



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 29 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

#### Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Sept	30	Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Sunday	Oct	1	Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Monday	Oct	2	Deadline for DofE Silver Applications Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Week A			
Tuesday	Oct	3	11+ Alternative Test Day
Wednesday	Oct	4	
Thursday	Oct	5	Yr 10 Information Evening 19.00 – 20.30 Bronze DofE Information Evening 20.00 – 20.30
Friday	Oct	6	Notification of DofE Silver and Gold Participants
Saturday	Oct	7	CCHSG Old Girls Association Reunion 11.00

#### 11+ Thank You

We thank all the students involved in the 11+ Testing Day on Saturday 23 September. Their help was greatly appreciated in ensuring the day went well.

#### Yr 10 Information Evening – Thursday 5 October at 19.00

This evening will outline the expectations of students during their studies, provide parents with information regarding the courses and range of extra-curricular activities that will be available during the year. Tea and coffee will be available from 18.40 before the meeting in the Dining Hall.

There will also be an opportunity to buy the parent guide 'GCSEs – What a parent can do?; 101 tips to ensure success' for £3.00.

#### DofE Bronze Award

Details of the Bronze Award programme will be given at the Information Evening on Thursday 5 October. The deadline for applications and deposit payment is Monday 9 October.

#### Yr 11 Silver DofE Award

A reminder that the absolute deadline for applications and deposit payment is Monday 2 October 2017.

#### Bio Bake Off 2017

Have you been inspired by the Great British Bake Off? Well now it is time to be creative and bake for the Bio Bake Off 2017! The Biology department are running the annual biologically themed baking competition, with all cakes being sold to raise funds for a local charity. The limit is your biological imagination – red blood cell cake, heart, kidney, brain, insect, cat, tree cake. So get baking for Thursday 12 October.

#### Oliver Auditions

Thursday 5 October – after School until 17.15 those students auditioning for the parts of Fagin, Bill Sykes, Mr and Mrs Sowerbury.

Tuesday 3 October – 12.35 in M3 – Catch up audition for Oliver, Dodger, Nancy, Mr Bumble and Widow Corney (students' prior arrangement with Mrs Cudmore-Rice)

Thursday 12 October – after school until 17.30 – Call back auditions and those that wish to audition for acting part ONLY. If students have already auditioned they do not need to attend.

Students should see Mrs Cudmore-Rice if they need clarification and should keep checking the Drama notice board.

It is hoped the cast list will be up by Monday 16 October with a read through of the script on Thursday 19 October.

#### Yr 9 First World War Battlefields of Ypres – Friday 3 November 2017

A reminder that we need the most up to date passport and EHIC details for students going on the Battlefields Trip please. Students need to bring this to the office as soon as possible – there are still several outstanding.

Follow us on Twitter: @CCHSG\_  
English & Drama Dept: @CCHSG\_Eng\_Drama  
PE Dept: @CchsgD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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## Ski Trip Participant Information

Ski Trip final payment deadline: 27 October 2017  
Student details deadline: Monday 2 October 2017

## Mandarin Class for Beginners

The Mandarin Class for Beginners is up and running from 15.45 – 16.45 on Mondays in T13. It is open to Yrs 7 – 11. Any student interested in joining should see Madame Ollite in G7 for a letter and permission slip.

## French Language Leaders Club

The French Language Leaders Club will start this Thursday. It will be run by Mademoiselle Sheyen Deleglise, our French Assistant. Students should bring their lunch and join us in T13 from 12.45 – 13.20. All Yrs welcome.

## Yr 12 & 13 Geographical Association – Worldwide Competition

A reminder that entries are now open for the GA Worldwide Competition, open to all students in Yrs 12 & 13, full details can be found at <http://geography.org.uk/news/igeo2018>

## Competition for Students to Design the 2017 PTFA CCHSG Christmas Card

The closing date is Friday 13 October 2017 and entries should be handed in to the Art Department.

## Psych Society

Psych Society continues every Monday lunchtime from 12.35 in G8 lasting approximately 30 minutes. To prepare students should listen to episodes from the 16 or 17 May from the All in the Mind podcast on Radio 4 media player. All students from Yrs 10 – 13 welcome.

## 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.

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.

## Concert in aid of the New Cancer Centre at Colchester General Hospital

We draw your attention to a concert that some of our students are taking part in; featuring a variety of music performed by local artists, including solo performers and local choirs, at St Peter Ad Vincula on 21 October at 14.00.

Tickets priced at £5.00 (Under 12s free) available in advance from by calling 07880 527261 or on the door. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

## Latest Road Traffic Statistics

Essex Police have released information about road traffic accidents for August 2017. Please find this information attached.

## CO2's Production of Little Shop of Horrors

Please find attached a flyer from Colchester Operatic Society Second Edition (CO2) production of Little Shop of Horrors taking place at the Mercury Theatre Colchester, in which several of our students are taking part.

## PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
02.10.2017	14.15 – 17.30	Netball Essex Cup	Passmores	Away	U14
03.10.2017	15.45 – 17.00	Netball Essex Cup	Honywood	Home	U16
03.10.2017	14.30 – 17.00	Climbing	N/A	Essex Outdoors Mersea	Yr 11 GCSE PE
04.10.2017	11.30 – 15.00 approx	Cross Country Round 1	Various	Felstead	Various
04.10.2017	14.30 – 17.00	Climbing	N/A	University of Essex	Yr 11 GCSE PE

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



**Letters Sent this Week**

- All Yrs: School Early Closure
- All Yrs: E-Safety Information Evening
- All Yrs: PTFA Christmas Market 2017
- Yr 7: Off-Site Activity & PE Kit Requirement Letter
- Yr 7: Bushcraft Residential Programme
- Yrs 8 & 9: Roman River Music Festival Concert (selected students)
- Yr 10: DofE Bronze Award Programme
- Yrs 10, 11 & 12: UKCAT and BMAT Preparation Programme
- Yr 11: DofE Silver Award Programme
- Yr 11: Sixth Form Open Evening
- Yr 11: GCSE PE Climbing Training Course (selected students)
- Yr 12: Chemistry at Work Letter (selected students)
- Yr 12: Economics Textbook Purchase (Economics students only)
- Yr 12 & 13: Economics Conference (Economics students only)

**Next Week's Menu**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lamb Tagine with Couscous	Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Spanish Chicken	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Chickpea & Rice Balls with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Sweet Potato Dhal Pie with Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.60				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Raspberry Pana Cotta	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				

**Word of the Week**

Next week the word is: **FACSIMILE** – an exact copy, as of a book, painting or manuscript.



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### Diary dates for this term:

#### PTFA Meetings

Monday 16 October 2017, 19.30 - 21.00

Monday 11 December 2017, 19.30 - 21.00 (*Revised*)

#### Social and Fundraising Events

➤ **Curry & Bingo Night** – 10 November 2017

Tickets now on sale – see flier attached. This is expected to be a sell-out event so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

➤ **Annual Christmas Market** - 2 December 2017

Bookings are now open at £25 per table/£40 for 2

This year we will have Christmas gifts, Christmas puddings and jams. They are made exclusively for Colchester County High School for Girls and bear the school's name on the labels. These yummy treats will be the perfect addition to your Christmas meals and will make perfect gifts for friends and family. See the separate email sent to all parents for details of products and order forms. Orders must be sent to CCHSG Reception by **Friday 3 November 2017**.

#### Volunteers Needed – Could You:

1. **Organise a Bottle Tombola (for adults)** - can be anything, from wine, sauces to bath gels. If it comes in a bottle, it is good for the tombola.
2. **Organise a Jam Jar Tombola (for children)** filled with nut-free sweets. Jars preferably with lids decorated with colourful/seasonal fabric or paper, tied with ribbon or elastic bands.
3. **Staff a PTFA game stall**

#### We would also welcome donations of:

- Items for our Raffle Prize Christmas Hamper – in any form; voucher, bottle of wine, seasonal foods etc.
- Homemade cakes, mince pies, etc. for our cake stall

To book a table or to volunteer for any of the above, please email us at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) or contact Agness O'Brien.

#### Second Hand Uniform Sales (£2473.00 raised since September 2016)

Diary dates for sales this term:

1. **Year 8 Information Evening** (Tuesday 10 October 2017 19.00 – 20.30)  
Uniform Sale from 18.00 to 18.50
2. **Year 7 Parent/Tutor Consultation Evening** (Wednesday 15 November 2017 16.15 – 19.30)  
Uniform Sale from 16.00 to 19.15

#### Estate Agent's advertising boards (81 addresses to date)

Still not too late to register ahead of our advertising for the Christmas Market especially if you live around Lexden Road and surrounding areas. Addresses within the **CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6 & CO7** postcodes will help us earn £5 for every advertising board put up for a maximum of 2 of the school or PTFA's events. Family and friends can also volunteer. Contact Agness O'Brien with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details.

#### Easyfundraising (£1,875.00 already raised by 140 supporters since April 2016)

**In It To Win It:** Sign up to support CCHSG PTFA now and if you raise a **minimum of £5.00 in free donations** between now and Sunday 14 January, 2018 you will be entered in the draw for **CCHSG PTFA's Luxury New Year's Hamper**.

Take advantage of the season's retail deals and raise donations at the same time.

Draw date will be **Tuesday 16 January 2018**.

Sign up now at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta>

#### PTA CONTACTS:

##### Chair

Barry Coleman email: [barry.coleman58@gmail.com](mailto:barry.coleman58@gmail.com)

##### 2nd Hand Uniform/Easyfundraising/Estate Agent's Advertising Boards

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Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

##### Parent Class Reps

Catherine Greene email: [catherinegrene@gmail.com](mailto:catherinegrene@gmail.com)