



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

8 September 2017



Term Dates 2017 – 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September
Wednesday 20 December

Half Term

Monday 23 October
Friday 27 October

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4 January
Thursday 29 March

Half Term

Monday 12 February
Friday 16 February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April
Thursday 19 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 7 May

Half Term

Monday 28 May
Friday 1 June

Non-Pupil Days

Monday 4 September 2017
Friday 20 October 2017
Tuesday 2 January 2018
Wednesday 3 January 2018
Friday 20 July 2018

Welcome back to school to all of our Students and Staff

Security Gates

In order to improve out school security and safeguard students we have installed new gates at the front entrance to the school. These are now in operation. The vehicle gates will be opened by Reception in an emergency or for disabled access only.

The pedestrian gate will only be open between 08.00 and 08.46 in the morning and 15.30 and 17.00 in the evening unless we have a parent/public event. Students will have access from 08.00 and should not be in school before this time.

Students arriving after 08.46 and visitors to the school will need to use the audio/video buzzer to request entry to the school site.

New gates to the school field has also been installed and is for staff and emergency access only.

Please use the visitor car park for dropping off/collecting your daughter.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping to ensure the security of our school and safety of our students.

Examination Results 2017

We are delighted to congratulate Yr 11 on achieving the best set of GCSE results in the history of the school. This follows the truly impressive results achieved by our GCSE students last year; and is despite the challenges the reformed GCSE curriculum poses for all schools. This has been a further amazing year with all 112 students achieving outstanding results in all subjects:

A*/9/8 – 62%

A/A*(or 9/8/7 equivalent) – 89%

A*/B (or 9/8/7/6 equivalent) – 98%

A*/9/8 - C/5 – 100%

We thank students, staff, governors and parents for all their hard work and support

We are also delighted to announce another outstanding set of results for A Level with 100% pass rate in every subject and 50% of all grades at A or A*.

There were some outstanding individual performances with 36 students achieving 3 or more A* or A grades and 4 students achieving an incredible 5 or more grades at A* or A. A significant number of students have secured places at Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities and on highly selective courses such as Medicine and Dentistry. We congratulate all our Yr 13 students and wish them every happiness and success on their future pathways.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday	Sept	11	Yr 13 Biology Field Trip Information Evening 18.30
Week B			PTA Committee Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Sept	12	Yr 12 SLT Lunch (12C, 12O & 12L)
Wednesday	Sept	13	Yr 12 Tutor and Information Evening 16.30 – 19.00
Thursday	Sept	14	Yr 12 SLT Lunch (12H, 12E & 12S)
Friday	Sept	15	Yr 12 & 13 Bursary Deadline

Parent Calendar

An updated calendar of events for parents is now on our website, please follow the link to view it: <http://www.cchsg.com/index.php/downloads/category/14-parent-calendar>

Yr 12 Tutor Information Evening – Wednesday 13 September 16.30 – 19.00

Students with their parents have been invited to the Yr 12 Information Evening and Tutor-Parent Meeting.

Other Forthcoming Information Evenings

Yr 11 Information Evening: Thursday 28 September 2017 19.00 – 20.30

Yr 10 Information Evening: Thursday 5 October 2017 19.00 – 20.30

Yr 8 Information Evening: Tuesday 10 October 2017 19.00 – 20.30

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EFA Bursary

Sixth Form students may be entitled to a bursary to support their studies. Students can collect a letter with more information from the Main Office. The deadline for applications is Friday 15 September.

Lost Property

A reminder to parents to ensure all belongings are clearly named.
A school cardigan has already been handed into lost property, with no name.

Updated Print Credit Procedure

Please be aware that the ICT Services Department will no longer be accepting cash for print credits starting from the week commencing 18 September 2017. Parents can now put printer credits onto their daughter's print account to be able to print in school via ParentPay. This is a separate item found on ParentPay which is now available. The cost is 1p per credit, an A4 single sided page in mono costs 4p, colour 6p. Yr 7 students have been given a starting balance of £1 for their use.

Updated ICT Student Acceptable Use Agreement Policy

Parents are reminded that the updated ICT Policy (blue form) needs to be signed by both parent and student and should be returned to the Main Office by Monday 11 September. **After this date student's IT access will be removed.**

Yr 9 Visit to the First World War Battlefields of Ypres – Friday 3 November 2017

A reminder to parents that we need students' most up to date passport and EHIC card details. Please hand these into the Main Office by Friday 15 September.

Yr 11 Biology Field Trip to Fingringhoe on 22 September

A reminder to return any outstanding reply slips by Monday 11 September, to ensure your daughter has permission to attend this trip.

Outstanding Yr 12 Information

There are a few outstanding Roadster reply slips that need to be returned by Friday 15 September. Also there are a few students who are yet to pay the Sixth Form Admin Fee; this can now be paid via ParentPay if not already paid by cheque. Thank you for payments received so far.

Yr 13 Biology Field Trip Information Evening for Parents

A reminder that the Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset will be taking place on 29 September to 2 October. A parent information evening for the residential trip is taking place at 18.30 in school on Monday 11 September. A letter was sent out about this last term.

Music Clubs & Instrument Lessons

Music clubs will start next week, a timetable of activities will be distributed.
There will be a meeting for students taking instrument lessons at break time in M2 on Monday for Yrs 7 – 9 and Tuesday for Yrs 10 – 13.

Drama Club

Drama Club starts on Thursday 14 September for registration and information, all year groups welcome, 15.45 – 16.30.

Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club will be resuming after school on Wednesdays 15.45 – 17.30 from Wednesday 20 September. An ability to sight-read Shakespeare is helpful but is not essential.
Please email Mrs Davidson if interested (not Ms Davison!)
Participants win exciting badges, but the true prize is the sense of superiority knowing more Shakespeare than almost anyone else!

Yr 7 Science Club

Science Club will start on Tuesday 19 September. There are only twenty spaces available each half term; those interested should sign up on the sheets in register folders.

PE Clubs and Practices

A copy of this half term's PE Clubs and Practices Timetable is attached.

Netball Trials

Yr 7 Netball trials will be held Monday to Friday lunchtime next week.
Trials for Yrs 7 – 11 will also be held next Tuesday after school 15.35 – 17.00.



Yr 12 & 13 Journalism Talk

A journalist from a local newspaper will be visiting CCHSG on Wednesday 27 September. Any students in Yr 12 or Yr 13 who write for the school newspaper, are interested in pursuing a career in journalism or intend to read English at university should see Mr Day or Mrs Thornton by Friday 15 September.

Yrs 12 & 13 MedSoc

Any aspiring medics or those interested in healthcare professions are invited to give MedSoc a try this year. Meetings will be held from 13.00 – 13.25 in G18 on Thursday lunchtimes and are open to all Yr 12 & 13 students. We hope to have guest speakers, ethical debates, application guidance and lots of fun.

Psychology Revision & Research Methods

Research Methods Catch Up Club – every Wednesday lunchtime 12.35 for 30 minutes – aimed at Yr 12 but Yr 13 welcome for revision. This would be particularly useful or those who have not done GCSE Psychology to catch up with the research methods involved: a little boost to your studies!

Yr 13 and Yr 11 Psychology Revision – after school on Wednesdays.

Yr 13 in G8 15.35 – 16.35 and Yr 11 in G3 15.35 – 16.05. Strongly recommended!

Psych Soc

Psych Soc will be taking place every Monday lunchtime from 12.35 in G8 lasting approximately 30 minutes. To expand your understanding of Psychology – we will be focusing on BBC Radio 4's 'All in the Mind' podcast and discussing the issues it covers in more depth. All students from Yrs 10-13 welcome.

Feminist Society

Feminist Society will meet every Tuesday in Week B lunchtime 12.35 for approximately 30 minutes. The first talk will be 'What is a feminist' by Mrs Cordy-McKenna. All welcome.

Seeking Internship in Creative Industry in Australia

An appeal for anyone who could help one of our alumni who is currently studying Fine Art and Illustration. She is seeking an internship in a related industry for her sandwich year - illustration agencies, graphic design, advertising, video, art galleries etc. all considered. The student is seeking work in Australia. If you have any potentially useful contacts or links, do please do let us know. Please email office@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk

Letters Sent this Week

All Yrs: Ballroom and Latin Club

Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Burger with Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Kedgeriee with Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Sweet Potato Cakes with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Tiropitakia with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Leone Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				

Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **ABSCOND** – to depart in a sudden and secret manner, especially to avoid capture and legal prosecution.



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CCHSG PTFA extends a warm welcome to all our new Year 7 and Year 12 students and parents. Our Association is now renamed Colchester County High School for Girls Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (CCHSG PTFA). We meet at the school six times a year and you are very welcome to join us when time permits. We look forward to enhancing the education and experience of all the students at the school with your support via our fundraising and social events for 2017/2018 Academic Year.

Notice of First Meeting of CCHSG PTFA for 2017/2018 Academic Year

When : Monday 11 September 2017

Time : 19.30 – 21.00

Where : CCHSG Dining Hall - access through Main Reception.

Agenda : To finalise arrangements for the New Year 7 Welcome Party on 29 September 2017

Diary dates for CCHSG PTFA's meetings this term

Monday 16 October 2017, 19.30 – 21.00

Monday 18 December 2017, 19.30 – 21.00

Diary dates for Upcoming Social and Fundraising Events

New Year 7 Welcome Party – 29 September 2017. Volunteers welcome to help organise this event

Curry & Bingo Night – 10 November 2017. Ticket sales from late September

Annual Christmas Market – 2 December 2017

Bookings are now open at £25 per table. This year we will have Christmas gifts, Christmas puddings and jams and many other seasonal favourites. To book a table to sell your crafts and other items, please contact Agness O'Brien.

Parent Class Reps

CCHSG PTA is looking for **2 Parent Volunteers from each Form Group** in Years 7 – 9 to start a link between parents and PTA to encourage social networking via **Classlist** within the parent community of CCHSG. Two Class Parent Reps are needed for each New Year 7 Form. We currently have at least one Rep for each Form in Years 8 – 9. 8C, 8L and 9L are the only Forms with two Reps. We still need one more Rep from the other Forms in the Year groups, so if you can help, please register your interest with Catherine Greene.

2nd Hand Uniform Sales (£2339.00 raised since September 2016)

We would be very grateful for donation of any uniform that your daughter has outgrown. They can be left at Reception in bags marked for CCHSG PTA. A regularly updated list of stock is available on the school's website.

Estate Agent's Advertising Boards

Final call for supporters. We hope to advertise the PTFA Christmas Market using these boards. Each advertising board earns donations for CCHSG PTFA (58 addresses to date) If you live within the CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4 or CO6 postcodes (5 miles of Colchester town) and would be willing to host a board advertising school events no more than twice a year please contact Agness O'Brien. Family and friends can also volunteer.

Easyfundraising (£1,803.58 already raised by 140 supporters since April 2016)

Our cause is now eligible for Gift Aid. In order to earn Gift Aid on donations, eligible supporters need to complete the Gift Aid declaration in the personal settings of their Easyfundraising Account page at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/account/gift-aid/>

To get involved and raise free donations for CCHSG PTFA sign up at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta>

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