



Colchester County High School for Girls Parent Weekly Bulletin 17 November 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	Nov	18	Yr 13 STEM Visit to Switzerland
Sunday	Nov	19	Yr 13 STEM Visit to Switzerland
Monday Week A	Nov	20	Yr 10 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 13 STEM Visit to Switzerland Colchester Sports Awards
Tuesday	Nov	21	Barleylands Enrichment Day – 7C & part 7E
Wednesday	Nov	22	Barleylands Enrichment Day – 7O & part 7E Yr 12 Awards Evening 19.15
Thursday	Nov	23	Barleylands Enrichment Day – 7L & part 7E Yr 12 & 13 Senior Mathematics Challenge (selected students)
Friday	Nov	24	Barleylands Enrichment Day – 7H & part 7E 7L Charity Bake Sale, Lunchtime in the Hall Yr 10 Psychology Visit to London 11O Non Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30

Healthy Living Enrichment Days – Barleylands Farm, Billericay – ‘From Field to Fork’

Yr 7 will be out of school at various points next week, as below. They will be leaving CCHSG at 09.00 promptly and will be returning at approximately 15.00.

7C – Tuesday 21 November (plus 8 students from 7E)

7O – Wednesday 22 November (plus 8 students from 7E)

7L – Thursday 23 November (plus 8 students from 7E)

7H – Friday 24 November (plus 8 students from 7E)

Yr 12 Awards Evening 19.15 for 19.45

Students in Yr 12 have been invited to our Certificate Evening on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 19.45. GCSE certificates will be presented by Steve Brown, television presenter, athlete mentor and former captain of the Great Britain wheelchair rugby squad. The evening will provide an opportunity for us to join current and former students in celebrating their success in their GCSEs. Refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall from 19.15.

The dress code for the evening is smart attire as befits the formality of the occasion.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 24 November

11O are organising the Non-Uniform Day to support the charity, ‘CHESS’ which provides support for homeless people in Essex. The theme for the day is ‘Home Comforts’. 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 24 November

The Head Girl Team are organising the day to support the Catherine Bullen Foundation. Catherine Bullen was an ex-CCHSG student and fifth year medical student who died on a safari in Namibia prior to taking up placements in Zambia and Tanzania. The charity was set up to fund community based projects including the provision of fresh water supplies, medical and educational facilities and such other facilities in Namibia. 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.**

Winter Concert

Tickets for the Winter Concert are now available on ParentPay - £6 per ticket. The Concert will be taking place on 5 and 6 December at 21.00 and will showcase performances from all our extra-curricular groups and a variety of talented soloists.

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Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Yr 12 Form Prefects are collecting for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Completed boxes should be brought to school by 09.00 on Friday 24 November. For more information on what the shoeboxes should contain please see: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

Head Lice Alert

Several cases of Head Lice have been brought to our attention in Yr 7. We ask parents to check their daughter's hair this evening, to ensure she is not infected. There should be no embarrassment with having Head Lice as they like all hair types.

If you would like information about the treatment of Head Lice, please refer to the following NHS website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/childhealth6-15/pages/nits.aspx>

Yr 7 Progress Check Reply Slips

These were due to be returned by Friday 17 November. There are still many outstanding, please return reply slips to the Main Office by Monday 20 November. Thank you to all parents who recently attended the Parent Tutor Consultation Evening.

Rosetta Stone Club: Calling all enthusiastic linguists Yrs 7 - 13. Teach yourself a Language!

There are a few spaces left for this club held on Wednesday afternoons from 15.45 to 16.45 in T13. Students who are interested should sign up outside T10 so that a letter can be emailed home.

The registration session, when you will choose your language and set up your Rosetta Stone identity, will take place on Wednesday 22 November. The club will run for a further 8 sessions until Wednesday 31 January 2018. There will be a small charge of £20 for attending the club which is paid via ParentPay.

Dental Society

A Dental Society is being started in school; the students running it are asking if any parents who are dentists, dental nurses, technicians or orthodontists would be willing to come in to talk to the society when they meet at lunchtimes. Please email office@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk if you are able to help. Thank you.

Women in Physics Talks

Talks continue this Friday Lunchtime (24 November) for students in Yrs 10, 11, 12 and 13. Interested students should sign up via their registers on Monday.

Request for Chess Sets

If you have a complete chess set and board that you no longer use, please donate it to the new CCHSG Chess Club. Please pass any chess sets to Mr Day in F10.

"Oliver!" Rehearsals

The rehearsal schedule for the next week:

Date:	Time:	To include:	
Tuesday 21 November	12.45 – 13.15	Who Will Buy:	Street Vendors, Adult Ensemble & Oliver
Thursday 23 November	15.45 – 17.00	Act 2:	That's Your Funeral, I Shall Scream, My Name, As Long as he Needs Me, Where is Love Boy for Sale

Students should check the notice board in Drama for any changes or updates.

Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
Saturday 18 November	TBC	National Schools Swimming Finals		Queen Elizabeth Park	
Sunday 19 November	TBC	County Netball Tournament	Various	The Gilbert School	

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

Letters Sent this Week

Yrs 7-11: Non-Uniform Day

Yr 11: Mock Examinations

Yr 12: Parent Consultation Evening

Yrs 12 & 13: Charity Day



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Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Steak with Roast Potatoes & Cabbage	Sausages with Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Kedgeriee with Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Chickpea & Rice Balls with Salad	Macaroni with Peas	Tiropitakia with Salad	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
Jam Sponge with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Rice Pudding with Jam	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				

Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **PSEUDONYM** – a fictitious name used by an author to conceal his or her identity.



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CCHSG PTFA would like to thank all those who helped to organise our recent very successful Bingo & Curry Night. Over 160 adults and children attended this hugely enjoyable social and fundraising event. With your support, we raised over £1,800.

Diary dates for this term:

1. PTFA Meeting: at CCHSG Dining Room (Monday 27 November 2017 19.30 – 21.00)

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

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will be:-

Christmas Market – 2 December, 2017

Please continue to send donations of outgrown uniform ahead of the Christmas Market via the school reception.

3. Annual Christmas Market - 2 December 2017 from 12.00 – 15.30

Volunteers needed – could you:

1. Help with setting up of tables for stall holders on Friday 1 December from 18.00 and/or clear up after the event?
2. Staff a PTFA game stall
3. Help with second hand uniform sale
4. Provide homemade cakes, mince pies etc. for our cake stall.

To volunteer for any of the above, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com or contact Agness O'Brien.

Poplar Nurseries – Christmas Tree Vouchers

Poplar Nurseries have been kindly supplying CCHSG with a Christmas tree for a number of years. This year they are additionally offering to make a donation to the school when parents and friends of CCHSG use the CCHSG vouchers to purchase a Christmas tree from the store. See attached letter for details and voucher.

Christmas Draw Tickets

A reminder that CCHSG PTFA's Christmas Draw Tickets have been given out to all students via tutors. Each book contains 5 tickets which cost £1 per ticket. **Requests for additional tickets to increase chances of winning prizes can be made via email to cchsgptfa@gmail.com** with the following information:-

Name of Parent

Student's Name & Form (for ticket issuance)

No. of additional books of 5 tickets required

As we have to complete a return for the Licensing Authority, it is very important that all stubs SOLD or UNSOLD are returned to the school office by **Friday 24 November 2017**.

CCHSG PTFA thanks you in anticipation for your support and looks forward to seeing you at our Christmas Market.

PTFA CONTACTS:

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