



Colchester County High School for Girls Parent Weekly Bulletin 19 October 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

WE WISH PARENTS AND STUDENTS A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK!

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Oct	20	Yr 13 CERN Visit
Sunday	Oct	21	Yr 13 CERN Visit
Monday Week B	Oct	29	NON PUPIL DAY NEETSA Joint Schools Training Day
Tuesday	Oct	30	
Wednesday	Oct	31	
Thursday	Nov	1	EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE 12.35 Sixth Form Open Evening 18.00
Friday	Nov	2	DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 29 October for staff training.

School Early Closure – Thursday 1 November

Reply slips for the Early School Closure are now overdue. If we have not received parents' permission for their daughter to leave early on 1 November students will be expected to remain in school and be supervised until 15.35.

Food Bank Collection

Thank you to all staff, parents and students who donated items to the Head Girl Team collection. A total of 217kg of much needed food and toiletries were taken to the Foodbank. Thank you all.

Uniform Reminder

We remind parents to check their daughter's skirt length before the return to school after Half Term. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee. Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring worn in each earlobe is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only. See student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code.

October E-Newsletter

The e-newsletter for this half term is now available via:

<http://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter>

Items include examination results, Yr 12 Roadster Day, Shakespeare Schools Festival, Yr 7 Welcome Party, Biology Field Trips and the EYP trip to Poland.

Centenary of the First World War

As part of our programme of cross-curricular activities being delivered we wish to extend the opportunity to everyone in the school community to get involved in contributing to a collaborative and commemorative piece of work as part of the First World War Centenary Foyer display. We are asking that everyone produces a small 5"X 7" artwork of a poppy. This can be completed in any media at all. The deadline for the work to be submitted is Thursday 1 November. We hope everyone will get involved – please see attached worksheet.

Eco-Schools Update

The Eco-Schools committee has recently taken over the old gardening club area and is working on creating a pleasant open space environment that has environmental benefits. As part of our bio-diversity focus we will be creating new and purposeful habitats but we need some assistance. If you are able to donate items such as gardening gloves, small hand tools they would be gratefully received. We are also looking for donations of wild flower seeds, spring bulbs, etc. Please contact Mr King for more information!

Do You Live Near South Woodham Ferrers?

A parent living in this area is seeking to make contact with other families of students to discuss possible collaboration with transport to school or into Chelmsford. Any interested parents should contact Enosa Obido via her email address of enomyke@hotmail.com. (Published with permission)

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Examination Information

Contingency Planning

The qualification regulators, JCQ and government departments responsible for education have prepared and agreed information for schools and colleges in the event of examinations being seriously disrupted. This jointly agreed information would ensure consistency of response in the event of major disruption to the examinations system affecting significant numbers of candidates. Further information may be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exam-system-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland/what-schools-and-colleges-should-do-if-exams-or-other-assessments-are-seriously-disrupted> Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Yr 13 Examinations Information Booklet

The booklet has been handed out to students on this week. This book holds important information that a candidate needs to be aware of before they sit their public examinations in Summer 2019.

The contents are:

- Yr 13 Examination Calendar
- Examinations Checklist for candidates
- JCQ Information for candidates for written examinations
- JCQ Information for candidates: non-examination assessments
- Contingency planning
- Information for candidate post Examinations
- JCQ Information for candidates: Privacy Notice
- JCQ Information for candidates using Social Media and examinations/assessments

Please note, if you have any queries regarding examinations, please contact Mrs Mandal smandal@cchsg.com or exams@cchsg.com

Yr 12 Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme

We draw your attention to the opportunity to apply to the Cambridge University Students' Union Shadowing scheme. Please see attached poster for more information. Closing date is Friday 16 November.

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision Sessions

Weekly revision sessions for GCSE Biology on Thursday after school will start on Thursday 15 November, 15.45 – 17.00 in G0. The first topic is from Yr 9 Biology: heart, lungs and respiration (topic 8). The topic on Thursday 22 November will be on homeostasis (topic 7). There will be no session on 29 November. Sessions will resume in the Spring Term every Thursday after school, taking a topic per week. All Yr 11 are welcome

Extra-Curricular Information

The Kilt

Students who are interested in contributing to the school newspaper, The Kilt, should sign-up on the sheet outside Mrs Thornton's classroom (F8). The deadline for submissions for the next edition, which will be published before the Christmas break, is Monday 19 November.

Psychology Clubs

Psychology Clubs continue: lunchtime meal tickets can be collected from G8 in advance of the club.

In addition, Yr 13 and Yr 11 after school revision continues as well as Yr 12 catch up for all those who have not done GCSE will run for a further three weeks.

Philosophy Club

Come along to Philosophy Club to discuss the big questions in life, think outside the box, and hear from some of the greatest philosophical minds in history! Philosophy Club will be starting on Wednesday 31 October and running every Wednesday lunch time from 12.50 – 13.20 in G23. All students from Yrs 9-13 welcome, please see Miss Jupp for an early lunch ticket.

PE Department

Gym and Dance Show – Well done to all those who auditioned: selection will be put up on the PE noticeboard by Tuesday 30 October.

Sports Leaders – Candidates are listed on the PE noticeboard. The sessions will start Tuesday lunchtimes from Tuesday 30 October.

Youth Health Champion and Wellbeing Ambassador

Students in Yr 10 and Yr 12 interested in becoming a Youth Health Champion and Wellbeing Ambassador should complete their written applications to Miss Wiseman. The deadline is 2 November.



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Community Information - We draw your attention to the following:

Stanway Swim Club – Club Trials

Stanway Swim Club is a not-for-profit organisation training out of First Strokes in Stanway, Colchester, providing opportunities for young people to maintain swimming after lessons, keep fit and swim competitively. For more information please go to <http://www.fsst.org.uk/page/stanway-swim-club/344>

Letters Sent out this Week

Yr 7: Parent Tutor Consultation Evening
Yr 11: GCSE Drama Technical Rehearsal (Drama students only)

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 29 October

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

Week B:

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

Menu for w/c 29 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NON PUPIL DAY	Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Burger, Curly Fries & Beans	EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE	Fish Cakes with Green Beans
Or				
NON PUPIL DAY	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.75				
NON PUPIL DAY	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE	White Chocolate Mousse
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Cajun Chicken £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 29 October

Which word connects the following words?

LOCK OVEN SKIN

Last Week's Brainteaser Answer: Prime, rim, dim, dime and dame

Word of the Week for w/c 29 October

Next week the word is: **MAGNANIMOUS** – very generous, kind or forgiving.



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1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

PTFA Committee Meeting

Monday 26 November 2018 - Final planning for Annual Christmas Market. This meeting is being held at the home of one of the PTFA members. Please contact Agness O'Brien via the contact details below if you are planning to attend.

PTFA Events

Friday 16 November 2018 - Quiz & Curry Night
Saturday 1 December 2018 - Annual Christmas Market

2. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

1. Tuesday 13 November 2018 – Yr 9 Information Evening (18.30 – 19.00 for uniform sale)
2. Saturday 1 December 2018 – Annual Christmas Market (12.00 – 15.00)

3. Christmas Produce on sale in Support of CCHSG

This year for our Christmas produce offering, we have teamed up with two local companies to offer you the best Christmas puddings and preserves – Cole's Great British Puddings based in Great Chesterford near Saffron Walden and The JamShed based in Great Maplestead near Sudbury. These yummy treats will be the perfect addition to your Christmas meals and will make fabulous gifts for friends and family. Details of products on offer and order forms are attached. Please send order forms with payment to CCHSG Reception by Friday 9 November 2018.

4. CCHSG PTFA's Quiz & Curry Night - Friday 16 November 2018

Less than 30 tickets left for this popular event so book now to avoid disappointment.

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

Note: If you have a team of 6-8 and want a table reserved in your name, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com. We can team up smaller groups or couples on the night.

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

5. Annual Christmas Market – Stalls Available

Bookings are open for stalls at this well attended 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. Email the PTFA Committee at cchsgptfa@gmail.com for further details.

Volunteers needed for the Christmas Market – could you:

1. Donate bottles for our Bottle Tombola - can be anything, from wine, sauces to bath gels. If it comes in a bottle, it is good for the tombola. Contact Mrs Kirsty Harvey on 07443 535243 for drop off at 147 Maldon Road, Colchester, CO3 3BJ.
2. Organise a Sweets Tombola (for children) filled with nut-free sweets. Jars preferably with lids decorated with colourful/seasonal fabric or paper, tied with ribbon or elastic bands.
3. Staff a PTFA games stall or help in the Café
4. Bake cakes or other festive treats for our café (all ingredients to be listed)

Email the PTFA Committee at cchsgptfa@gmail.com to volunteer.

PTFA CONTACTS:

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For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com