



Colchester County High School for Girls Parent Weekly Bulletin 20 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

We wish parents and students a restful half term break!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Oct	30	Early School Closure – 12.35 Yr 13 SLT Mock Interviews – Period 3 Sixth Form Open Evening 18.00
Tuesday	Oct	31	
Wednesday	Nov	1	E-Safety Workshop Day E-Safety Parent Information Evening 19.00 Yr 12 CERN Information Evening
Thursday	Nov	2	Yr 13 University Admissions Test CTTC Open Evening
Friday	Nov	3	80 Charity Bakesale, Lunchtime in the Hall Yr 9 Battlefields of Ypres Visit DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

Excellent School Performance

Parents may have seen the article in the Colchester Gazette this week on the school performance tables. Please follow the link below an to the DFE performance tables.
<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase®ion=881&geographic=la&phase=secondary&for=secondary>

Food Bank Collection

Thank you for all staff, parents and students who donated items to the Head Girl Team collection. A total of 365kg of much needed food and toiletries were taken to the Foodbank yesterday morning. Thank you all.

Uniform Reminder

We remind parents to check their daughter's skirt length before the return to school after half term. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee. Shoes should be leather or leather look but no converse please.

Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring worn in each earlobe is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only. See student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Monday 30 October

School will finish at 12.35 on Monday 30 October. Students remaining in school should go to lunch and then to T17.

We look forward to seeing Yr 11 students at our Open Evening and thank Yr 12 & 13 students for their involvement.

Whole School E-Safety Event – Wednesday 1 November

During the day students will be taking part in a series of workshops – the timetable is outlined as below:

Session	Period	Time	Year	Location
1	Registration and Period 1	08.50 – 09.10 (60-80 min)	Yrs 11, 12 & 13	Hall
	Break	09.10 – 10.30		
2	Periods 2 & 3	10.30 – 12.35 (90-120 min)	Yrs 7 & 8	Hall
	Lunch	12.35 – 13.25		
3	Periods 4 & 5	13.30 – 15.35 (90-120 min)	Yrs 9 & 10	Hall

After school will be a staff E-Safety training.

E-Safety Information Evening – Wednesday 1 November 19.00 – 21.00

A parents' workshop will take place in the evening. We would like to emphasise that this will be a really important event delivered to the highest of professional standards. We would like as many parents as possible to attend even if they have attended one of our previous events as this will be very different.

A letter has been sent home to parents and reply slips should be returned if parents are intending to come to the event. There is no charge.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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CTTC Open Evening – 2 November 16.00 – 19.00

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a teacher? Please see the attached flyer for the CTTC Open Evening and come along for more information.

Sixth Form Administration Fee

We are still waiting for a handful of students in Yr 12 who have not paid their administration fee of £35. This fee is charged to cover costs including locker, student planner and related Sixth Form admin. Please make payment via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Yr 11 Progress Check Reply Slips

These were due to be returned by Thursday 19 October. Please return any outstanding by Monday 30 October.

CCHSG E-Newsletter

The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website or <http://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter>
Read all about what is going on in our school.

Yrs 12 and 13 A Level Psychology Conference – 22 March 2018

Students studying A Level Psychology have been invited to attend a conference in London on 22 March 2018. Reply slips and payment for this trip need to be returned to Mrs Cord-McKenna by Friday 17 November.

Yr 10 GCSE Psychology 'Insight into Psychology' Visit to London – 24 November 2017

Students studying Psychology in Yr 10 have been invited to participate in visit to London to explore the world of Psychology in greater depth and is planned fit in with the new 9-1 GCSE specification. It will also give students an excellent insight into A Level study and a future career in Psychology. Reply slips and payment for this visit need to be returned to Mrs Cord-McKenna by Friday 3 November.

Greek Club/Society

Greek Club will start on Tuesday 31 October, 12.45 – 13.15 in T14; a Society for Ancient Greek, beginners and beyond. All students in Years 8 – 13 are welcome, if interested please see Mr Doyle so that student names can be added to the list.

PTFA Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all those who entered the competition, there were some excellent designs submitted. We are grateful to Mrs Saunders and the Art Department for their support.

The winner of the competition, who will be awarded a £25 Amazon voucher is R Durgan in 10H.

The PTFA committee who judged the competition also wanted to commend A Mead 12E, E Jones 7C, and A Ponting 8L, who will also have their cards printed for sale. The cards will be available to purchase at school events from early November.

PTFA Fund Three New Items

Bids for PTFA funding are submitted termly by Heads of Department. The PTFA Committee was delighted to be able to fund all three items requested this term, to a total of £2,726.00.

1. The Jack Petchey 'Speak Out Challenge!' – funding for these established external providers to run four day-long student workshops (total students involved – one year group) on public speaking.
2. 6 x Benches for student use in the school grounds
3. 2 x high quality visualisers for general classroom use (English Department)

Safety Messages for Schools, from Essex Fire and Essex Police

Please find attached a letter and safety information from Essex Fire and Essex Police.

Important Safety Warning - Bendy Man Clocks form LEPR

We have been alerted to a potential safety issue with the Bendy Man clocks which have been distributed to some students by LEPR. There is a manufacturing problem with some clocks which could be a choking hazard for younger children/siblings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact LEPR by email Enquiries@lepra.org.uk

Missing Game – E-Safety Alert

We draw parents attention to new 'game' being shared on Facebook called the 'Missing Game' where children as young as 14 are dared to go missing for 48 hours without a word to anyone, they sometimes go in pairs or small groups, they get points for every social media comment/appeal made. Please follow this link for more information: <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/48-hour-challenge-missing-facebook-13777987>



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Letters Sent this Week

Yr 10: GCSE Psychology Visit to London (Psychology students only)

Yr 12: Awards Evening

Yr 12 & 13: A Level Psychology Conference (Psychology students only)

Menu for Week after Half Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lamb Tagine with Couscous	Lasagne with Salad	Sausage with Chips & Beans	Spanish Chicken	Fish Pie with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta salad	Sweet Potato Cakes with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Banana & Toffee Sponge	White Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.10				

Word of the Week after Half Term

Next week the word is: **DROSS** – waste matter.



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Diary Dates for This Term

PTFA Meeting

Monday 27 November 2017, 19.30 – 21.00 (please note change of date to previously published)

Social and Fundraising Events

Curry & Bingo Night: 10 November 2017 – Deadline for ticket purchase: Friday 3 November 2017

Annual Christmas Market: 2 December 2017 – Bookings are now open at £25 per table/£40 for 2.

PTFA Curry & Bingo Night – 10 November 2017

Tickets for this family social event are selling well. The deadline for ticket purchase is **Friday 3 November 2017**. Contact Agness O'Brien - see the flyer attached to this Bulletin. The food is being provided by a HALAL certified restaurant. A licensed bar will be available. Non-vegetarian meat dishes will also be available to purchase and children can opt for pasta or pizza instead of curry.

CCHSG Branded Christmas Produce Orders

Don't forget to place your orders via the PTFA for Christmas puddings and jams made exclusively for CCHSG with the school's name on the labels. See list of produce and order form attached to last week's Bulletin. Fabulous gifts for friends and family. Orders must be sent to CCHSG Reception by **Friday 3 November 2017**.

Second Hand Uniform Sales (£2729.00 raised since September 2016)

Dates for sales this term:

Yr 7 Parent/Tutor Consultation Evening (Wednesday 15 November 2017) – Uniform Sale from 16.00 – 19.15

Christmas Market – 2 December 2017 – Uniform sale 12.00 to 15.30

Note: CCHSG Second Hand uniform shop would like to request buttons from CCHSG uniform that is no longer fit to be worn that can be used to replace lost buttons on donated items. These can be from fitted jackets, cardigans or blouses. Please send them in to CCHSG Reception in envelope marked for 'CCHSG PTFA Second Hand Uniform'. Please continue to send in outgrown uniform ahead of our Christmas Market on 2 December 2017.

Easyfundraising (£1,930.00 already raised by 143 supporters since April 2016)

In It To Win It: Sign up to support CCHSG PTFA now and if you raise a minimum of £5 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>

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