CCHSG Weekly Parent Bulletin

10 January 2025



Welcome to our new look Weekly Bulletin which has been designed, in response to feedback from Parent Voice, to be easier to read on a mobile or tablet. Please add school@comms.cchsg.com to your safe senders.

Dates for Your Diary

Week A Monday	Jan	13	Year 12 Assembly in the Hall Year 10 Art Examination
Tuesday	Jan	14	Year 10 Assembly in the Hall DofE Silver Practice Planning 1, 15.45 – 17.30 Year 10 Art Examination
Wednesday	Jan	15	Year 8 Assembly in the Hall Year 10 RS Mock Examination (Sports Hall)
Thursday	Jan	16	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening Year 10 Examinations
Friday	Jan	17	DofE After School Session – Bronze A Clothing and Equipment Selection. 15.45 – 16.45 Year 10 Examinations

Term Dates 2025

Spring Term

Monday 6 January

Friday 4 April

Half Term

17-21 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 22 April

Tuesday 22 July

Half Term

26-30 May

Bank Holiday

21 April

Non–Pupil Days 2025

Monday 21 July

Tuesday 22 July

Monday 1 September

Monday 22 September

Tuesday 30 September

Thursday 23 October

Autumn Term

Monday 1 September

Friday 19 December

Half Term

27-31 October

5 May	Friday 24 October
	Friday 19 December

The Parent Calendar for 2024/25 is available here

Nut Free School

We ask everyone to ensure that 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



Should lessons start later in the day?

This week, the theme was focused around Health and Wellbeing. Students were encouraged to think about the pros and cons of starting their lessons later in the day, and whether this could support their physical and mental wellbeing. Meanwhile, the assembly material focused on how to get a good night's sleep.

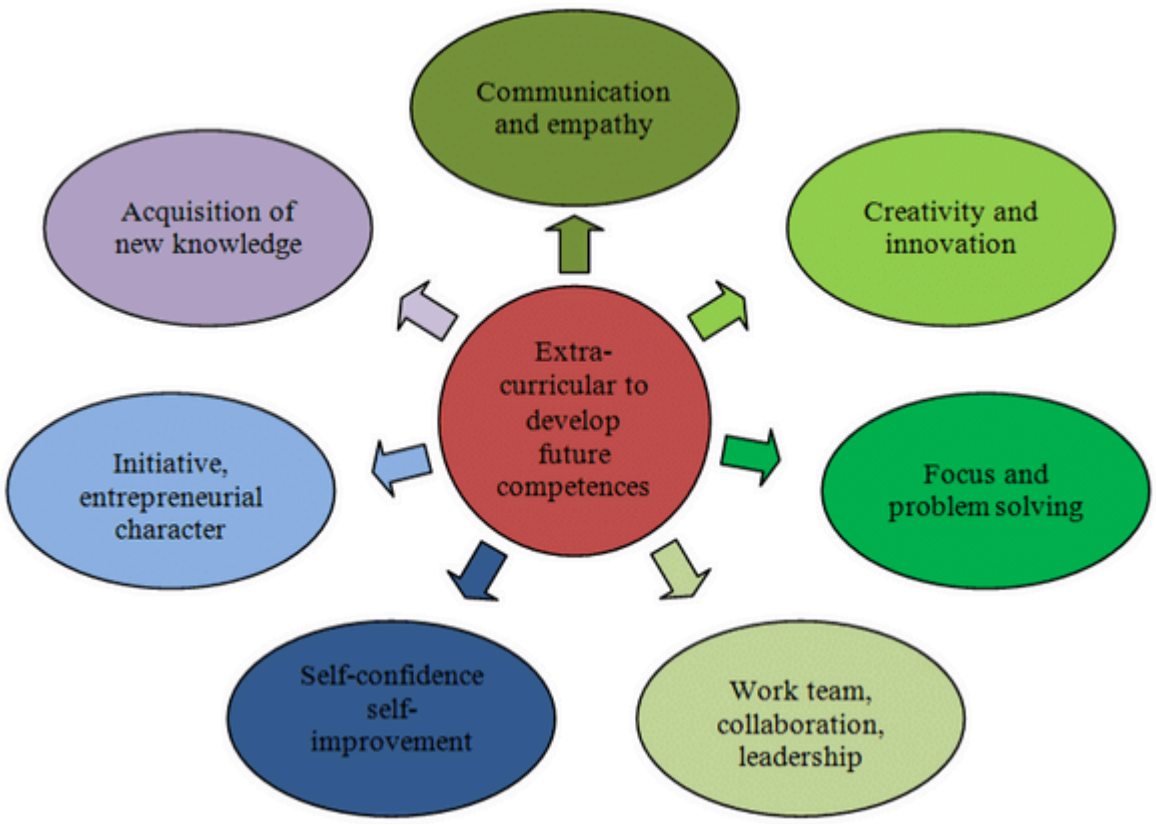
Lost Property

All student belongings should be clearly named, including a surname. Un-named lost property that has been handed in is photographed and displayed on SharePoint. Lost Property Items can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two school weeks before being recycled.

Lost property can be viewed here

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

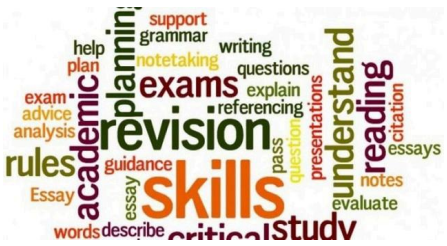
Extracurricular activities for this term



Extracurricular activities sign up

All students must be signed up by a parent/carer for any extracurricular clubs in which they participate. Students have the opportunity to sign up for clubs via their Edulink One app. Please note that students can only sign up for clubs that have been allocated to their Year Group.

Revision Sessions



GCSE and A level Revision Additional Sessions

Additional revision classes are available for students in Years 11 and 13. Students should check the timetable on the website for opportunities available.

Timetables for Year 11 and Year 13 revision sessions

Sports fixtures next week

Date	Time	Event/Fixture	Against	Location	Years	Staff/transport
14/01/25	14.30 – 17.15	Football	Clacton County High School	Clacton County High School	U13 & U15	Minibus LDY & LFR
15/01/25	15.20 – 17.00	Netball	Stanway	Stanway	Year 7	Minibus RDE
16/01/25	14.30 - 17.00	Football	Paxman	Paxman	U14	Minibus LDY
18/01/25	11.00 15.00	Cross country	Various	SS5 4LN	Various	PE Staff

Enrichment Activities - Lead Mrs Piggott



UNIQ Year 12 Enrichment Programme

UNIQ is the widening access programme that offers Year 12 students a chance to spend a week studying a subject they love at the University of Oxford. UNIQ offers both an in-person residential and an online support programme. Places are based on a student's academic merit and background. In particular

they take in to account those in care, students who are eligible for free school meals and those from a lower socioeconomic background. The deadline for applying is 12 midday on 23 January 2025. Please use the link below to apply and use Mrs Pigott as a teacher reference.

UNIQ

Rotary Club Young Writers Competition

The Colchester Rotary club are running a young writers competition open to all students in KS3 and KS4. Produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled ‘Wonderful Water’. The piece can be fiction or non-fiction – interpret the theme as you wish! Prose entries should be maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be maximum 40 lines. See Mr Fogarty to submit your entry by Monday 3 February.



Correspondence sent out this week

Active Essex at Northern Gateway (selected students)

Year 9 Parents Evening Notification

ESU Churchill Round 2

ESU Mace

School Sleepover (Year 11 only)

Biology Intervention and Revision

AS A Level Revision Guides

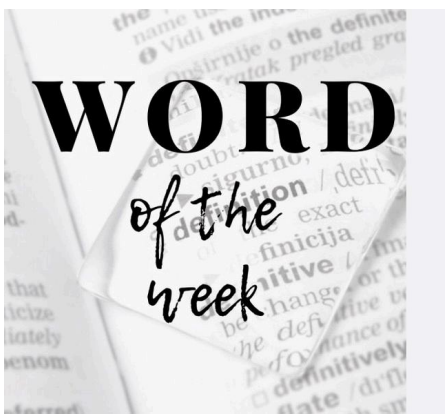
The English Speaking Union Sixth Form Competition

Word of the Week

For w/c 13 January:

Word of the week is *articulate*

Meaning: expressing yourself easily or characterised by clear expressive language



Wellbeing and Safeguarding Information

The School Nurse and School Counsellor are available for student appointments. Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com the anonymous reporting line.

If a student feels they need wellbeing support, they should contact any member of the pastoral team or any of the following:



EWMHS: 0800 953 0222

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk

Kooth: www.kooth.com

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Safeguarding: Do you have a concern? Contact any of the CCHSG Designated Safeguarding Team or you can make a report via Whisper, an anonymous third-party service for CCHSG.

Whisper

E-Safety - Lead Mr Nachman

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Data Backups and Storage

Backing up files to another location, such as an external hard drive or a cloud-based account is a useful solution for keeping valued content safe. Keeping 'spare' copies of our essential information or precious pictures and videos is good digital practice, but it is not totally without risk. From inadvertently copying sensitive or infected files to cloud accounts being targeted by cyber-criminals, there are plenty of considerations to bear in mind. Read the guide to data backups and storage.

Guide to data backups and storage

Careers - Lead Miss Clark

Careers Guidance

Students can book an appointment with our impartial careers advisor Ms Poyser. Students will be emailed with confirmation of their appointment time and date.

Career of the Week: Graphic Designer

Ste works as a graphic designer. He is responsible for creating the visuals and bringing the ideas to life on all his projects. Find out more on BBC Bitesize.

Book a careers appointment

Hear about a career in graphic design

Unifrog

Create a Unifrog account and take the Quiz to explore careers and subjects related to your interests! Remember to record any activities you have done and skills you have demonstrated throughout the year to help with future applications.

Unifrog



Colchester Teacher Training Consortium



CTTC is now recruiting primary and secondary trainees for September 2025

Director Christine Wager

Do you know a graduate, or current undergraduate interested in training to teach primary or secondary with an Ofsted Outstanding provider? Pastoral support and mentoring is a strength of the programme and local schools are keen to employ trainees from the partnership. The starting salary for teachers is now £31,650 and many former trainees have moved quickly into leadership and management roles. Tax-free bursaries of up to £29,000 are available for trainees in certain secondary subjects. Now also offering apprenticeship training routes.

CTTC Website

CTTC Open Evening 15 January

CTTC's friendly team will be available to explain the various routes into teaching and provide advice and guidance during the CTTC Open Evening on 15 January 2025, 5-7pm.

Book your Open Evening place

Colchester Teacher Training Consortium

Catering

Breakfast: Served from 08.00 – 08.35, accessed via the Dining Hall Extension doors outside the servery.

Breaktime: Served between 10.05 – 10.30 to Years 7–11 in the Dining Hall.

Lunchtime: Hot food in the Dining Hall at the allocated time for each Year Group, cold food and pre-ordered paninis and sandwiches available from the Snack Shack 12.35 – 13.00. Years 12 and 13 pre-ordered food available in the Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.

Packed lunches: The hall is not available from Monday 13 January – Friday 19 January. Students should eat their packed lunches in their tutor base and vacate classrooms by 13.00, leaving the area 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.

Menu for the week commencing 13 January 2025

Monday	Soup Broccoli & Stilton Sausage & Tomato Pasta & Salad Or Stuffed Butternut Squash & Salad (Vegan) Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
Tuesday	Soup Tomato & Lentil (Vegan) Lasagne & Salad Or Mediterranean Pasta & Salad Apple & Blackberry Crumble & Custard
Wednesday	Soup Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan) Pizza Chips & Beans Or Macaroni Cheese & Peas Pancakes
Thursday	Soup Leek & Potato (Vegan) Sticky Chinese Chicken, Rice & Sweetcorn Or Halloumi Burger & Salad Banana & Toffee Sponge
Friday	Soup Vegetable (Vegan) Seafood Tagliatelle & Green Beans Or Quiche & Salad Cheesecake

Please let a member of the catering team know of any allergies.

Full allergen information is available upon request.

PTFA Bulletin

PTFA Meeting

This term's PTFA meeting will be held online via Microsoft Teams on Monday 27 January from 18.30-20.00. Joining details will be shared closer to the event.

PTFA Chair: Mrs Anni Cullen

For all enquires related to the PTFA, please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

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PTFA Fireworks 2025

The PTFA are finalising the plans for a fireworks event on Friday 7 November, with Dynamic Fireworks providing the firework display. This will be the largest event the current committee has undertaken to date, and planning is beginning this month. To find out more please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com.





Refreshments for School Production

The PTFA will be running a licensed bar, cakes, snacks and hot drinks stall before and during the interval of the school production of "The Boyfriend" on 5, 6 and 7 February. If you would like to volunteer please sign up via the links below:

Weds 5 February | **Thurs 6 February** | **Fri 7 February**

Nearly New Uniform



The next Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale will be held on Saturday 15 March in the Main Hall. If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please drop it into the blue PTFA donation bin, located outside the school reception. We kindly request that that all items are washed prior to donation.

The PTFA would like to wish all parents, students and staff a very happy New Year and best wishes for the term ahead!

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