



# Colchester County High School for Girls Parent Weekly Bulletin 4 May 2018



## Term Dates 2017 – 2018

### 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 27 May  
Monday 3 June

### Non-Pupil Days

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

Follow us on Twitter: @CCHSG\_  
English & Drama Dept: @CCHSG\_Eng\_Drama  
PE Dept: @CCHSGD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



## Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	May	7	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday	May	8	Yr 12 Reports to Parents DofE Gold Session 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	May	9	
Thursday	May	10	
Friday	May	11	Yr 8 Preferences Deadline

## Bid Success

Following our applications to the DfE we are delighted to receive funding for the following:

- Replacement of Fire Alarm System – this project will include replacement/upgrading of fire doors, review/replacement of wiring and positioning of associated sensors
- From the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund we have been awarded funding to improve our Swimming Pool facilities – this project will include a new 25 metre Indoor Swimming Pool with Changing Rooms and associated Plant Room

We are absolutely delighted and pleased that our students will be rewarded with first class facilities to match their outstanding achievements.

May we take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of those parents and carers who have supported the school including our many fundraising activities.

## Building Project – Next Phase

The next phase of our building project work has begun in the creation of two new car parks. The work will take about eight weeks and by 2 July we hope to be complete and starting on the construction of a new multipurpose hall and extended pool.

## Arrangements for Yr 13 Students

Students will be expected to be in school until 13.00 Friday 11 May. Formal lessons will continue until the end of Thursday 10 May. Their final Assembly is during Registration on Wednesday 9 May.

Students are aware that we will be following our normal timetable and therefore will be in our teaching rooms between Monday 14 May and Friday 18 May so that students are able to access subject specific support. After Friday 18 May students have been asked contact their teachers directly to arrange a time to come in. The Sixth Form dress code should be followed whenever students are in school with the exception of the morning of Friday 11 May when students are permitted, if they so wish, to wear appropriate fancy dress to celebrate the end of formal lessons.

Friday 11 May - students will arrive in school by 10.00 and sign in. They will spend the morning as a year group. There will be a buffet in the Sixth Form Common Room at 12.00. Students will be free to leave at 13.00. We wish all our Yr 13 students well for the future.

## E-Newsletter

Final call for any e-newsletter items for the next publication – to [kstubbs@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk](mailto:kstubbs@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk) by 9 May please.

## The Kilt

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of The Kilt is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Students in all year groups are strongly encouraged to get involved, even if they have not contributed articles before. Please see Mrs Thornton in F8 with any questions.

## Eco-Schools Update

**Did you know?** Britons are expected to send 235 million items of clothing to landfill this spring. Textiles and shoes make up 12% of landfill sites.

**What can we do?** Instead of throwing away your old school uniform you can donate it to the PTFA's 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop to help reduce the amount sent to landfill. You can also reduce this amount by donating your unwanted clothes to one of the many charity shops in Colchester. You could also take part in a plastic pick up – see Community Information later.



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG\_



## Yr 10 GCSE RE Examination Preparation

A reminder to please not set homework and hold any topic tests until after the two RE examinations on Monday 14 May and Wednesday 16 May.

Students will be revising in lessons on the morning of Monday 14 May, all day Tuesday 15 May and the morning of Wednesday 16 May.

## Biology Talk - Wednesday 9 May, Lunchtime in F12 12.40 – 13.20

Talk from Dr Simon Cook from Babraham research Institute 'Cell Signalling in Health and Disease'. The Biology department and BioSoc invite all students and would encourage all Yr 12 and 13 Biologists to attend as this is on the curriculum and a great chance to hear about Simon's pioneering research, he is a leader in his field.

## DentSoc Speaker – Friday 11 May, Lunchtime in G0 12.45 – 13.20

Speaker, Dr Nazki from Creffield Road Dental Surgery is coming in to talk about dentistry. All Yrs welcome especially those interested in finding out more about dentistry, students should bring their lunch.

## Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Location	Topics
Biology	Yr 11	Wednesday	15.45 – 17.00	G0	Finishing Plant Topic and then application style questions
Biology	Yr 13	Wednesday	08.00 – 08.45	G0	Molecular Biology methods from Genetic Manipulation Topic
Biology	Yr 13	Thursday	08.00 – 08.30	G0	Genetics
Chemistry	Yr 11	Tuesday	12.50 onwards	G18	Equilibrium
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
RE	Yr 10	Tuesday 8 May	15.45 – 16.45	G5	Dialogue (sign up required before session)
		Wednesday 9 May	15.45 – 17.15		Islam Practices
		Every Lunchtime	12.45 – 13.20		Drop in sessions – any questions or queries

## Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
08.05.2018	15.30 – 17.00	Rounders	St Mary's	Home	Yr 8 & 9
11.05.2018	TBC	Essex Schools Athletics	Various	Chelmsford	Various

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

## Preparation for Summer Term PE Lessons

When the weather is fine and sunny we strongly advise that students bring a bottle of water to each PE lesson. Students may also like to wear sunscreen for outdoor lessons.

## Lost Property

Unnamed items handed to Reception this week:

Fruit motif Sandwich Bag Black glasses with pink internal trim

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

## Community Information

### E-Safety Information

Please find attached an e-safety leaflet for parents for your information, the information has been produced by the charity Banardos.



# Parent Weekly Bulletin – 4 May 2018



## Community Information Continued

### **The Great Plastic Pick Up: 11 – 13 May 2018**

Colchester Borough Council in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy and the Daily Mail is taking part in the first Great Plastic Pick Up over the weekend of 11 – 13 May 2018.

They hope that by sparing a little time, they can make a difference and turn the tide on plastic for good.

To take part or for further information please go to: [www.greatplasticpickup.org](http://www.greatplasticpickup.org)

### **LEPRA Surrey Ride 100 Cycling Event**

LEPRA have some places available in the London – Surrey Ride 100 cycling event, which may be of interest: a team building exercise to encourage relationship building in terms of the cycling and fundraising aspect of the event. This is a great opportunity to fundraise to help beat leprosy, one of the oldest neglected diseases. More information on the attached poster or about Lepra on their website <https://www.lepra.org.uk/Event/prudential-ridelondon-100>

### **Bikeability Instructor Opportunities**

Essex County Council are looking for Bikeability Instructors, please see attached poster for more information.

### **Letters sent out this Week**

All Yrs: Ballroom and Latin Club

Yr 7: Bushcraft Information Letter and Sample Itinerary

Yr 8: Bletchley Park Visit

Yr 8: Battlefields of Ypres Final information

Yrs 9 & 10: Ski Trip 2019 (selected students)

Yrs 9 & 10: Mediterranean Watersports Trip Final Payment (selected students)

Yr 11: Examination Arrangement Letter

Yr 13: Year Book Purchase

### **Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 7 May**

Priority for Yr 12 and 13, and lunchtime activity participants until 12.45.

#### **Week B:**

12.45 Yr 11    12.50 Yr 7 & 8    13.00 Yr 9 & 10

Students are reminded to leave all bags in their Form Rooms.

### **Menu Chosen by Yr 13, w/c 7 May**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BANK HOLIDAY	Lamb Kebabs with Salad	Pizza with Chips & Salad	Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Fish Pie with Green Beans
Or				
BANK HOLIDAY	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegan Curry with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.60				
BANK HOLIDAY	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Pavlova	Sticky Toffee Pudding With Custard	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.10				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork in BBQ Sauce £2.60				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

### **Word of the Week for w/c 7 May**

Next week the word is: **ATTRIBUTE** – a quality, property or characteristic of somebody or something.



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## 4 May 2018



### 1. Diary dates for Summer Term 2018

#### PTFA Meeting - Monday 14 May 2018

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

#### Barn Dance - Saturday 23 June at Stock Street Farm Barn, Coggeshall from 19.00 – 21.00

Licensed Bar available. Catering by Peckish Catering Services. Kosher, halal, vegan and vegetarian food will be on offer. £15 for adult, £10 for child & £50 for a family of 2 adults & up to 3 children under 18, excluding food and drinks. Tickets for this much anticipated event are now on sale online at: <http://buytickets.at/cchsgptfabarndance2018/161236> Tickets are limited so please get yours now to avoid disappointment. Please note that there is a £2 transaction fee per order.

### 2. PTFA's Personalised Paving Bricks

CCHSG PTFA is delighted to announce that we have just launched our very own 'Personalised Paving Brick' fundraiser. You can now purchase an engraved paving brick from a choice of single or double bricks to be installed as part of the "Big Build" on the school site and create a lasting reminder of your links to CCHSG. Details and ordering information can be found on the "Parents" – "PTFA" section of the school website - [www.cchsg.com](http://www.cchsg.com) or via this link: <http://www.cchsg.com/index.php/parents/cchs-ptfa/personalised-paving-fundraiser>

### 3. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

Saturday 16 June – open to all Year Groups and new Sept 2018 parents - 10.00 – 13.00  
Tuesday 3 July - New Year 7 Sept 2018 parents (Information Evening) – 16.45 – 21.00

### 4. Data Protection and "Privacy Notice"

CCHSG PTFA respects you and your child's privacy when you supply us with personal information and is committed to complying with privacy legislation. We have explained how we use and protect any personal information that you voluntarily supply in what is referred to as a 'Privacy Notice'. You can find this information on the "Parents" section of the school website under "CCHSG PTFA" <http://www.cchsg.com/index.php/parents/cchs-ptfa/data-protection-ptfa> The person responsible for ensuring Data Protection Compliance (respecting your rights and ensuring we follow the law) for the CCHSG PTFA is Mrs Agness O'Brien ([agnessobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:agnessobrien@hotmail.com)).

#### PTFA CONTACTS:

**Chair:** Agness O'Brien (Email: [agnessobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:agnessobrien@hotmail.com))

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

**For all enquires related to PTFA,** email [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)