Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
14 October 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 A**	Oct	17	Assembly: Yr 12 in the Hall Yr 8 Biology Visit to Colchester Zoo Yr 11 Progress Check 1 to Parents
Tuesday	Oct	18	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall Yr 13 University Admission Testing (BMAT & TMUA)
Wednesday	Oct	19	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall Yr 11 Parent Consultation Evening Yr 13 University Admissions Testing (ENGAA & NSAA)
Thursday	Oct	20	**Non-Pupil Day**
Friday	Oct	21	**Non-Pupil Day**

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: *Does the internet affect the way we view sex and relationships?*

Student Safety in the Bus Park
We remind students that before school they should make their way into school directly and not wait in the bus park for other students. Students should be aware this is a very busy area, we ask them to walk sensibly and on the path near the coaches. At the end of the school day, students should on the pavement for their buses/coaches and not wait in the road or sit with their legs overhanging the pavement for health and safety reasons.

Yr 8 Biology Zoo Trip – Monday 17 October
A reminder the Year Group will be off timetable attending the Biology trip to Colchester Zoo.

CCHSG Ski Trip 2023 Information
For those participating the following information is now overdue:

- Dietary Requirements
- Medical Information/GHIC
- Ski Experience, Shoe Size and Height
- Final Balance
- Passport Details

All of the above can be completed via the individual Trip page. Any outstanding balance must be paid via ParentPay. Thank you

School Chaplain
Rev Greenland is available to support both staff and students, those of all faiths and none. If students would like to meet with Rev Greenland, they should speak to their Form Tutor.

CCHSG 500 Club 2022/23
A reminder to purchase your tickets for the CCHSG 500 Club!
Membership takes the form of a one-off payment of £40, which enters you into ten monthly draws over the academic year for prize money of up to £500. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. The ticket purchase portal is now open via
https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BVZN
Please purchase your tickets by 16.00 on Tuesday 18 October, ahead of the first draw of ten which takes place on Wednesday 19 October.
Terms and condition apply and can be found on our website
https://www.cchsg.com/500-club-rules/

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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Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 17 October
Healthy Living Rotations for next week are 7X Rotation 1 and 8X Rotation 2:
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 1 will have their second session on Monday 17 October during Periods 4 & 5.
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 2 will have their first session on Tuesday 18 October during Period 1
Students and their parents have been emailed with the initial recipe for ingredients, students can also check this via SharePoint.

Lost Property
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint for students to view. Items can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two weeks before being disposed of.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Extra-Curricular Clubs
If your child is attending a club please sign them up via the SchoolCloud system.
All students are welcome to attend clubs even if they are yet to sign up via SchooCloud.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
17.10.2022		Netball Essex Cup	St Marks	CCHSG	Yr 7
17.10.2022	16.00 – 17.00	Football	Paxman Academy	Away	U16
18.10.2022	08.15 – 13.00	Cross Country Essex Cup	Various	Campion School	Yrs 8-11
19.10.2022	TBC	Netball	Braintree Sixth Form	CCHSG	U19

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

Yrs 10 – 13 British Physics Olympiad
The Olympiad will be continuing on Monday Week A lunchtime 12.45 in G1, with Mr Minton.
It is open to all students in Yrs 10-13, who would like to test their Physics skills against other students in the UK and potentially the world!

Youth Voice Conference – Saturday 22 October at Anglia Ruskin University 10.00 – 14.00
Mr Paz highlights this opportunity for students aged 13+ to have their voices heard and the chance to speak directly with people that can make change.
The free conference focuses on keeping young people safe in Essex and in their communities. There will be workshops, an information fair, speakers, the Essex Police Youth Strategy Launch and the chance to have your questions answered in a panel by decision makers!
Topics covered will be: mental health and wellbeing, staying safe in public, LGBTQ+ and hate crime awareness, VVU listening report findings, Essex Police Youth Strategy Launch, what to do in an emergency, where do you feel safe in your community and more!
For more information please see poster below, to book please follow the link: Youth Voice Conference 2022

Mathematics Department Revision Sessions
Yr 13: Tuesday with Mrs Roshen – Algebra Yr 12 topics
Wednesday with Mrs Bradnum – Statistics
Yr 12: Tuesday with Mr Williams – Intervention
Yr 11: Wednesday's revision session cancelled

Concert Orchestra Sectional Rehearsals 12.50 – 13.20 in M2
Wednesday 19 October – All strings (inc. guitar and harp)
Wednesday 2 November – Everyone

Winter Concert Solo Auditions – Tuesday 1 November 15.30 – 16.30
Open to all years, instruments and abilities. Students can perform as soloist, duet, trio or as a small group.
They will need to prepare a piece on their instrument(s) on the theme of 'Water' (which includes ice, snow, oceans, rivers etc) ready to perform.
They need bring backing tracks and accompaniments with them (as required). Mrs Jefferies can accompany them on the piano if required, but they will need to provide the sheet music.

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Yr 8 "Challenge means Opportunity"
As with Yr 7, we encourage students in Yr 8 to gain rich experiences and widen their scholarship by getting involved in the enrichment opportunities below or consider becoming a Subject Ambassador. Subject Ambassadors are nominated by each department area for their passion and enthusiasm for the subject. Subject Ambassador qualities include consistently contributing to departments through open evenings and engaging in extracurricular opportunities. Students should speak to the Head of Department of the subject they love to find out what is on offer. Some examples are listed below.

Department	Enrichment Offer
Art	Open workshops, Christmas Card Competitions, History Month, Subject Mastery Extension (by invite), Lower School Art Club
Biology	MISAC competition, Cambridge Science Festival, Chelmsford Science Festival
Chemistry	Salters Festival of Chemistry
Classics	Classics Club run by Sixth Formers, the Apprentice Challenge
Computing	Cyber security Cyber first Girls Competition, Raspberry Pi Club - Yrs 8, New for 2021-Retro Gaming Club and iDEA Awards, PA Consulting Raspberry Pi Competition
Drama	Whole school production - Schools will Rock You
Economics	Economics Society
English	Young Writers competitions, Paradise Lost club, Shakespeare Club, Classic Novels Club, Creative Writing Club
French	Early GCSE programme and Speaking Club with FLA
Geography	GeogDocs, GA Essay Competition, Y12/13 Mentors,
German	German Club
History	History Book Club, History Society, Law Society, Scholarship tasks
Music	Junior Choir, Kazoo Club, Concert Orchestra, Flutissimo, String Ensemble, Guitar and Ukulele Club, Recorder Group, Advanced ensemble, School Musical Production
Mathematics	Pi Club (problem solving - extension activities), History of Maths Club,
Physical Education	Interform Netball and Rounders, Christmas Volleyball, Clubs (to lead or participate in): Netball, Football, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Swimming, Dance, Running, Dodgeball, Rounders, Swimming, Cricket, Athletics, Sports Day
Physics	Science Club 8 run by Sixth Form students, Physics Club
Religion & Worldviews	Religion & Worldviews Society.

Yr 10 English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking Competition
Mr Paz is looking for students to take part in the largest public speaking competition in England and Wales. There are three roles to choose from: the speaker, the chair and the questioner. Speakers will get a choice of topics to make a speech on. Heats begin in November, the first round will be on Zoom. Round 2 and the Regionals finals will be live and begin in January.
If students are interested, they should see details of how to sign up via the Student Bulletin.
More information regarding the ESU can be found here: Student Handbook

Yr 12 ESU Mace competition
Mr Paz is also looking for students to take part in this competition. He needs one team of three students: 1st speaker, 2nd speaker and Summary Speaker. With a backup team of three (to rehearse with the team and serve as understudies).
This year our school needs to oppose the motion: "**This house would ban the sale and consumption of meat", t**his will be via Zoom for the first round on 15 November.
If students are interested, they should see details of how to sign up via the Student Bulletin
You can find out more via ESU Schools' Mace Handbook.

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.

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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.

Please pre-order lunchtime cold food via the Civica Eats APP

Menu for w/c 17 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweet Corn	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Sausages, Chips & Beans		
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Chickpea & Coriander Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas		
Main Meal £3.30				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Cake with Custard	Pavlova		
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Tomato & Basil	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)		

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Yrs 7-11: Non-Uniform Day
Yrs 8 -11: International Netball Festival Expression of Interest (Netball team players)
Yrs 9-12: Graphical Calculator Purchase
Yrs 10 & 12: Geography Field Trip to Iceland 2023 (selected students)
Yr 11: Parent Consultation Evening
Yr 11: GCSE History Visit to Sheffield Manor Lodge (History students only)
Yr 12: A Level Biology Optional Dissection Opportunity

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7-11	Non-Uniform Day	Friday 14 October
Yrs 8-11	International Netball Festival Expression of Interest	Friday 14 October
Yr 9	Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award	Friday 14 October
Yrs 9-11	Graphical Calculator Purchase	Friday 14 October
Yr 10	Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award	Friday 14 October
Yrs 10 & 12	Geography Field Trip to Iceland 2023	Monday 31 October
Yr 11	GCSE History Visit to Sheffield Manor Lodge	Thursday 3 November
Yr 12	Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award	Friday 14 October
Yr 12	A Level Biology Optional Dissection Opportunity	Wednesday 2 November

Word of the Week for w/c 17 October
Next week the word is: **SUCCINCT** – expressed with brevity and clarity, with no wasted words.

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PTFA
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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 7 November 19.00 – 20.30
- **Annual Christmas Market:** Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00
  Save the date for this popular event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community
- **Winter Concert (Refreshments):** Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December

2. Annual Christmas Market 2022 – Invitation to Stallholders: Saturday 26 November, 12.00 – 15.00

Bookings are being taken for stalls at this very popular annual event until Tuesday 1 November or until we reach capacity. **Stalls cost:** Single stall £25, Double stalls £40. For further details and a copy of the booking form please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

3. Appeal for donations of items for the PTFA Stalls at the Christmas Market

Preparation for the Christmas Market is well underway. There are many ways that you can get involved to make this event one of our best yet. We are looking for donations for some of our PTFA run stalls including the following:

- ***Sweets for Sweets Jar Tombola*:** Celebration Tubs, Maom Strips, Kit Kats, Jelly Babies, Mini Haribo sweets packs, etc. - leftover sweets from Trick or Treat, perhaps?
- ***Chocolates for Chocolate Tombola:*** Chocolate Santa, Reindeer, Teddy, etc.
- ***Items for Bottle Tombola:*** wine, fizzy drinks, sauce jars, jam, shampoo, basically if it comes in a bottle or jar, we'll gratefully except it! Items containing alcohol must not be brought into school by students. Please contact us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com to arrange delivery
- ***Books for the Book Stall:*** Revision or good quality special interest books are most welcome, please deposit these in the wheelie bin outside school Reception
- ***Home-baked cakes, cookies, curries, etc.:*** for sale in the café

If you would like to donate any of these items (except for books, which can be left in the wheelie bin outside school reception), please contact cchsgptfa@gmail.com to make arrangements for delivery. Please ensure items donated are within date for consumption beyond December 2022.

Volunteer Sign-Up: There are many ways that you can support us with the upcoming Christmas Market including offering to donate of any of the items requested for PTFA stalls. **Please sign-up via this link:** https://volunteersignup.org/9P7R8

4. CCHSG PTFA Christmas Grand Raffle Draw 2022

We are delighted to launch our Christmas Grand Prize Draw for this year. The draw will take place on Friday 9 December and winners will be notified via email or telephone. All non-cash prizes must be collected in person from the school by Friday 16 December.
1st Prize - £250 cash
2nd Prize - Luxury Festive Hamper
and many other exciting prizes.

Raffle Tickets cost £5 per entry and can be purchased at https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BXKF

DISCLAIMER:
As a result of legislation changes by the UK Gambling Commission (UKGC), since April 2020, the use of credit cards for any type of gambling has been prohibited. This also applies to online gambling such as this Raffle Draw. Please use a debit card rather than credit card. Please gamble responsibly.

5. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market

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 three weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer. We will be back in touch with all those who previously registered their addresses in Colchester to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. 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.**

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

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CHRISTMAS Market 2022

Grand Raffle Draw

£250 Cash Prize, Luxury Hamper & many other exciting prizes!

To purchase tickets scan the QR code or visit
https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BXKF

£5 per entry

Draw Date - 9 December

COLCHESTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!
YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE

hosted by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs and Essex Council For Voluntary Youth Services

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2022 10am-2pm (Registration from 9:30am)
AT ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY, CHELMSFORD

If you are a young person aged 13 and above living in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock) or an adult working with young people we want to hear from you! This conference is the perfect opportunity for you to give your opinion to those that can make a change within our community on all subjects on keeping young people safe.
Workshop topics to include: Mental health and wellbeing, staying safe in public, LGBTQ+ and hate crime awareness, VVU listening report findings, what to do in an emergency, Where do you feel safe in your community and more!

Workshops / question panel with influential industry leaders / networking/ information fair/
Essex Police Youth Strategy Launch!

FREE LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AND A CONFERENCE WELCOME PACK!

For more information please contact Rebecca on rebeccas@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

Scan or Click here to book your space!!
https://forms.office.com/r/dQryBpS3Pn

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