



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 28 September 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

#### Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Sept	29	Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Sunday	Sept	30	Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Monday Week A	Oct	1	Yr 11 Memory PSHCE Deadline for DofE Silver Applications Yr 13 Biology Field Trip to Dorset
Tuesday	Oct	2	<b>Alternative 11+ Testing Day</b> School Nurse Drop-in Sessions, Lunchtime in F11
Wednesday	Oct	3	Yr 9 & 10 Music & Drama 'Wicked' Visit
Thursday	Oct	4	Yr 10 Information Evening DofE Bronze Information Evening Yr 10 GCSE PE NEA Briefing DofE Silver & Gold Student Presentations 16.00 in G25
Friday	Oct	5	DofE Silver Notification of Enrolment

#### 11+ Thank You

Thank you to the students involved in the 11+ Testing Day on Saturday. Their help was greatly appreciated, the day went very well.

#### 11+ Alternative Test Day

Please be aware that the 11+ Alternative Test Day is taking place on Tuesday morning; the Norman Way area is likely to be busier than normal. Parents are advised to drop their daughter off away from the school on this day. There will be no parking for Sixth Form who drive to school.

#### Yr 10 Information Evening – Thursday 5 October at 19.00

This event will outline the expectations of students during their studies, provide you with information regarding the courses and range of extra-curricular activities that will be available during the year. Tea and coffee will be available from 18.40 before the meeting in the Dining Hall.

There will also be an opportunity to buy the parent guide 'GCSEs – What a Parent Can Do?; 101 Tips to Ensure Success' for £3.

#### DofE Bronze Award

Details of the Bronze Award programme will be given at the Information Evening on Thursday 5 October. The deadline for applications and deposit payment is Monday 9 October.

#### Fire Safety Talk

Please find attached a safety information poster produced by Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service regarding home safety and fire security following the Yr 8 Fire Safety PSHCE talk.

#### Bio Bake Off 2018 is Back!

Calling all bakers! It's time for students to start thinking about their biological bake for the CCHSG Bio Bake off competition on Friday 19 October. All cakes will be sold off for charity (tbc which local charity) at lunchtime in the Hall once judging has taken place. Students can bake anything biological into a biscuit, cake or cupcake, for example make a red blood cell, nerve cell, plant cell, heart, kidney, your favourite animal, the limit is your imagination and creativity.

Last year we raised over £170 for a local domestic abuse charity, so let's see how much we can raise this year.

#### Yrs 10-13 Parliament Trip

For students interested in studying politics, law or PPE at university there will be a visit to the Houses of Parliament with the chance to speak to some serving MPs. Students should sign-up their interest for the trip on the sheet outside F12. The trip is on 4 November and will cost around £20-25. There are only 30 spaces available.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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## Year 12 – Young Enterprise

Any student interested in taking part in the Young Enterprise company programme this year need to come to the first meeting on Tuesday 2 October in the Lecture Theatre at 12.45.

## Extra-Curricular Information

### Debate Club

Students interested in current affairs, politics, science, history, English, social media, journalism, the environment should come along to have their voice and opinion heard at Debate Club; Week A Wednesday 12.45 in F12, Week B Thursday in 12.45 iLab. All Yrs are welcome and check the notice board for the topic of the week.

### Drama Club

Thursday 4 October – 15.45 – 16.30: Full cast including chorus

Auditions for the following parts; Mordcha, Rabbi, Mendel, Avram, Nachum, Constable, Fifka, Yussel, Sasha and Mirala 16.30 – 17.30

Thursday 11 October: All Chorus in M2 with Mr Ulph and Miss Barnes until 16.30

Read through of script for all speaking parts with Mrs Cudmore-Rice until 17.00 in M3

Students with any questions should see Mrs Cudmore-Rice

### Gym and Dance Auditions

A reminder that the Gym and Dance auditions will begin week commencing 15 November. Sign-up sheets are on PE noticeboard. Yr 11-13 students interested in choreographing group pieces should speak to Miss Wiseman and sign-up on the noticeboard.

### PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
01.10.2018	Lunchtime	Gymnastics Trial for Regional Competition		CCHSG – Gym	All Yrs
02.10.2018	15.20 – 17.30	Netball Central Venue	The Gilberd	Away	Yr 7
02.10.2018	From 14.00	Netball	St Mark's	Away	U16
03.10.2018	TBC	Lee Valley Athletics	Various	Lee Valley	Various

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

### GCSE and A Level Psychology Revision

A reminder sessions have started and will continue every Wednesday after school 15.35 - 16.35 in G8 for A Level and Thursdays 15.35 to 16.05 in G8 for GCSE

### Psychology Society, FemSoc and An introduction to Criminology and Sociology

A reminder Psychology Society runs weekly 12.40 - 13.10 in G8, open for Yrs 9 – 13.

FemSoc runs every other Tuesday (Week B) 12.40 – 13.10 in G8, open to all Yrs.

Introduction to Criminology and Sociology runs every Friday, 12.40 – 13.10 in G8, open for Yrs 9 – 13.

### Thinking School Champions Yrs 7 - 11

The first meetings that Champions will need to attend are as follows:

- Yrs 7 & 8 Wednesday 3 October
- Yr 9, 10 & 11 Thursday 4 October

The meeting will be held in the ilab at 12.45 and students can bring cold lunch with them.

### Community Information

#### 'Be My Baby' at the Headgate Theatre Colchester 17 – 20 October

We draw your attention to the Headgate Theatre production of Amanda Whittington's play Be My Baby. **Be My Baby** is widely studied in schools and colleges across the country, students aged 16-18 studying it may relate to the issues raised. For more information please see attached flyer.

### NOS Youtube Guide for Parents

National Online Safety have created a free updated YouTube guide for parents & carers. Their guide can be found here:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1042355435871846401>



## Community Information continued

### **The Ministry Of Parenting**

Are running a supportive series of programmes for parents of teens, more information can be found at:  
[www.theministryofparenting.com](http://www.theministryofparenting.com)

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

- 7C: Mathematics Teacher Change
- 8C: Tutor Group Letter
- Yrs 8 – 11: Rosetta Stone Independent Language Learning Club (selected students)
- Yr 9: Information Evening
- Yrs 9 & 10: GCSE PE Revision Guide Purchase
- Yrs 9, 10 & 11: GCSE Psychology Revision Guide (Psychology students only)
- Yr 10: Information Evening
- Yr 10 & 11: The Centre for Computing History Trip (selected students)
- Yrs 10, 11, 12 & 13: Changes to Pastoral Team
- Yr 11: DofE Silver Programme
- Yr 11: GCSE Devising Drama Workshop (Drama students only)
- Yr 11: GCSE Drama Devised Performance Parent Invite (Drama students only)
- Yr 11: GCSE PE Revision Guide Purchase
- Yr 13: A Level Biology Field Trip Final Information (Biology Students only)
- Yr 13: CERN: Particles and Plasma Visit Information Letter (selected students)

### **Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 1 October**

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

#### **Week A:**

- 12.45 Yr 11 Lunchtime club participants must have a coloured ticket
- 12.55 Yr 9 & 10 To gain entrance to early lunch.
- 13.00 Yr 7 & 8

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

### **Menu for w/c 1 October**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Burger with Curly Fries & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Beans	Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Syrup Sponge Pudding	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pana Cotta	Apple Strudel with Cream	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Chicken & Bacon £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

### **Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 1 October**

Rearrange the letters of 'HEDERA' to give two other six-letter words.  
What are they?

**Last Week's Brainteaser Answer:** Downpour, frown and Tinseltown

### **Word of the Week for w/c 1 October**

Next week the word is: **IMPLODE** – to collapse inwardly with force as a result of the external pressure being greater than the internal pressure.



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### 1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

#### PTFA Committee Meetings

Monday 15 October 2018 - To plan for Quiz & Curry Night and Annual Christmas Market.

Note: All PTFA Committee Meetings are open to parents, carers and staff. They are held at the school's dining hall from 19.30-21.00hrs unless otherwise specified. Please contact Agness O'Brien, via the contact details below, if you are planning to attend.

#### PTFA Events

Friday 28 September 2018	- New Year 7 Welcome Party
Friday 16 November 2018	- Quiz & Curry Night
Saturday 1 December 2018	- Annual Christmas Market

### 2. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales – open to all parents

1. Tuesday 9 October 2018	- Year 8 Information Evening
2. Tuesday 13 November 2018	- Year 9 Information Evening
3. Saturday 1 December 2018	- Annual Christmas Market

The PTFA is always grateful for donations of outgrown uniform via the School Reception. Uniform sales can only take place during the times specified above.

### 3. CCHSG PTFA's Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 16 November 2018

Tickets for this event are now on sale – see flyer attached.

This is expected to be a sell-out event so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets: Adult £10, Child £5 and Family (2 adults + 2 children) £25

Ticket Box Office: <http://buytickets.at/cchsgptfaquizandcurry2018/197894>

### 4. Annual Christmas Market – Invitation to Stall Holders

Bookings are now open for stalls at this very popular annual event, open to the school community and general public, to be held on 1 December 2018, 12.00 – 15.00. Single stalls £25, double £40. For further details email the PTFA Committee at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)

### 5. Advertise School and PTFA Events and Earn Donations for CCHSG PTA

Last year, CCHSG PTFA received a donation of £445 from William H. Brown Estate Agents in Colchester when we advertised our Christmas Market via estate agents boards at 89 addresses. If you are a homeowner within the CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4 or CO6 postcodes, you can help us earn £5 for every advertising board put up for a maximum of 2 of the school or PTFA's events each year. Boards are put up for 3 weeks prior to an event and taken down within a week after the event. Family and friends can also volunteer. Email [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) to register with your name, address and contact number.

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