



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

23 February 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

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

4 September 2018
5 September 2018
29 October 2018
19 December 2018
24 July 2019

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Feb	26	Yr 9 Kingswood Visit Information Evening 18.30 Yr 10 Examinations Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments Yr 12 A* Future Period 3 PTFA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday	Feb	27	Yr 8 Careers in Languages Talk Periods 2 & 3 Yr 10 Examinations Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments
Wednesday	Feb	28	Yr 10 Examinations Yr 12 & 13 English Language Conference, London ABRSM Music Examinations 16.30 – 20.30
Thursday	Mar	1	Yr 10 Art Examination Yr 13 Royal Society School Partnership Conference (selected students) German Exchange Information Evening 18.00
Friday	Mar	2	Yr 9 Rescheduled Battlefields of Ypres Visit Yr 10 Art Examination DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30
Saturday	Mar	3	DofE Bronze Group A Training Morning 08.30 – 12.30 DofE Bronze Group B Training Afternoon 13.00 – 16.00

Dear Parent

I would like to inform you that we have a Parental Voice meeting on Thursday 8 March 2018.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Bistro area from 14.15 and the meeting will start at 14.30. The meeting will last for approximately one hour. The agenda is driven by the parents/carers but I must remind you that Parental Voice works for the greater good of the school and is not about individual students; any queries about individual students should go through the normal communication channels.

The MAT Consultation will be an agenda item for discussion. Following the meeting, I will be available from 15.45 to 18.00 for any further discussions on the MAT consultation that were not addressed in the earlier meeting.

If you would like to attend this meeting, I should be grateful if you would kindly email my secretary, Mrs Dunlop on tdunlop@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk with a brief summary of any topics you would like to discuss.

Kind regards
Gillian Marshall

Yr 8 Careers in Languages Talk Tuesday 27 February Periods 2 & 3

Yr 8 will be off timetable Periods 2 and 3 for a talk about studying languages at university and future career possibilities delivered by Catherine Smale from Kings College, London. 8H and 8E will be off timetable Period 2 with 8C, 8O and 8L off timetable Period 3.

Evening Online Chat with Scientists - Thursday 15 March 19.00 – 20.00

This term, some of our students will be meeting and chatting with real scientists using the "I'm a Scientist" website. In this online activity, they have conversations about what it's like to work in STEM-related careers.

As part of the activity, there will be a special after-school text-based chat with the scientists between 19.00 – 20.00 on Thursday 15 March. Students have login cards; go to imascientist.org.uk to join in!



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG_



Music Department News

All Music Clubs are continuing to run at lunch and after school, please continue to ensure your attendance as we are preparing for the Spring Soiree and Charter Hall performance.

Monday: String Group & Ukulele Ensemble

Tuesday: Guitar Group & Recorder Group

Wednesday: Choir & Orchestra after school

Thursday: Chamber Choir & Flute Group.

Friday: Concert Band

A reminder that all slips for the Charter Hall Concert need to be handed into the Music Office as soon as possible.

Spring Soiree – Thursday 26 April

Our 'Spring Soiree' is taking place in M Block on the evening of Thursday 26 April and we are looking for performers for the concert. Auditions are taking place next Tuesday at lunch for Yr 10 – Yr 13 and the following Tuesday (6 March) for Yrs 7 - 9. All musical styles are welcome, but we would encourage students to play pieces they are preparing for graded instrument examinations.

Yr 8 Battlefields of Ypres Visit

The balance payment for this visit was due by 9 February (total balance £108). Please pay via ParentPay immediately if you have not already done so. We are still waiting for passport and EHIC details from some students. These are needed in order to travel.

History Revision Sessions

Sessions on the application of examination skills will start the week commencing 5 March after school: Yr 13 will be Thursday and Yr 11 will be on Friday 15.45 – 16.30.

Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Location	Topics
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	DNA and Protein Synthesis
Biology	Yr 13	FRIDAY	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Plant Transport
Chemistry	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.50 onwards	G18	Chemical Calculation
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	DC Electricity
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Resistance and DC Circuits

Yr 13 Biology revision will be on a Friday after school.

Ski Trip Payment Reminder

A reminder that the deadline for Ski Trip 2019 deposit is Wednesday 28 February.

Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
26.02.2018	15.35 – 17.00	Netball	St Benedicts	CCHSG	Yrs 8 & 9
26.02.2018	15.00 – 17.00	Football	Various	St Helena	U14
26.02.2018	15.25 – 17.45	GCSE Climbing		Thurstable	Yr 11
27.02.2018	07.15 – 14.00	Regional Gymnastics	Various	Chelmsford	Yrs 7 – 9
28.02.2018	15.35 – 17.00	Netball	St Benedicts	St Benedicts	U16A & U16B

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

Lost Property

Items handed in this week, please come to Reception if you have lost any of the items below:

Black polar gear lunch bag Pink and green lunchbox School cardigan size 36" Various lunch bags

Please ensure items are clearly labelled so that any lost items can be returned.



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Enrichment Opportunity

Colchester Royal Grammar School Sci-Fest

CRGS are holding their annual Sci-Fest on Saturday 17 March 2018. Please see attached posters for more information; the Medical Mavericks Roadshow may have particular interest in those wanting to study medicine in the future.

National Healthcare Weekend on 24 and 25 March

A highly valuable opportunity for students to network with a variety of healthcare professions, learn about work experience opportunities and how to make a successful application for those interested in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry and Psychology.

Registration is £25 for students on the Saturday conferences and there is an optional UCAS lecture available on Sunday for each speciality. Students can register on the Medic Mentor website and [find out more about the events here](#) or see attached poster.

All proceeds are used to support healthcare students with scholarships, elective bursaries, free training and educational initiatives.

Community Information

The Ministry of Parenting: STOP - A Supportive Programme for Parents with Teens

STOP is a 10 week programme for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16 showing challenging and difficult behaviours. Please see attached poster for more information.

Letters Sent this Week

Yr 10 & 12 German Exchange Information Evening (students involved in the Exchange only)

Yr 11: DofE Bronze Presentation Evening (selected students)

Yr 11: GCSE Biology, Chemistry & Physics Practice Book

Yr 12: Higher Education Information Evening

Yr 13: Royal Society Conference (selected students)

Yr 13: A Level Psychology Revision Guides

Menu for Week for W/C 26 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Burger with Chips & Beans	Spanish Chicken	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Sweet Potato Dhal Pie with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Rice Pudding & Jam	White Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.10				
Panini of the Week: Chicken & Bacon £2.60				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Word of the Week for W/C 26 February

Next week the word is: **NUANCE** – subtle difference or distinction in expression, meaning, response, etc.



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1. Diary dates for Spring/Summer Term 2018

PTFA Meetings:

- Monday 26 March - **PTFA Annual General Meeting followed by PTFA Meeting.**

All PTFA Meetings are held in the Dining Hall Extension, access via the Main Reception, 19.30 - 21.00, everyone welcome.

Mr Barry Coleman has announced that he will be stepping down, at the AGM, after almost 4 years as Chair of the PTFA. We are hugely grateful for the very valuable contribution that he has made and delighted that he is keen to continue supporting the PTFA as a member. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the role should contact Barry himself, or Agness O'Brien using the contact details below.

Social Events:

PTFA Coffee Mornings

We were very pleased and encouraged to see numbers of parents of Year 7 students who attended the Coffee Morning at Mrs Kirsty Harvey's house on Wednesday 21 February.

We are delighted to invite parents, grandparents and carers to meet other parents from the year group at the following informal Coffee Mornings:

- Year 8** - Tuesday 6 March from 11.00 -13.00
at Feering Hill House, Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester CO5 9NL. Contact Agness O'Brien at 07951 511653 to confirm attendance. Park along Feering Hill after 11.00.
- Year 9** - Friday 20 April from 11.00 – 13.00
at Feering Hill House, Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester CO5 9NL. Contact Agness O'Brien at 07951 511653 to confirm attendance. Park along Feering Hill after 11.00.

Barn Dance - Saturday 23 June at Stock Street Farm Barn, Coggeshall from 19.00 – 23.00.

Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

2. Virgin Money London Marathon

Parent Chris Gardiner is running the Virgin Money London Marathon in support of CCHSG on Sunday 22 April 2018. Why not show your support and make a donation at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisGardiner7>

3. PayPal Here

CCHSG PTFA can now accept payments via PayPal card reader and via our email address (cchsgptfa@gmail.com) during our second hand uniform sales. We will however continue to accept payments by cash or cheque made payable to CCHSG PTA.

4. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

- Thursday 8 March – at Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (3 groups), 16.15 – 19.15
- Thursday 15 March – at Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening (2 groups), 16.15 – 19.15
- Thursday 3 May – at Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening, 16.15 – 20.00

Please continue to send in donations of outgrown uniform. A list of current stock with prices is regularly uploaded on the PTFA section of the school website www.cchsg.com

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair

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