



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 6 October 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	Oct	7	CCHSG Old Girls Association Reunion 11.00
Monday Week B	Oct	9	Deadline for DofE Bronze Applications UCAS Deadline – All Remaining Courses Yr 13 SLT Mock Interviews Period 3
Tuesday	Oct	10	Yr 8 Information Evening 19.00 – 20.30 DofE Silver & Gold 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	Oct	11	Colchester Careers Convention DofE Bronze Enrolment Notification Full Governing Board Meeting 16.30
Thursday	Oct	12	
Friday	Oct	13	Non-Uniform Day (11C) DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

#### Big Build

We are delighted to report that students are involved with the design of the new Sixth Form and classroom block. Work is progressing well and at the moment we are on schedule to complete both Phase 1 and Phase 2 by the end of the academic year. Once again, we thank all parents and carers for their generous contributions and support.

#### DofE Bronze Award

The deadline for applications and deposit payment is Monday 9 October.

#### DofE Silver Award

There are still places available for DofE Silver Award in the school. This is an excellent opportunity for students to challenge themselves in a different environment and perhaps, add to their Bronze Award. We are happy to accept staged payments. The first meeting is after school on Tuesday 10 October. Details including the application form were sent home earlier.

#### Ballroom and Latin Club

There will be no Ballroom and Latin Club on Tuesday 10 October; Ben Milan-Vega is competing in the International Championships, we wish him well.

#### Yr 8 Information Evening – Tuesday 10 October 19.00

The evening will outline the expectations of Yr 8 students and provide information regarding their courses. An outside speaker will be delivering a presentation on 'Coping with Teenage Anxiety'. This will last about an hour and parents are invited to remain for this talk if they wish.

Tea and coffee will be available from 18.40 in the Dining Hall.

#### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13 October

11C are organising the Non-Uniform Day to support the charity, 'MNDA' which provides support and care for those suffering with Motor Neurone Disease. The theme for the day is 'Famous Characters'. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme and to pay a voluntary contribution of £1. However, as with all non-uniform days, **students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

#### Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 13 October

The Head Girl Team are organising the day to support Wish; a charity which was set up in order to support women with mental health needs in prison, hospital and the community. The charity provides independent advocacy, emotional support and practical guidance at all stages of a woman's journey through the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

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Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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## **Food Bank Collection**

Every year, CCHSG supports a number of charities and one of these is Colchester Food Bank. Collection will be on 19 October during Morning Registration in the Dining Hall. This is the only day that items will be collected.

Food Bank provides three days' worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Colchester Food Bank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

To help support this charity, the Head Girl Team are asking for donations of non-perishable food items that the Trussell Trust can use to turn into food parcels.

Currently the Food Bank urgently need: tinned potatoes, tinned puddings, tins or packets of custard, jam, peanut butter, deodorants and shaving gel.

Please bear in mind they have plenty of beans, pasta, soup and tinned fruit.

## **Yr 11 Sixth Form Taster Day - Tuesday 7 November**

As part of the Yr 11 Careers programme, students have been finding out more about A Level study and opportunities post-16. On Tuesday 7 November Yr 11 will be Sixth Form students for the day, sampling A Level lessons in the subjects of their choice. Students will be expected to wear smart business dress on this day, i.e. a tailored skirt or trousers with a blouse and jacket or a dress with a jacket, or a business suit.

Students have been issued with a letter detailing the arrangements for the day. Completed forms with their choice of subjects must be returned by Tuesday 17 October. We hope they find the day both useful and enjoyable.

## **Yr 12 Chemistry at Work Trip 18 October**

Any remaining forms and payments must be received by Monday 9 October at the latest.

Earlier issues with ParentPay have now been resolved.

## **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.

All cakes are to be brought to the Hall at 10.10 on Thursday 12 October or to G0 in Registration.

## **Mandarin for Beginners**

There are still places available in the Mandarin class for Beginners. It is run by our Chinese Assistant, Miss Zhao, on Monday 15.45 – 16.45 in T13. Any students who are interested should collect a letter from Madame Ollite in G7. All years welcome.

## **Oliver Auditions**

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.

## **Psychology Year 1 Textbook**

Mrs Cordy-McKenna is still waiting for Psychology Year 1 Textbook to be returned. She would ask students to check and please return it to her as soon as possible. Thank you

## **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.

## **Car Sharing Amongst Local Parents**

Mrs Goodman, a parent of a Yr 10, has offered to be a link person to coordinate car sharing amongst local parents. If this would be of any interest to any parents who live locally please email Mrs Goodman: [siangoodman93@gmail.com](mailto:siangoodman93@gmail.com)

## **Essex Library Ambassadors**

Essex Libraries are looking for people aged 13 – 18 to volunteer to become a Library Ambassador; helping to promote library services. For more information and to sign up go to their website: <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk> and search for Library Ambassadors or email: [library.ambassadors@essex.gov.uk](mailto:library.ambassadors@essex.gov.uk)



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### Shorfields School PTA

Please find attached a flyer and booking information for Shorfields PTA's Low Noise Firework event for families with special needs.

### PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
10.10.2017	15.00 – 18.15	District Netball Tournament	Various	The Gilbert	U 14 & U 16
13.10.2017	15.15 – 23.15	Regional Swimming Championships	Various	Watford	All Yrs

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

### Letters Sent this Week

- Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day Letter
- Yr 8: Information Evening
- Yr 10: DofE Bronze Award Programme
- Yr 12: Art Contribution Letter (Art students only)
- Yrs 12 & 13: Fundraising Day for Charity
- Yrs 12 & 13: Economist Subscription (Economics students only)

### Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Wiltshire Plait with Carrots	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Broccoli	Breaded Cod with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart Salad	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				

### Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **CONTROVERSIAL** – of, relating to, or characteristic of controversy, or prolonged public dispute, debate or contention.



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Thank you to all those parents who supported with preparations for the Yr 7 Welcome Party last week and to everyone who came along. It was an excellent event and great to meet so many new Yr 7 parents.

### Diary dates for this term:

#### PTFA Meetings

Monday 16 October 2017 19.30 - 21.00 (Agenda: Bingo & Curry Night and Christmas Market)

Monday 27 November 2017 19.30 - 21.00 (change to previously published)

#### Social and Fundraising Events

##### Curry & Bingo Night – 10 November 2017

Tickets are selling fast – see flier attached to the bulletin last week. 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.

Don't forget to place your orders now for Christmas puddings and jams made exclusively for CCHSG with the school's name on the labels. These yummy treats will be the perfect addition to your Christmas meals and will make fabulous 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**

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 (£2600.00 raised since September 2016)

Dates for sales this term:

1. **Yr 8 Information Evening** (Tuesday 10 October 2017 19.00 – 20.30)

Uniform Sale from 18.00 to 18.50

2. **Yr 7 Parent/Tutor Consultation Evening** (Wednesday 15 November 2017 16.15 – 19.30)

Uniform Sale from 16.00 to 19.15

#### Virgin Money London Marathon – 22 April 2018

The Virgin Money London Marathon is the most popular marathon on the planet with a world record number of people applying in the ballot for 2018. Applicants who registered for the Individual ballot places will all be notified between 2-9 October 2017 if they were successful in securing a place. If you have been successful in the ballot, would you consider joining parent Chris Gardiner who will be running and fundraising for CCHSG PTFA? Our school and parent community will support you to maximise fundraising via Virgin Money Giving all the way. You can register your interest with CCHSG PTFA at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) and we'll keep you up to date.

#### Estate Agent's Advertising Boards (86 addresses to date)

Final chance to register ahead of our advertising for the Christmas Market especially if you live around Lexden Road and surrounding areas. Contact Agness O'Brien with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details.

#### Easyfundraising (£1,892.00 already raised by 141 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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##### Parent Class Reps

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