



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

12 January 2018



Term Dates 2017 – 2018

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

Tuesday 2 January 2018
Wednesday 3 January 2018
Friday 20 July 2018

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

(Provisional)

Autumn Term

Thursday 6 September
Tuesday 18 December

Half Term

Monday 22 October
Friday 26 October

Spring Term

Thursday 3 January
Friday 5 April

Half Term

Monday 18 February
Friday 22 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April
Tuesday 23 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 6 May

Half Term

Monday 29 May
Monday 3 June

Non-Pupil Days

Staff INSET Days to be confirmed

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Jan	15	Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Yr 11 Apprenticeship Talk, Period 3 ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition 16.45 – 18.30 approx
Tuesday	Jan	16	Yr 8 MADE Study Skills Period 2 Yr 10 MADE Study Skills Periods 4 & 5 Yr 11 Road Safety Play, AM Registration and Period 1 Parent MADE Study Skills Workshop 18.30 – 19.30
Wednesday	Jan	17	Yr 12 & 13 Richard Fosbury Workshop Periods 4 & 5
Thursday	Jan	18	Applications to Sixth Form Deadline
Friday	Jan	19	DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

CTTC Ofsted Inspection

We send our congratulations to Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC), for which CCHSG is the lead school, for achieving an Outstanding result in their recent Ofsted Inspection.

Sixth Form Applications for September 2018

A reminder that the deadline for Sixth Form applications from both internal and external Yr 11 students is Thursday 18 January. Anyone needing additional advice or guidance should contact Dr Parrott, Head of Sixth Form

sparrott@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk

Department for Education - The September Guarantee for Yr 11 students

The September Guarantee is a guarantee of an offer, made by the end of September, of an appropriate place in post-16 education or training for every young person completing compulsory education.

Ensuring that every young person has an offer of a place to progress onto is particularly important as it helps young people make a seamless transition into post-16 learning or employment with training.

The September Guarantee is supported by good quality information, advice and guidance. This can come from a number of sources which include:

- Teachers
- Parents and family friends
- Careers Coordinators and Guidance Advisers
- On-line and printed information about courses, progression routes and employment routes

What does the Guarantee offer?

The September Guarantee is an offer of a place in one of the following:

- A school Sixth Form
- A college of further education
- Employment with training to at least Level 2
- An Apprenticeship

Further information can be found at www.gov.uk

Yr 10 Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge – Monday 15 January

Yr 10 will be off timetable all day to take part in the Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge workshops run by external trainers. The training is great fun and very interactive and workshops include speaking games and challenges.

Revision Workshop: Advice for Parents – Tuesday 16 January 18.30 – 19.30

We are holding a Revision Workshop to inform parents of strategies to assist their daughter in revision for their forthcoming examinations, following a Revision Strategies Workshop for Yr 10 students on the same afternoon. The Workshop is initially for parents of students in Yr 10, but parents of Yrs 11, 12 and 13 students are also welcome to attend.



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Biology Masterclass – Wednesday 17 January

All Yr 12 and 13 Biology students will be off timetable on Wednesday, Periods 4 and 5, for a Biology Masterclass being delivered by Richard Fosberry. Richard is a leading biologist who has written many textbooks and was a chief examiner for A Level. We are very fortunate to have been able to book him to deliver this session to our A Level biologists. He is delivering a session on how to prepare for the practical style questions in their A Level papers.

Debate Club

Debate Club starts Friday 19 January 12.50 – 13.20. First topic: “Should mobile phones be always listening?” Students from all years are welcome!

Ballroom and Latin Club

The club will start on Tuesday 23 January after school at 15.50 – 16.35 in the Gym. There is still time to let Charlotte Morgan know if students and staff would like to attend the course. Please see me if you have any questions or need another copy of the letter.

Yr 12 Oxbridge Club

Oxbridge Club for Yr 12 will be starting on Friday 19 January at 13.00 in G6 and will run every Week A Friday lunchtime.

GCSE Biology Revision Sessions

GCSE Biology after school weekly revision sessions will start on Wednesday 24 January in G0 15.45 – 17.00. Each session will focus on a different unit from the specification, starting with the heart, lungs and blood (topic 8) that was studied in Yr 9. All Yr 11 welcome, especially those who did not find the mock examination straightforward. Students can bring a drink and snack to keep them going!

GCSE Physics Revision Sessions

GCSE Physics revision sessions will start next week on Tuesday 16 January in G1 15.45 – 16.45. The first topic will be ‘waves’.

Yr 10 GCSE RE Revision Sessions

After school Christianity revision sessions will be run by Miss Jupp on Tuesdays 16.00 – 17.00 starting on 16 January and running until 6 February. After school Islam revision sessions will be run by Mr Ford from 6 March until 27 March. Students will need to sign up before the end of school on the Friday before the session

Royal Institution Christmas Lectures – The Language of Life

The lectures are now available to watch on BBC iPlayer and on the Ri Channel during January 2018. We have the opportunity to talk to the leading professor and other scientists in an online debate in January: any student who would like to be involved in the live chat and privacy debate about mobile phone microphones, should see/email Miss Murison or Miss Morgan to register their interest. They will be given a personal login and account so that they can take part in a live chat with Professor Sophie and others and ask any questions! **Live chat scheduled for Thursday 25 January at 12.40.**

Oliver!” Rehearsals

The rehearsal schedule for the next week:

Date:	Time:	To include:	
Tuesday 16 January	12.45 – 13.15	Food Glorious Food and Oliver	Workhouse Boys, Oliver, The Pauper Helpers, Mr Bumble and Widow Corney
Thursday 18 January	15.45 – 17.30	Act 2	All for Act 2

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

Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
16 January	14.35 – 15.35	Netball	Notley	CCHSG	Yr 7A
17 January	15.35 – 16.35	Netball	The Gilberd	PMS	Yrs 8 & 9
19 January	All Day	Essex Badminton Championships	Various	Colchester Garrison	U14

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



Child Genius Programme Open Day

Please find attached two flyers regarding Child Genius. They are holding a Mensa backed Open Day on Saturday 27 January; their event is an opportunity for 8-12 year olds to get involved in Mensa Challenges, quick fire quizzes, Strategic puzzles etc. They are also looking for gifted children and their families for the next series of Child Genius for Channel 4.

Community Information

Colchester Great British Spring Clean 2018

Colchester Borough Council is encouraging residents, groups and businesses to join other volunteers to spring clean Colchester and spruce up our streets and open spaces in support of The Great British Spring Clean.

For further information visit www.colchester.gov.uk/cleanstreets. Last year's annual spring clean saw over 1000 people take part and they hope that this years can be even more successful!

Health and Wellbeing Information

FLASH

Please find attached a flyer about FLASH; a group course, free for parents/carers whose young person is exhibiting self-harming behaviour and how this may impact on the whole family.

Also attached are local sports information flyers for your information.

Letters Sent this Week

- Yr 8: Healthy Living Enrichment Day
- Yr 9: Kingswood Activity Camp (selected students)
- Yr 9: Rescheduled Battlefields of Ypres Visit
- Yr 9: KS4 Curriculum Information Evening
- Yr 10: RE GCSE Revision Support
- Yrs 12 & 13: Biology Masterclass (Biology students only)

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the school operates a Breakfast Club in the Dining Hall for students who arrive between 08.00 – 08.30. Breakfast is an important meal in order to feed the brain ready for learning! A range of items are available:

Bacon Roll	£1.20		Cereals with Milk	£0.50		Croissants	£0.90
Buttered Toast	£0.30		Marmalade/Jam	£0.15		Butter	£0.10
Hot Drinks	£1.00						

Next Week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Pizza with Chips & Salad	Spanish Chicken	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes and Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Tiropitakia with Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.60				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Banoffee Cheesecake	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork £2.60				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week

Next week the word is: **CAUSTIC** – capable of burning, corroding or destroying living tissue.



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Diary dates for Spring Term 2018

> PTFA Meetings

Monday 22 January PTFA Meeting
Monday 26 March PTFA Annual General Meeting

All PTFA Meetings are held in the school Dining Room, 19.30 – 21.00, everyone welcome.

> Social Events

Saturday 23 June Barn Dance - Stock Street Farm Barn, Coggeshall

Save the date for this much anticipated event for the whole family, dancing to a caller and live band playing country music whilst enjoying good food and drinks amongst friends. Time to dust off your cowboy hat and pull on your dancing boots! Further details to follow.

Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

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)

Donations of uniform are gratefully received via school reception. We also have a huge demand for Brownie uniforms.

Easyfundraising

In It To Win It:

The draw for CCHSG PTFA's Luxury New Year's Hamper will take place on Tuesday 16 January 2018. Sign up now at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta>

Don't forget to claim Gift Aid where applicable.

Volunteering Opportunities with CCHSG PTFA

CCHSG PTFA is grateful to all the volunteers who have come forward to support with the recent Curry and Bingo Night and Christmas Market. The success of both events speaks volumes for the commitment and teamwork shown by all. There are many other ways to play a part in our vibrant team. Why not come along to a PTFA meeting or contact any of our members. We look forward to your continued and valuable support in 2018.

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