26 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lamb Fried Rice	Slow Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice
Main Meal £3.30				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Rice Pudding with Jam	Apple & Blue berry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Minestrone (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: New System for Pre-Ordering Food from the School Canteen
All Yrs: CCHSG 500 Club
Yrs 7 & 8: STEM Computing and Design Trip (selected students)
Yr 9: Year 9 Social Evening

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Gifted and Talented in Sport	Friday 23 September
Yrs 7 & 8	STEM Computing and Design Trip (selected students)	Friday 23 September
Yr 9	AQA Level 2 Higher Project Qualification	Friday 23 September
Yr 9	Art Kit Purchase	Friday 30 September
Yr 9	Year 9 Social Evening	Friday 7 October
Yr 11	GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 30 September
Yr 12	Geography Review Subscription	Friday 30 September
Yr 12	Art Kit Purchase	Friday 30 September
Yrs 12 & 13	Science Review Magazine Purchase	Monday 3 October

Word of the Week for w/c 26 September
Next week the word is: **FACSIMILE** – an exact copy, as of a book, painting or manuscript.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. **Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary**

   - **PTFA AGM and Ordinary Meeting**: Monday 26 September 19.00 – 20.30.
   - **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.

2. 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 14 October.

Further details and tickets £10/students available on Classlist (Community Events - Year 9 Parents & Students Social Evening, Friday 14 October)

If you are not on Classlist yet, please join via https://app.classlist.com/start/#/ and follow instructions to join Classlist for Colchester County High School for Girls, adding yourself and your child to the assigned Form Group.

Volunteer sign-up*:* If you can help at this upcoming event, please sign-up at https://volunteersignup.org/MEQPH

3. 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

4. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market
This year, once again, we are delighted to have our Christmas Market advertised by Beresfords Estate Agents. We will be back in touch with all those parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses in Colchester to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. This time, we are pleased that the advertising will also cover Chelmsford. If you own a property in Colchester or Chelmsford which is in a prominent location with public access or visibility and would like to volunteer your address, please let us know. Boards are installed no more than 3 weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer.

Contact CCHSG PTFA on Classlist or email cchsgptfa@gmail.com with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details. **Please let us know by 21 October.**

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 via https://app.classlist.com/start/#/ and follow instructions to join Classlist for Colchester County High School for Girls, adding yourself and your child to the assigned Form Group and stay up to date with our news and events. We encourage all parents to join this wonderful and safe online community.

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

Art Extra Curricular Clubs

AutumnTerm 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunchtime 12.40 - 13.15	Lower School Art Club G26 MSA and Art Ambassadors 	Art Workshops Closed for Dept Subject Mastery	GCSE / Alevel Art Clinic 	NEW An Intro-duction to Art History	ALL YEARS G26 SME (MSA) G27 Graphic Communi-cations and
After school 15.45-16.30	G26 SME GCSE By appt only	Year 12/13 1:1 support sessions By arrangement with MSA and KCR		G26 SME GCSE By appt only	

Computing and Computer Science Extra Curricular Timetable 2022-2023

DAY/SESSION	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Morning 08.30 – 08.45					
Lunchtime 12.50 – 13.20		**Cyber Security** **(All years)** **T17 (CNA)**	**Upper School – Y9+** **Computing Club**	**Lower School – Y7&8** **Computing Club**	**Retro-Gaming** **(All years)** **T4 (AGU, CNA)**
After-School 15.45 – 17.00		Study Support All years T4 (CNA, AGU)		**All Years** **Computing** **Extended Learning** **Opportunities and** **competitions** **T4 (CNA, AGU)**	

Upper school - Programme

(Term 1) - Touch Typing Years 9-13 (**Room T4**) 10 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 14 September**
(Term 2) - Web Development Years 9-13 (**Room T4**) – 10/12 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 11 January**
(Term 3) - Game design and creation (Unity/Defold) Years 9-13 (**Room T4**) – 10/12 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 26 April**

Lower school – Programme

(Term 1) - Raspberry Pi Club (Programming the Pi) Years 7&8 (**Room T4**) – 8 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 15 September**
(Term 2) - Python Programming Years 7&8 (**Room T4**) – 12 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 12 January**
(Term 3) - Animation (**Room T4**) – 6/8 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 27 April**

Clubs available for all years

Retro Gaming - All years (**Room T4**) – Ongoing – **Beginning Fri 23 September**
Cyber Security - All years (**Room T4**) – Ongoing – **Beginning Tue 20 September**

Extended Learning Opportunities

Competitions – Various - ongoing
Digital leaders – Ongoing activities throughout the year

GIRLS RUGBY ROCKS

AT COLCHESTER RUGBY CLUB



TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP

Are you in Year 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9?
Looking for a new sport or activity?
Why not join Colchester U12 or U14 Girls Rugby Team.
Training every Sunday (in season) 11.15am-12.45pm
at Raven Park, home of Colchester Rugby Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Email: girls@colchesterrugby.co.uk