



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 23 March 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	Mar	26	100 Bake Sale, Lunchtime in Hall Yr 11 Critical thinking Talk, Period 3 Young Enterprise Final After School PTFA Annual General Meeting 19.30
Tuesday	Mar	27	Yr 8 Careers in Languages Talk, Periods 2 & 3 Yr 9 Big Bang Event at University of Essex (selected students) DofE Gold Equipment Issue 15.45 – 17.45 Disneyland Netball Tour Information Evening 18.30 – 20.00
Wednesday	Mar	28	Yr 10 GCSE RE Revision Workshop Periods 2 – 5
Thursday	Mar	29	Yr 12 Internal Assessment Results to Parents DofE Silver Practice Expedition Departs 06.30 End of Term – School Finishes at 15.35
Friday	Mar	30	Good Friday – Bank Holiday

#### Parental Voice

Please find attached the notes from the Parental Voice meeting held on 8 March. A reminder the PTFA AGM is on Monday 26 March at 19.30 in the Dining Room Extension.

#### Yr 10 GCSE RE Revision Workshop – Wednesday 28 March Periods 2 – 5

Yr 10 will be off timetable for an RE revision day in the lead up to their GCSE examination in May. The topic is 'The Nature of God' students should bring their first GCSE RE Christianity book to the workshop.

#### Yr 13 Examination Leave

Yr 13 will be in normal lessons until Thursday 10 May. On Friday 11 May they will have their leaving celebration and optional dress-up morning, finishing at 13.00. W/c 13 May Yr 13 are encouraged to come into school for revision in timetabled lessons and thereafter come in to revise or seek advice from teachers as they wish. Students should sign in/out at Reception whenever they are in school from w/c 13 May.

#### Geography Enrichment

Yr 7 are currently studying Mount Everest as part of the 'Fantastic Places' topic. The film 'Everest 2015' is on Channel 4 on Saturday 24 March at 21.00. The Geography department would like to encourage students to view part or all of the film, however parents should be aware it is a 12A rated film.

#### Exploration and Discovery – British Science Association's annual poster competition!

Students are invited to:

##### 1) Research your poster

Investigate and imagine all the amazing exploration and discovery that takes place around the world. Here are some topic ideas to get you started:

- ◇ What sort of discoveries have you made?
- ◇ Research famous explorers e.g. Captain James Cook, Gertrude Bell, David Livingston
- ◇ Think about what discoveries might be made in the future
- ◇ Other than places, what else do people explore?

##### 2) Make your poster

Once you've done your research, it's time to get creative!

Your poster must be:

- ◇ 2D (flat) – if you make a model, you need to just send us a photo of it
- ◇ On A4 or A3 paper
- ◇ You can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as paint, drawing pencils, crayons and paper.

DEADLINE for submissions (electronic or paper) to Miss Murison Monday 26 March



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## Lost Property

All unnamed lost property items from the Spring Term will be on display in the Foyer all next week. Any items remaining unclaimed after this time will be disposed of.

## DofE Bronze

Kit check on Tuesday 27 March at lunchtime in the Hall – students need to bring walking boots, waterproof jacket and trousers for checking prior to the expeditions after Easter.

Bronze Group A, except for Brown and Purple groups, also need to attend a further expedition planning session on Tuesday 27 March at lunchtime in the Hall. Students can bring their lunch.

## DofE Silver

Reminder DofE Silver Practice Expedition departs on Thursday 29 March. Students need to be at school by 06.30 and should bring plenty of layers!

## Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Location	Topics
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Genetic modification (from last week – so bring your revision notes), nitrogen and carbon cycles, ecosystems
Biology	Yr 13	Tuesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	The immune system, health and disease
Chemistry	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.50 onwards	G18	Ionic equations and half equations
Chemistry drop in sessions	Yr 13	Monday	12.40	G18	As requested
History	Yr 11	Friday	15.45 – 16.30	T20	Cold War
History	Yr 13	Thursday	15.45 – 16.30	T20	International relations
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	More forces and motion
Physics	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Circular motion and gravitational fields
RE	Yr 10	Tuesday	16.00 – 17.00	G5	Islam
		Friday	12.45 – 13.15		

## Inter-Form Football Competition

Taking place at lunchtime on the following days:

Monday	Yr 7	Tuesday	Yr 8	Wednesday	Yr 9	Thursday	Yr 10
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## Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
27.03.2018	15.45	District Netball Final	Thurstable	Home	Yr 8
28.03.2018	15.45	District Netball Final	The Gilberd	Away	Yr 9

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

## Community Information

### Essex Police Information Graphic

Please find attached the latest information graphic from Essex Police.

### Parenting Teenagers Course

Please find attached details of the National Parenting Initiative's Parenting Teenagers Course scheduled to begin on 26 April, running for five weeks.



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### Letters sent out this Week

Yr 7: Spelling Bee (selected students)  
Yr 8: Harry Potter Tour  
Yr 11: GCSE History Revision Workshop (selected students)  
Yr 11: GCSE English Saturday Morning Revision Day (selected students)  
Yr 11: GCSE Psychology Revision Workshop  
Yr 11 & 13: Reviews of Marking  
Yr 13: Leavers' Hoodies  
Yr 13: A Level Physics Easter Revision Workshop  
Yr 13: A Level Art Easter Revision Workshop  
Yr 13: A Level Psychology Revision Workshops

### Menu for Week for W/C 26 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Sausage & Bean Casserole with Garlic Bread	Burger with Chips & Beans	Spanish Chicken	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Tiropitakia with Salad	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Main Meal £2.60				
Jam Sponge with Custard	Devon Apple Cake	Pavlova	Banana & Toffee Sponge	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Pudding £1.10				
Panini of the Week: Tomato, Feta & Oregano £2.60				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

### Word of the Week for W/C 26 March

Next week the word is: **DISCORDANT** – being at variance.



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### 1. Virgin Money London Marathon – Sunday 22 April 2018

Only one month to go before CCHSG parent Chris Gardiner runs in the Virgin Money London Marathon on behalf of CCHSG PTFA. Read all about Chris' hard work in training for this event on his fundraising page. Every penny raised goes towards funding additional resources for our students. Why not show your support and make a donation at

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisGardiner7>

Our target amount is £3000. So far, we have received £245.00 (£286.25 including Gift Aid) in donations. THANK YOU!

### 2. Diary dates for Spring/Summer Term 2018

#### PTFA Meetings:

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

All PTFA Meetings are held in the Dining Hall Extension, access via Reception, 19.30 – 21.00. Please see agenda sent out via email. Parents, grandparents, carers and staff associated with CCHSG are encouraged to attend.

#### Social Events:

#### PTFA Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite parents, grandparents and carers to meet other Year 9 parents at an informal Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Agness O'Brien on Friday 20 April from 11.00 – 13.00. Address: Feering Hill House, Feering Hill, Feering, Colchester CO5 9NL. Park along Feering Hill after 11.00. Please text Agness on 07951 511653 to confirm attendance. Offers to bring cakes, etc. are welcome. There will be a donation box in support of parent Chris Gardiner, running in the Virgin Money London Marathon on behalf of CCHSG PTFA.

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

Licensed Bar available. Catering by Peckish Catering Services. Kosher, halal, vegan and vegetarian food will be on offer. Tickets will be on sale after Easter, £15 for adults & £50 for a family of 2 adults & up to 3 children under 18, excluding food and drinks.

### 3. Upcoming second hand uniform sales

Thursday 3 May – at Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening, 16.15 – 20.00

Saturday 16 June - New Year 7 (Sept 2018 intake) and all year groups, 10.00 -13.00

Payment accepted via PayPal card reader (for purchases over £10.00), cash or cheque.

If you are having a sort out over the Easter break, please consider donating outgrown CCHSG uniform and Brownie uniform to our Second Hand Uniform Shop, via school Reception, ahead of the above sale dates. We accept buttons from damaged uniform too.

### 4. Easyfundraising - Holiday Packages

Before you book your next getaway, check out the holiday package deals with easyfundraising's travel partners. You could top up your fundraising as well as getting your hands on a great holiday. Now that's a win-win! CCHSG PTFA will be glad to show you how to support and raise funds through Easyfundraising. Find out more and join here:-

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

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