Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
10 November 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

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**	Nov	13	UK Babras Computing Challenges all week – all years English Speaking Union Mace Competition 16.30 Ski Trip Information Evening 18.30 Y12 Assembly in the Hall Y10 PC1 to Parents Y13 PC1 to Parents
Tuesday	Nov	14	Y10 Artist in Residence AM Y12/Y13 Artist in Residence PM Y10 Assembly in the Hall
Wednesday	Nov	15	Y12/Y13 Mathematics Senior Kangaroo Challenge Y8 Assembly in the Hall
Thursday	Nov	16	Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day Y12 Forward Thinking Day English Speaking Union Churchill Competition 16:30
Friday	Nov	17	Non Uniform Day DofE Bronze Group A Training Session 15:45 – 17:30 Y13 Assembly in the Hall

A parent calendar is available on the school website (link)

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: Is it easy to have conversations about conflict in Israel & Palestine?

The Sixth Form at CCHSG
We had the pleasure of hosting another fantastic Sixth Form Opening Evening last Thursday and are hosting a Sixth Form Taster Day for our Year 11 students on Thursday 16 November to give the students to experience Sixth Form life.

The applications for Sixth Form are now open and can be submitted using this link. Colchester County High School for Girls Sixth Form Application Form (24 Entry) (office.com)

Severe Weather arrangements
Please find attached information for the event of severe weather or an emergency which requires that the school needs to have a late start or be closed. Please keep this information for future reference; we hope that it will not be necessary.

CCHSG 500 Club
We would like to thank all those parents/carers who purchased tickets in support of the CCHSG 500 Club. We are seeking the continued support of our school community with the CCHSG 500 Club for the 2023/24 academic year. 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. Can you help us reach the maximum number of 500 ticket sales this academic year?
Tickets can be purchased via https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CNQO

Please purchase your tickets by 16.00 Tuesday 14 November 2023 ahead of the second draw of ten which takes place on Wednesday 15 November 2023.
Visit https://www.cchsg.com/about-cchsg/the-500-club/ for further details and Club Rules.

Festival of Learning
CCHSG Sixth Form Students proudly represented the school as a student panel to discuss ChatGTP, Social Media and Safeguarding, Diversity and Mental Health. The panel were asked questions from CEOs, Headteachers and teachers from across the four Local Authority Districts that Alpha Teaching School Hub area Serves. The students were highly commended by delegates at their session commenting on their exposition and articulation of the topics discussed. We would like to thank the students who took part in this event.

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Non-Uniform Day – Friday 17 November
On this Non-Uniform Day we will be celebrating our Cultural Day. Cultural Day is an opportunity for students to embrace their heritage and are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes that fit with this theme. If they choose to do so, appropriate cultural dress is welcomed, however If students choose not to participate in the theme, they should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay by Thursday 16 November to wear more casual clothes for the day.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 17 November
11O are organising the day and they have chosen to support The Brain Tumour Charity.

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 17 November
The school's African Caribbean Society and South Asian Society are organising the day to support the Sickle Cell Society.

As part of Cultural Day, a fashion show and talent showcase will take place in the school hall during lunchtime. Students in **Year 7-13** are invited to attend, and tickets are free by completing this link. https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CVYB Please note that the booking system will be open from Friday 10 November at 20.00. There are 200 spaces available and tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Students will need a print confirmation of their booking to gain entry on the day.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and appreciate the cultures that enrich our school community while contributing to a meaningful cause.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities
Please continue to use schoolcloud for signing up to clubs. New PE clubs are now available. SchoolCloud - Colchester County High School for Girls

Adventure Society
The Adventure Society is looking for creative and crafty parents to help build a new Live Event Experience for our students in the New Year. In January we are continuing our very successful Adventure LARP (Live Action Role Play) with a second, landmark event.

We will be transporting our brave student Adventurers to a grand Hall of Magic by converting the Gym into a medieval themed, fantasy chamber of power, politics and danger. Adventure Society needs talented, enthusiastic volunteers to help us create this environment by donating or making banners, flags, etc. that can be hung on the walls, costume pieces or props and table decorations to create the environment for Adventure.

Do you have old Halloween decorations you would like to see go to a good home? Is there something odd and baroque cluttering up the attic that could set the mood for a fantasy adventure? This is the opportunity for you, to help make our next event the most immersive yet.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the Adventure Society Team at: AdventureSoc@cchsg.com

Mathematics Revision Sessions
Please see the table below regarding the revision sessions that the Mathematics department are running

	Week A	Week B
A Level	Pure Thursday 19.00 on TEAMS Mrs Roshen	Statistics Wednesday 20.00 on TEAMS Mrs Bradnum
	Thursday Lunch selected students Mrs Roshen M11	Mechanics Wednesday lunch Mr Glease M6
	FM Core Pure Wednesday 20.00 Mrs Bradnum	
Year 12	Homework support, Wednesday Lunch Mr Glease	
GCSE Revision	Friday open to all Mrs Burnett M9	Thursday open to all Mrs King M8
Add Maths	Wednesday Year 10 Mrs Kordzaia Humphreys M11 Year 11 Mr Walsh M12	Wednesday Year 10 Mrs Kordzaia Humphreys M11 Year 11 Mr Walsh M12

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Sports Fixtures

Date	Time	Event/Fixture	Against	Location	Years
14.11.23	15:45-17:00	Colchester League Netball Match	St Helena	CCHSG	Year 11
14.11.23	15:45-17:00	Colchester League Netball Match	St Helena	CCHSG	Year 10
14.11.23	15:35-17:00	Colchester Badminton League	Various	Philip Morant School	Year 8-9
15.11.23	12:30-19:00	Indoor Athletics	Various	Lee Valley	Year 8 and 9
15.11.23	12:15-13:15	Colchester League Netball Match	Colchester Sixth Form 2nd team	CCHSG	Year 12 and 13
16.11.23	15:35-17:00	Colchester Badminton League	Various	Philip Morant	Year 10-11

Careers
Careers Lead – Mr Summers

Careers Appointments with our advisor Ms Poyser are available. Students who wish to make an appointment may list their name on the sign-up sheet on the M-Block Office Door opposite M8. Students will be emailed with confirmation of their appointment and date.

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.

Parent invite to Coffee with WARMS
Mid and North East Essex Mind's WARMS team are offering parent support on a range of topics. This will be a chance to learn Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) tools and strategies to support both parents and their child, as well as having a group discussion with those experiencing similar difficulties.

Coffee mornings/Afternoon tea	Topic
Monday 27 November- 13:45- 15:00	Emotional Regulation
Monday 5 February- 9.15-10:45	Low Mood/Lack of motivation
Monday 11 March- 13:45- 15:00	Anxiety and worries
Monday 20 May- 9.15-10:45	TBC following previous coffee mornings/afternoon tea
Monday 1 July- 13:45- 15:00	Looking after wellbeing over the summer break

How to book: Please email c.porter@mnessexmind.org at least two weeks before the session you would like to attend.
Please note there are a maximum of 20 spaces per session.

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WARMS Survey
The Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health Service (WARMS), working within the school, run by Mid and North East Essex Mind, are very interested in understanding the issues you feel you would like more support with and understanding around. They plan to use your responses to shape your school's approach to mental health. They would appreciate you completing this survey to help them support the school more effectively. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The survey will close on the 17 November. Thank you.

WARMS Survey for Parents: https://forms.gle/jMpoAi45F9Qt2gdt6

This week at Colchester Teacher Training Consortium
This week the general professional studies session for the primary trainees was on the topic of Phonics, Writing and the Arts. Trainees considered how they could use picture books to plan lesson sequences. Using the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', trainees planned and participated in an active teaching activity which required them to bring the story to life: they designed and created a lunch basket and lunch items from book and then create a pully system to transfer the basket and items from one person to another, just like in the book. Trainees enjoyed the interactive nature of the session and left with some excellent ideas for activities they could incorporate in their own teaching practice.

MENSA Brainteaser:
What property do these words share?
Bad, ball, dan, mass, pat, tan.

Answer to last week's Brainteaser:
M, N. A, I, W. C, O

Word of the Week for w/c 6 November
Word of the week is**: Penitence** *meaning* expressing or feeling regret or sorrow for having committed sins or misdeeds

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.

The hall will be available Monday 13 November – Wednesday 15 November next week. Thursday and Friday students will eat in their tutor bases and will need to be out by 13.00 leaving the classroom clean and tidy.

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

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Menu for w/c 13 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie & Sweetcorn (D)	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots	Sausages, Chips & Beans (G)	Sticky Chinese Chicken & Rice (S)	Fish Pie & Broccoli (D) (F) (G)
Cheese & Tomato Pasta (D) (G)	Chickpea curry & Rice (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese & Peas (D) (G)	Halloumi Burger & Salad (G) (D)	Vegetable Stir Fry & Noodles (G) (S)
Syrup sponge pudding & Custard (D) (E) (G)	Apple Cake & Custard (D) (E) (G)	Chocolate Mousse (D) (E)	Rice Pudding (D)	Cornflake Tart (D) (G)
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £1.30 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Soup Vegetable (Vegan)	Soup Carrot & Coriander	Soup Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Soup Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Soup Tomato & Basil (D)

Allergen key - Celery (C) Dairy (D) Eggs (E) Fish (F) Gluten (G) Soya (S) Shellfish (C)
Dishes with allergens will be displayed in this key

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, Catering Manager.

Correspondence Sent out this Week
Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day
Graphical Calculator
Non-uniform Day Letter
Sixth Form Cultural Day
AQA Level 2 Higher Project qualification

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Selected Y11 Students	Graphical Calculator	17 November
Y7-Y11	Non Uniform Day	16 November
Sixth Form Students	Sixth Form Cultural Day	16 November
Selected Students	AQA Level 2 Higher Project qualification	15 November

Healthy Living Rotation
Y8 8Y Rotation 1 Monday 13 November period 4 and period 5.
Y8 8X Rotation 2 Tuesday 14 November period 2 and period 3.
The recipe and ingredients have ben emailed to students and parents.

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.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

1. Autumn Term Dates for Your Diary

- Nearly New Uniform Sale: Saturday 25 November
- Annual Christmas Market: Saturday 2 December

2. 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.

3. Annual Christmas Market: Saturday 2 December 12:00-15:00

The Christmas Market is the biggest event in the PTFA calendar and will be held on Saturday 2 December from 12.00-15.00. This event is a very enjoyable community celebration, which also raises a significant amount of funds for the benefit of students. However, its success each year does rely on the support of a team of amazing parent and staff volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help on our catering or cake teams or you would like to run one of the very popular PTFA games stalls, please sign up via the following link https://volunteersignup.org/T4EH4

4. Grand Prize Christmas Draw

The PTFA is delighted to announce that the Grand Prize Christmas Draw tickets are now on sale on trybooking.com.
1st Prize: £250 Cash Prize
2nd Prize: Fortnum and Mason Hamper worth £150 - co-sponsored by Seven Seas Bespoke Kitchen Worktops
3rd Prize: Imperial Dinner for Two Restaurant Voucher sponsored by Lian's Chinese Restaurant in Witham.

Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased by clicking on the following link: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWAK
The draw will be held on Friday 15 December at 10.30 am.
Winners will be notified via email. Winning ticket numbers, but not the names of the winners, will also be posted in the school's Parent and Staff Bulletins, Facebook Page and on Classlist.

5.Christmas Market Sponsors The PTFA is currently searching for sponsors for the Christmas Market. If you own a business or work for a business that would like to sponsor the Christmas Market, please contact cchsgptfa@gmail.com.

6. Donation Station at the Nearly New Uniform Sale: Saturday 25 November

The Christmas Market is fast approaching and the PTFA is appealing for donations support our festive games stalls. We are urgently appealing for:

- Soft Toys for our Soft Toy Tombola
- Books - both children's and adult fiction or non fiction books for our "Winter's Tale Secret Book Stall"
- Sweets and chocolate as small prizes across all our games stalls.

Could we ask that any donations are brought to our Nearly New Uniform and Books sale where there will be a Donation Station on Saturday 25 November from 10.00-12.30. If you would like to support the Christmas Market by donating any of these items, please come along and drop them off to our friendly PTFA volunteers and enjoy a mince pie and hot drink on us.

7.STIKINS Labels

A big thank you to all the parents who used STIKINS for their clothing label requirements. An amazing £110.36 was raised this year! If you still need labels and would like to use the STIKINS service, please use visit STIKINS and order using our school fundraising number : 35809.

EVENT	SIGN-UP LINK
Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale and Donation Station: Friday 25 November 2023	https://volunteersignup.org/AJE4L
Christmas Market 2023: Saturday 2 December 2023	https://volunteersignup.org/T4EH4

PTFA CONTACTS:
PTFA Chair: Mrs Anni Cullen
https://www.cchsg.com/parent-carers-hub/cchsg-ptfa/
For all enquires related to the PTFA, please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023

12NOON - 3PM

- Grand Raffle Draw
- Christmas crafts
- Games with prizes to be won
- Seasonal Gift ideas
- Produce stalls
- Curries, snacks, drinks and cakes (our PTFA Cafe is always buzzing!)
- Live Christmas music and much more!
- FREE parking

FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by:

Beresfords

For stall reservation,
cchsgptfa@gmail.com

Reserve your stall by 3 November 2023. Spaces are limited. Book now to avoid disappointment.

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CHRISTMAS MARKET 2023

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School's Out INFLATABLE FUN

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize

£250

Sponsored by CCHSG PTFA

2nd Prize

Luxury Christmas Hamper

Sponsored by Seven Seas Marble & Granite

3rd Prize

Imperial Banquet for 2

Sponsored by Lian Oriental Restaurant

Scan QR-code for tickets