Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
30 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

Saturday	Oct	1	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit to Dorset
Sunday	Oct	2	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit to Dorset
Monday **Week A**	Oct	3	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall UCAS Early Entrance Deadline
Tuesday	Oct	4	Assembly: Yr 11 in the Hall Yr 10 Information Evening 19.00
Wednesday	Oct	5	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall
Thursday	Oct	6	Assembly: Yr 7 in the Hall Yr 8 Information Evening 19.00 Yr 10 GCSE Computing Trip to the Centre of Computing History CTTC Open Evening 17.00 – 19.00
Friday	Oct	7	Assembly: Yr 13 in the Hall
Saturday	Oct	8	Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Technical Rehearsal

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: *Are fashion brands choosing trends over the environment?*

Civica Eats APP
A reminder that from Monday 3 October a new system for pre-ordering lunchtime cold food will be launched, replacing the current Microsoft form.
Your child will have received a letter today giving details of how to download the Civica Eats APP, login details and a one-time passcode.
Once downloaded, your child can pre-order lunchtime sandwiches, salads, panini, drinks and cakes to be collected from Monday 3 October.
Hot meals and breaktime snacks can be purchased in the normal way from the counter.

Ski Trip 2023
A reminder to those involved, that the deadline for the total payment towards next February's Ski Trip to Austria is due on Sunday 1 October. If you have not already made payment any outstanding balance should be paid via ParentPay. If you have any issues regarding the completion of this payment, please contact Mr Williams as soon as possible.

Launch of CCHSG 500 Club 2022/23
We are seeking the continued support of our school community with the CCHSG 500 Club for 2022/2023. Membership takes the form of a one-off payment of £40, which entitles participants to be entered 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 19 October. Terms and condition apply and can be found on our website https://www.cchsg.com/500-club-rules/

CTTC Open Evening 17.00 – 19.00
If you know of anyone who is interested in training to teach please share with them the poster below for the CTTC Open Evening.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 3 October
Healthy Living Rotations for next week are 7X Rotation 1 and 8X Rotation 1:
Yr 7: 7X Rotation 1 will have sessions on Monday 3 October and Monday 17 October during Periods 4 & 5.
Yr 8: 8X Rotation 1 will have their second session on Tuesday 4 October during Period 1
Students and their parents have been emailed with the initial recipe for ingredients, students can also check this via SharePoint.

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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CCHSG PTFA Committee – Updates for 2022/23
CCHSG PTFA is an important bridge between the school, parents and community. PTFA volunteers generate much appreciated income for the purchase of additional resources and equipment for students across the school, with an incredible £25,580 being raised in the last academic year alone. The PTFA also support the school by providing the refreshments at school events such as concerts and productions, as well as planning and staffing a number of popular social events, such as the Year 7 Welcome Party, Quiz Nights and the annual Christmas Market, which help build connections and friendships. The nearly new uniform sales, run entirely by the PTFA, provide a very valuable service to our parents.
At the PTFA AGM this week, Mrs Agness O'Brien, who has been an incredibly dedicated, innovative and successful Chair of the PTFA, since September 2018, stepped down. Her role will be taken by Mrs Anni Cullen, who I am sure you will continue to give every support in ensuring that the PTFA continues to go from strength to strength. A presentation was made at the AGM and we would like to thank Agness on behalf of all the staff and students at CCHSG for all that she has done to build a thriving and proactive PTFA. You can find a full list of the PTFA Committee Members for 2022/23 in the PTFA section at the end of this bulletin.
We will be formally recognising Agness' contribution at a forthcoming staff event.

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs
We are delighted to be able to offer a new sign-up system for extra-curricular clubs via the 'CCHSG SchoolCloud parent booking app' via https://cchsg.schoolcloud.co.uk/.
There are a vast amount of clubs available at CCHSG which start before school, lunchtime and afterschool. We encourage all students to take advantage of such opportunities. Please be advised that only one lunchtime club can be signed up to per day.
If your child is already attending a club please continue to sign them up via the SchoolCloud system.
Please see the attached the CCHSG Extra Curricular Clubs Autumn Term 2022.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
05.10.2022	16.00 – 17.00	Netball	Colchester Sixth Form College	CCHSG	U19
06.10.2022	15.30 – 17.30	Netball Central Venue	The Gilberd	Away	Yrs 7 & 8
06.10.2022	16.00 – 16.45	Football	Philip Morant	Away	Yr 7
07.10.2022	14.30 – 23.00	Regional Swimming Championships	Various	Watford	Various

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

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. If students enjoy interesting Physics or Mathematics problems they should come along!

Yr 11 Physics Revision
Sessions continue on Friday 7 October at 12.45 in G0 with The Electromagnetic Spectrum. Students should bring any questions that they may have.

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Mathematics Department Support and Revision Sessions
Yr 11 & 13 Mathematics revision sessions, as well as problem solving sessions/admission tests starting from next week:

Week A	
Yr 13 Pure	Tuesday Lunchtime with Mrs Roshen in M10
Yr 13 Statistics	Wednesday Lunchtime with Mrs Bradnum in M10
Yr 11 GCSE Revision	All groups Wednesday Lunchtime with Mrs King in M8 11EGL and 11BRO groups Thursday Lunchtime in M6
Admission tests /Problem solving	Thursday Lunchtimes with Mrs Bradnum in M10
Yr 12 intervention	Tuesday Lunchtimes with Mr Williams in M11

Week B	
Yr 13 Mechanics	Thursday Lunchtime with Mr Glease in M10
Yr 11 GCSE Revision	All groups Wednesday Lunchtime with Mrs King in M8 11EGL and 11BRO groups Thursday Lunchtime in M11
Admission tests /Problem solving	Thursday Lunchtimes with Mrs Bradnum in M10
Yr 13 Intervention	Tuesday Lunchtimes with Mrs Roshen in M10
Yr 12 intervention	Tuesday Lunchtimes with Mr Williams in M11

The topics we are covering next week Yr 13 Pure will be Modulus, Yr 11 with Mrs King will be Chapter 2 Algebra
And with Mr Glease Chapter 1 Number.

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

Menu for w/c 3 October

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Carrots	Beefburger, Chips & Salad	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fishcakes with Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad (Vegan)	Vegetable Chilli with Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad (Vegan)
Main Meal £3.30				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Cake with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)

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Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: Educational Research at CCHSG
Yr 7: Healthy Living Sessions 7X Rotation 1 (selected students)
Yr 10: GCSE Drama Invitation (Drama students only)
Yr 10: Field Trip to Iceland 2023 Expression of Interest
Yr 11: GCSE Drama Technical Rehearsal (Drama students only)
Yrs 10-12: Ski Trip 2023 Information Evening (Ski Trip participants only)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Educational Research at CCHSG	Tuesday 4 October
Yr 9	Art Kit Purchase	Friday 30 September
Yr 9	Year 9 Social Evening	Friday 7 October
Yr 10	GCSE Drama Invitation	Monday 3 October
Yr 10	Field Trip to Iceland 2023 Expression of Interest	Monday 3 October
Yr 11	GCSE Drama Technical Rehearsal	Monday 3 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 3 October
Next week the word is: **CONTROVERSIAL** – of, relating to, or characteristic of controversy, or prolonged public dispute, debate or contention.

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PTFA
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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Year 9 Social Evening for Parents and Students:** Friday 14 October 19.00 – 21.30
- **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 annual fundraising event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community
- **Winter Concert (Refreshments):** Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December

2. PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all those who attended the PTFA's AGM on Monday 26 September. Your contributions and enthusiasm were much appreciated. We look forward to another successful year. The AGM Presentation and Minutes of the Meeting will be available in the PTFA section of the school website shortly.

We are grateful to the 2021/2022 PTFA Committee Members who have done a sterling job over the past year. Your commitment and hard work is truly appreciated.

The final item on the agenda was the election of officers and members of the PTFA Committee for 2022/2023. We thank Agness O'Brien and Rouzbeh N. Elahi who stepped down as Chair and Treasurer this year, for all the work that they have done to support the PTFA during 2021/22. We thank our new Committee Members for volunteering and we look forward to working with them.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES		
Title	**Previous (2021/2022)**	**Current (2022/2023)**
Chair	Agness O'Brien (2018-2022)	Anni Cullen
Vice Chair	Anni Cullen	Emma Arnold
Secretary	Caroline Westgarth	Caroline Westgarth
Treasurer	Rouzbeh N. Elahi (2019-2022)	Tracey Siggers
OTHER		
Communication	This role is fulfilled by Ms Kate Stubbs, who is employed as marketing & Communications Manager at CCHSG. She is not a member of the PTFA Committee	

3. Year 9 Social Evening for Parents and 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 (www.classlist.com) Community Events - Year 9 Parents & Students Social Evening, Friday 14 October). There is no need to purchase tickets for parents/carers. Please answer all 3 questions when purchasing tickets for your child.

Ticket purchase deadline is Friday 7 October. As we have to provide final numbers to caterers, there will be no extensions to this deadline. We regret that under no circumstances can we accommodate siblings, including infants, at this event.

4. Annual Christmas Market 2022 – Invitation to Stallholders

Bookings are being taken for stalls at this very popular annual event until Tuesday 1 November 2022 or until we reach capacity. The Christmas Market is open to the school community and general public, on Saturday 26 November, 12.00-15.00.

Stalls cost: Single stall £25, Double stalls £40. For further details and a copy of the booking form please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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 3 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.**

6. Volunteer sign-up: If you can help at any of these upcoming events, please sign-up via the links below:

Event	Volunteer sign-up link
Year 8 Social Evening for Parents & Students (Friday 14 October)	https://volunteersignup.org/MEQPH
Annual Christmas Market (Saturday 26 November)	https://volunteersignup.org/9P7R8

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