Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
8 September 2023

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

Term dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term
Monday 2 September
Friday 20 December

Half Term
Monday 28 October
Friday 1 November

Spring Term
Monday 6 January
Friday 4 April

Half Term
Monday 17 February
Friday 21 February

Summer Term
Tuesday 22 April
Tuesday 22 July

Half Term
Monday 26 May
Friday 30 May

Bank Holiday
5 May

Non – Pupil Days
TBC

Dates for Your Diary

Monday **Week B**	Sept	11	
Tuesday	Sept	12	Y13 Geography field Trip to Iceland Information Evening
Wednesday	Sept	13	Y7 Information Evening
Thursday	Sept	14	Y11 MAT STEM careers day
Friday	Sept	15	Y10 MAT STEM careers 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
The first topic of the new academic year was: Do we need to change our attitudes towards recycling e-waste?

Annual Geographical Association Physical Geography Photo Competition
Open to Years 7-9. This year's competition is about finding and taking a photo that captures an example that demonstrates the mobile Earth and the Earth as a flowing machine. Your image needs to show or convey movement of Earth material(s), or a landform or feature produced by materials movement, or evidence of a process or an agent that causes movement of Earth materials. The photograph needs to be accompanied with its (precise) location and up to 250 words that 'show and tell' the physical geography, describing the focus your example and explaining what it reveals and/or demonstrates about the mobile Earth, and how the movement happened.
A link to the full details and submission/consent forms is located here:
Physical geography student photo competition - Geographical Association

CCHSG 500 Club
We would like to thank all those parents/carers who have supported us through the CCHSG 500 Club in the 2022/23 academic year.
Through your generosity, CCHSG 500 Club raised over £4,144.40 last academic year with a total of £2,072.20 paid out to winners of the 10 monthly draws.
We are seeking the continued support of our school community with the CCHSG 500 Club for the 2023/24 academic year (October 2023 – July 2024). Membership takes the form of a one-off payment of £40, which entitles participants to be entered into ten monthly draws for the prize money of up to £500. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students.
Please show your support for the work of CCHSG staff and students by joining the CCHSG 500 Club and help us reach the maximum number of ticket sales of 500 this academic year which will raise £10,000 for the school with £10,000 paid to winners of the monthly draws?
You can purchase your tickets via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CNQO

Please purchase your tickets by 16.00 Tuesday 17 October 2023 ahead of the first draw of ten which takes place on Wednesday 18 October 2023.
Visit https://www.cchsg.com/about-cchsg/the-500-club/ for further details and Club Rules.

CCHSG ICT Acceptable Use Policy
Next week students will be signing to say that they have read and understood the CCHSG ICT Acceptable Use Policy. A copy of the Acceptable Use Policy can be found here.

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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School Photos

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 7 of September 2023, to take the Individual Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code:

JRCJ6SY

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name.
Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.
Don't miss out pre-register today!

Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities

Swimming

If your child can not confidently swim 25m front crawl and 25m backstroke, please email Miss Mather (kmatherhutchinson@cchsg.com) It is very important we know this information so that we can put support in place for your child to learn this important life skill.

CCHSG Sport – Gifted and Talented

If your child has achieved high level sporting successes recently, please fill out the form below.
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=la3pq0GH7kuhsVbSrAP_KlB89m46209KrlJdsnmxnE1UNVo2VDhVSTZPNFBVODYwVVFCMUc0R01NMC4u

CCHSG Sport Clubs

The clubs will start the week commencing 12 September.

CCHSG Sports Trials

Sport	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12/13
Netball	COL 7/9/23 Lunchtime HES 8/9/23 Lunchtime	12/9/23 After School 15:45-16:45	12/9/23 After School 15:45– 16;45	13/9/23 After School 15:45- 16:45	13/9/23 After School 15:45- 16:45	13/9/23 After School 15:45- 16:45
Football	12/9/23 Lunchtime	13/9/23 Lunchtime	14/9/23 Lunchtime	13/9/23 After School 15:45- 16:45	13/9/23 After School 15:45– 16:45	
Swimming	15/9/23 Lunchtime	15/9/23 Lunchtime				
Cross country	14/9/23 Lunchtime	14/9/23 Lunchtime				

Extracurricular activities sign up via School cloud

Students have enjoyed an extracurricular fair today showcasing all the clubs and societies we host at CCHSG. The below QR code will take you to schoolcloud where you will be able to sign up for clubs. We do encourage all students to take advantage of all the extra opportunities available.

Please note it will not be open until Saturday 9 September at 12.00 and will close on Saturday 30 September.

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Costume design and making course.
An opportunity for a small number of students across the years to work alongside the Mercury Theatre on a costumes design and making course. The workshops will run afterschool from 16.10, at The Gilberd School, and transport to and from the venue will be provided by the school. Students interested will be selected on a first come first served basis; if numbers are large then names of interested students will be drawn randomly to allow for fairness to all. Students selected for the workshops will be expected to attend all sessions below.
Students should see Mrs Saunders in G26 at lunchtime on Monday 11 September to express their interest in taking part. If students require any further information they should email Mrs Saunders.

The schedule for the workshop sessions are as follows:
2 September (initial talk)
5, 12, 19 October
9, 16, 30 November
7, 14 December

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 Friday15 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.

E Safety information.
One of the more heartwarming, life-affirming aspects of social media is being able to share special moments in our children's lives with family and friends: from the first day at school or blowing out birthday cake candles to smiling holiday selfies and cute Halloween costumes. Is there, however, such a thing as too much sharing – and can it actually put children in danger?

With potential risks such as accidentally displaying identifying details (images showing where a child lives or what school they go to, for example) and photos being seen and saved by strangers, perhaps we need to take a little more caution over what we post and where we post it. The attached guide runs through some safety considerations when sharing images in order to support parents and carers regarding informed decisions about what is appropriate to share and when it is appropriate.

Careers Appointments

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

We have subscribed to the Unifrog online platform. Year 8 students will soon be signed up and all students will receive a welcome email with their login details.

The Unifrog platform brings all the available information into one single, impartial, user-friendly platform that helps students to make the best choices and submit the strongest applications. Students and parents are encouraged to explore the platform if they wish and look out for Unifrog's weekly email on Careers and the Labour Market.

If you would like more information about the platform please see their website here.

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Dining Room Arrangements
No coats or bags are permitted in the Dining Hall at breakfast, break or lunchtime. Students should put their coats and bags on the racking.
Breakfast – served between 08.00 – 08.35, accessed via the Dining Hall Extension Doors outside the servery.
Breaktime – Years 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. Years 12 & 13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.

Students in Years 7 – 11 can eat their packed lunches, school sandwiches and paninis in the Hall from 12.35 – 13.00 on Monday 11 September – Wednesday 13 September. Thursday 14 and Friday 15 September students in Years 7-9 should eat their lunch in tutor bases ensuring they have finished by 13.00. Students must leave the classroom clean and tidy. Students in Years 10 -11 should eat their packed lunch under the canopy.

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.

Dining Arrangements students to Dining Hall for Lunch:

Week A		**Week B**	
12.35	Y13 , 12, 11	**12.35**	Y 13, 12, 11
12.50	Y 8 & 7	**12.50**	Y 9 & 10
13.00	Y 9 & 10	**13.00**	Y 7 & 8

Students should arrive promptly for their slot

Menu for w/c 11 September

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Chilli con carnie & Rice	Lasagne & Salad	Burger Chips Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice	Fishcake & green beans
Cheese & Tomato pasta & Salad	Mediterranean Pasta & Salad	Macaroni Cheese & Peas	Gnocchi & Salad	Homity Pie salad
Sticky toffee pudding & Custard	Apple Crumble & Custard	Eton mess	Chocolate Mousse	Bakewell Tart & custard
Pudding £1.30				
Panino £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Tomato & Lentil soup (Vegan)	French onion soup (vegan)	Minestrone soup (Vegan)	Vegetable soup (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato soup (Vegan)

CivicaEats App
If your child would like to pre order cold food for lunch from the Canteen they can use the CivicaEats App. Your child can pre order sandwiches, cakes, paninis and salads. For more information please contact reception or Mr Martin the catering manager.

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The Schools' Aerospace Careers Programme (ACP) – presentations at CCHSG on Thursday 14 September and Friday 15 September

The aim of the ACP is to encourage the interest of young people in technology generally and, specifically, provide them with a permanent, UK-wide, careers advisory and support service in respect of the aerospace, space and aviation industries.

The presentation will be undertaken by a team of six including Dr Michael Smith and individuals from three members of the aerospace, space and aviation industries. All are accompanied by display and demonstration equipment. The presentation will take place during Periods 4 and 5 and is in the form of an inter-active and highly visual lecture combined with a careers fair.

The Gilberd School will be joining our Year 11 students on Thursday 14 September and Manningtree High School will be joining our Year 10 students on Friday 15 September.

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Y7 Information Evening
Y11 Information Evening
Y12 Information Evening
Y12 Art Kit
Y12 Art Trip
Y7 Civica Eats
Y12 Civica Eats

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Y12	Art Kit Letter (Selected students)	22 September
Y12	Art Trip (Selected students)	29 September

Lost Property
We urge all belongings to be clearly named.
All unnamed lost property that has been handed is photographed and displayed on SharePoint via CCHSG Lost Property
Items can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two school weeks before being recycled.

MENSA Brainteasers
What has no hands but might knock on your door, and if it does you better open up?

Word of the Week for w/c 11 September
Word of the week is**: Unanimous** meaning shared or taken as a view by everyone concerned with nobody disagreeing.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. **Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary**
   - PTFA Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2023
   - New Year 7 Welcome Party: Friday 13 October 2023
   - PTFA Meeting: Monday 6 November 2023
   - Nearly New Uniform Sale: Saturday 25 November 2023
   - Annual Christmas Market: Saturday 2 December

2. PTFA Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2023 19.30-21.30

The PTFA would like to invite all parents/carers to the PTFA's Annual General Meeting which will take place at Room G25 on Tuesday 26 September 2023 19.30-21.00. This meeting will be followed by an Ordinary PTFA meeting. We anticipate the AGM will last for 30 minutes.

3. New Year 7 Welcome Party: Friday 13 October 19.00-21.00

The PTFA is pleased to invite all Year 7 students and their parents/carers to a social evening on Friday 10 March from 19.00 - 21.00.
Tickets are available to purchase at £12.50 per child via www.classlist.com. Students will be entertained with a disco, and snacks and drinks will be provided. Please be advised that students are not permitted to bring mobile phones or recording equipment into the disco. Parents/carers are invited to attend a separate reception while the students are at their party. Complimentary canapes will be served and there will be a licensed bar and hot drinks available to purchase. Tickets must be purchased by 23.55 on Friday 6 October. If you have not yet signed up to Classlist, please join this safe parent community through the link givenabove.

4. Autumn Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale: Saturday 25 November 2023 10.00-12.30

This term's Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale will take place in the Main Hall, on Saturday 25 November 2023 from 10.00-12.30. We appeal for donations of clean, good quality uniform items that your child has outgrown and revision books. Donations can be deposited in the clearly marked blue wheelie bins outside the school reception. Please send donations by Friday 17 November to allow the PTFA uniform team to prepare all items for sale. Please sign up via the link below if you would like to help at the sale. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

5. Beresfords Estate Agents Advertising Boards-Christmas Market 2023

This year, once again, we are delighted to be sponsored by Beresford Estate Agents. Beresfords will be providing Christmas Market advertising boards across CO and CM postcodes. We will be back in touch with all the parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses in Colchester and Chelmsford to confirm if they are happy to host a board again this year. 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. Email cchsgptfa@gmail.com with your full address, preferred email and contact phone number if you would like to register for a board.

6. Volunteer Sign Up Links

None of our planned events can run without the kind support of volunteer staff/parents/carers. Could you help? To sign-up, please click on the link for the individual event to go to the sign-up sheet (or copy it into your web browser if clicking does not work).

CCHSG PTFA thanks you in advance for your support.

EVENT	SIGN-UP LINK
Year 7 Welcome Party: Friday 13 October 2023	https://volunteersignup.org/PPAQ7

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/

YEAR 7 SOCIAL EVENING

for Parents/Carers & Students

Organised by:

PTFA

Friday, 13 October 2023

19.00 - 21.00 I Doors open 18.30

Tickets @ £12.50 available on www.classlist.com
(What's on -> Events -> Upcoming -> Year 7 Social Evening 2023)

Ticket purchase deadline: Friday 6 October 2023, 23.59

STUDENTS - entry through Main Hall side entrance.
Enjoy the disco with DJ Scott Dewing, snacks & refreshments.

PARENTS/CARERS - entry through foyer
Canapes & refreshments, licensed bar available.
Siblings including infants strictly not allowed.

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