

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



Mrs Marshall, all staff and the Governors wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to our parents for your consistent support and the students for their hard work this term, have a restful break.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Dec	18	Yr 11 Mock Examinations PTFA Committee Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Dec	19	Yr 11 Mock Examinations End of Term Assemblies Periods 4 and 5 Former Yr 13 A Level Certificate Tea 15.45 – 16.45
Wednesday	Dec	20	Last Day of term Cinema Visit and Christmas Dinner
Monday	Jan	1	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Jan	2	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday	Jan	3	Non pupil Day
Thursday Week A	Jan	4	First Day of term for Students Former Yr 13 A Level Certificate Tea 15.45 – 16.45
Friday	Jan	5	DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30

We will continue with Week A when we return on 4 January.

Cinema Visit and Christmas Lunch

We still have a number of consent forms not returned and outstanding payment. Please return the reply slip on Monday 18 December at the very latest: without a signed consent form students will not be able to attend the visit.

Student Voice – Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 20 December

Student Voice are supporting Beacon House Colchester and Unicef Myanmar Refugee Appeal for the Non-Uniform Day on Wednesday 20 December. Students are asked to wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 to the charities.

Uniform Reminder

We remind parents to check their daughter's skirt length before the return to school after the Christmas Holiday. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee. 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. Please see the student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code.

Lost Property

Items of unnamed lost property will be available for students to claim at lunchtime on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 January from the Foyer. Any items not claimed after this time will be disposed of.

We remind and strongly advise that all belongings brought into school should be clearly labelled with student's name in order for anything lost to be returned. A number of water bottles, lunchboxes, school cardigans, skirts and PE clothing, all unnamed, get handed in.





Yr 13 Internal Assessments January 2018

Yr 13 Assessments will take place from Monday 22 January and finish on Monday 29 January 2018. All students have been issued with their assessment timetable.

Reminder: 2018 Headstart Inspire Courses for Yr 11 Interested in STEM Degree Courses

Inspire is a course predominately designed for Yr 11 students who are interested in STEM subjects, to empower them to carry on studying these subjects at A Level and then onto further education, and for them to learn to be confident and enthusiastic about their next level of study within STEM subjects. The three day courses involve a hands-on STEM project, lectures and workshops to give them an idea of what to expect at university first year undergraduate level. Within this they will learn how to manage a project, develop research techniques, problem solving and write reports. They will also get the chance to hear about university life from lecturers, admissions tutors, post-grad students, engineers, scientists, researchers and professionals who will explain their own achievements.

More information about the different courses that are running next summer 2018 can be found here:

<http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/inspire-courses> Students can apply here: <http://www.etrust.org.uk/inspire-apply-here>

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2018.

Yr 9 HPV Immunisations

These will take place on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Cross Country Notice

All students in Yrs 7 – 10 will be taking part in Cross Country; students will need to ensure they have suitable footwear (old trainers) for running around the course, but also have indoor trainers with them in case of bad weather when students will have indoor activities. They will also need to supply their own plastic bag for keeping their muddy trainers separate from their kit.

“Oliver!” Rehearsals

The rehearsal schedule for the next week:

Date:	Time:	To include:	
Tuesday 19 December	Lunchtime 12.35 – 12.45	Full Cast	Full cast meeting – all students need to ensure that they are at this meeting and should be on time.
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.

Suffolk County Council Consultation Regarding Post-16 Travel Policies

We have been advised that Suffolk County Council launched a consultation on proposals to change its school and post-16 travel policies on 12 December 2017.

More information on the consultation including the proposed options and post-16 proposals can be found in the consultation booklet which can be viewed at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

Suffolk County Council encourages the general public to have their say by responding to this consultation by Wednesday 28 February 2018.

Letters Sent this Week


Yrs 10, 11 & 12: Visit to Firstsite Art Gallery (Art students only)

Yrs 12 & 13: Economics Revision Guide (Economics students only)

Yr 13: Internal Assessments



Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice	Pre-ordered Christmas Dinner only	Cajun Chicken, Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Seafood Tagliatelle with Green Beans
Or			Or	
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Pre-ordered Christmas Dinner only	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Quice with salad
Main Meal £2.60			Main Meal £2.60	
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard		Lemon Meringue Pie	Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.10			Pudding £1.10	
Panini of the week: Pulled Pork £2.60			Panini: Roasted Pepper & Cheese £2.60	
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **EXPENDABLE** – considered to be not worth keeping or maintaining.





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Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018

➤ PTFA Meetings

Monday 22 January: PTFA Meeting - Dining Hall (19.30 – 21.00)
Monday 26 March (Provisional date - tbc): PTFA Annual General Meeting

➤ Social Events

Friday 9 March (Provisional date - tbc) Quiz Night
Saturday 23 June: Barn Dance

Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales (£3000.00 raised since September 2016)

1. Yr 9 Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday 25 January (16.15 – 20.00)
2. Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (3 groups) on Thursday 8 March (16.15 – 19.15)
3. Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (2 groups) on Thursday 15 March (16.15 – 19.15)

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is now on festive break until 8 January 2018. Please expect delays to email or text queries on stock availability. The second hand uniform stock list on the website will be updated in the week beginning 8 January. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Donations of uniform will be gratefully received via school reception from the start of next term. We also have a huge demand for Brownie uniforms.

Easyfundraising (£2,180 already raised by 150 supporters since April 2016)

In It To Win It: Don't forget to 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. Draw date will be Tuesday 16 January 2018.

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

Happy Holidays from All of Us at CCHSG PTFA!

2017 has been a very productive year with many successful social and fundraising activities from the Colchester Half Marathon and the Bingo & Curry Night to the recent Christmas Market. We are also delighted to have so many new members coming forward bringing with them a host of talents and ideas. If you have yet to join our vibrant group of volunteers, why not come along to our next PTFA meeting to find out how you can be part of the team.

Enjoy the festivities and Happy Holidays to one and all.

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