



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

8 December 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

Monday Week B	Dec	11	Yr 8 Progress Check to Parents Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 & 13 Economics Conference, London
Tuesday	Dec	12	Yr 11 Mock Examinations G & T English Visit from Alec Hunter High School
Wednesday	Dec	13	Yr 9 Natural History & Science Museum Visit Yr 11 Mock Examinations
Thursday	Dec	14	Yr 11 Mock Examinations
Friday	Dec	15	Yr 11 Mock Examinations DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

Cinema Visit and Christmas Lunch

Please return reply slips: without a signed consent form students will not be able to attend the visit.

Student Voice will be coming round to Form Groups next week to give details about Wear a Christmas Jumper Day and the charities we will be supporting; Unicef Myanmar Appeal and Beacon House Colchester, £1 charity collection for the last day of term.

Music Department: 'Open Mic' Event – Lunchtime Wednesday 13 December in M2/3

The Music Department will be holding their first 'Open Mic' event at lunchtime on Wednesday 13 December in M2/3. Students should sign-up by Tuesday 12 December if they would like to perform. The sign-up list is on the noticeboard in Music. Students need to preview their piece to Mr Ulph and Miss Barnes on the Tuesday lunchtime before.

Yr 9 Natural History & Science Museum Visit – Wednesday 13 December

Yr 9 will be out of school on Wednesday; they will be leaving CCHSG at 07.30 promptly and will be returning to CCHSG between 18.30 and 19.30 approx. Those students remaining in school will have a supervised timetable.

Yr 11 Lunchtime Private Study

Private study sessions at lunchtime in F11 will continue through to Monday 18 December for any student in Yr 11 to prepare for the mock examinations. Students interested should see Mrs Frost to sign-up.

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Yr 13 Progress Check Reply Slips

These were due to be returned by Friday 8 December. There are still many outstanding, please return reply slips to the Main Office by Monday 11 December.

Yr 12 Enrichment Opportunities

UNIQU provides free access programmes run by the University of Oxford; a three day residential programme is running during the Easter holidays whereby students experience life at the university including social activities in the evening, comprehensive admissions advice and a taste of the degree programmes offered. Week long residentials are also running in the Summer holidays which provide similar opportunities to the Easter programme but are tailored more to the subjects students are hoping to pursue.

Applications have recently opened online and close on 31 January 2018. Students interested should look at their website for more information

<http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/> or see Mrs Pigott.

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PE Dept: @CCHSGD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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Yr 12 Enrichment Opportunities Continued

Sutton Trust Summer Schools are free subject specific courses held at eleven leading universities over the country. Students can attend taster lectures, workshops by academics and meet like-minded students who are interested in the same subject. There are more than forty different courses available from Anthropology to Zoology.

Applications open on 9 January 2018 and close on 8 March 2018.

Students interested should look at their website for more information (<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>) or see Mrs Pigott.

Sixth Form Amnesty Society – “Care for Calais”

Sixth Form students who run the Amnesty Society are gathering donations for the “Care for Calais” charity which provides aid to refugees from all around the world living in poor conditions in Calais as the refugee crisis is one of Amnesty International’s main issues. The campaign is called “Coats for Calais” however they are asking for all sorts of warm clothes for the winter – a wider list is attached.

Items should be left with Mrs Adkinson in the Main Office.

Former Yr 13 Certificate Tea

We have invited all our former Yr 13 students who left us last summer back to the school 15.45 – 16.45 on either Tuesday 19 December or Thursday 4 January, to collect their A Level certificates and catch up with us and each other. Due to the variation in University term dates it has not been possible to find one date which will be convenient for everyone. The teas will be held in the Dining Room.

Yr 12 students will have the opportunity to meet our former students at 15.00 – 15.35 on Tuesday 19 December.

“Oliver!” Rehearsals

The rehearsal schedule for the next week:

Date:	Time:	To include:	
Thursday 14 December	15.45 – 17.30	Choreography	Pick a Pocket or Two, It’s a Fine Life, I’d Do Anything and Be Back Soon Fagin, Oliver, Dodger, Nancy, Bet, Fagin’s Boys
Thursday 4 January	15.45 – 17.15	Run Through Act 1	Workhouse Boys 15.45 – 16.30 Rest of Act 1 Cast, including Act 1 Chorus: Fagin’s Boys and Adult Ensemble 15.45 – 17.15

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

Christmas Inter-Form Volleyball

Inter-Form Volleyball takes place at lunchtime all next week. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed team as well as the winning team:

Monday: Yr 10, Tuesday: Yr 9, Wednesday: Yr 8, Thursday: Yr 7, Friday Yrs 11- 13. Games start at the beginning of lunch time and the finals will be played in the week commencing 18 December.

Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
12.12.2017	15.35 – 17.00	Netball	Notley High School	Philip Morant School	Yr 7 A & Yr 7 B

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

West Bergholt Concert Band

Please find attached a flyer from West Bergholt Concert Band regarding their concert on Saturday 16 December, in which some of our students will perform.

Letters Sent this Week

Yr 8: Risk Avert Programme Survey

Yr 10 & Yr 12: German Exchange 2018 (German students only)



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Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Spinach & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce
Main Meal £2.60				
Sticky Toffee Pudding	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Rice Pudding with Jam	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				
Panini of the week: Bacon & Brie £2.60				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **ABJECT** – utterly hopeless.



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➤ **Annual Christmas Market (Saturday 2 December 2017)**

The PTFA would like to thank all those who came and supported our very successful PTFA Christmas Market last Saturday. The event was very well attended and enjoyed by so many from the school and local community. Early indication is that we have raised over £5,000.00 at this event. Once again, we thank you, the parents, staff and students who contributed in many different ways to make this event such a success.

Christmas Produce Extra Stock Sale

PTFA is grateful for the many orders received for our very own branded Christmas puddings, jams and preserves. We have just a few remaining items now being sold at cost price, so please contact Agness O'Brien if you are interested. When they're gone, they're gone!

No.	Description	Weight	Was	Now	Quantity available
1	The Ultimate Plum Pudding	908g	£10.00	£8.50	6
2	The Ultimate Plum Pudding	454g	£5.50	£4.00	12
3	The Ultimate Plum Pudding (Gluten Free)	454g	£5.50	£4.00	1
4	Triple Ginger Pudding	290g	£5.50	£4.00	12
5	Luscious Lemon Pudding	290g	£5.50	£4.00	3
6	Apricot & Whiskey Jam	300g	£3.50	£2.50	5
7	Peach & Vanilla Jam	300g	£3.50	£2.50	4
8	Pineapple and Ginger Jam	300g	£3.50	£2.50	3
9	Strawberry & Champagne Jam	300g	£3.50	£2.50	1
10	Strawberry & Vanilla Jam	300g	£3.50	£2.50	4
11	Blackberry Chutney	300g	£3.50	£2.50	1
12	Spiced Bloody Mary Relish	300g	£3.50	£2.50	1

➤ **Easyfundraising - In It to Win It** (£2,160 already raised by 150 supporters since April 2016)

Don't forget to 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**. Draw date will be **Tuesday 16 January 2018**.

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

➤ **Second Hand Uniform Sales** (£2920.00 raised since September 2016)

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is now on festive break until Monday 8 January 2018. Donations of outgrown uniform can be sent to school reception from 8 January 2018. Don't forget that we also have a huge demand for Brownie Uniforms. Please expect delays to email or text queries on stock availability over the holiday period.

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