



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 9 November 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

Monday Week B	Nov	12	Yr 7 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 11 GCSE Drama Dress Rehearsal (all day) Yr 11 SLT Discussions, Period 3 Yrs 12 & 13 Journalism Visit to The Guardian
Tuesday	Nov	13	School Nurse Drop-In Session, Lunchtime, F11 Yr 9 Information Evening 19.00 Yr 9 GCSE PE Information Evening
Wednesday	Nov	14	Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening Yr 11 GCSE Drama Technical Rehearsal
Thursday	Nov	15	Yr 12 & 13 Mathematics Challenge, Periods 4 & 5
Friday	Nov	16	Yr 12 & 13 A Level History Conference DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30 PTFA Curry & Quiz Night

This week we have been remembering those who have died in battle, particularly in the First World War, and have a poignant display in the school Foyer

#### Parental Voice – Monday 26 November

Dear Parent

I would like to inform you that we have a Parental Voice meeting on Monday 26 November 2018.

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Bistro area from 09.15 and the meeting will start at 09.30. 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.

If you would like to attend this meeting, I should be grateful if you would kindly email Mrs Quinn on [quinn@cchsg.com](mailto:quinn@cchsg.com) with a brief summary of any topics you would like to discuss.

Mrs W Jackson

Associate to the Principal & CEO

#### School Gateway

Parents have been emailed an invitation to sign up to School Gateway. Creating an account is simple and will enable parents to advise school of absences and keep track of your child's attendance rate, receive student Reports and Progress Checks straight to their phone in order stay up to date with their daughter's progress and view their daughter's timetable via the app and website.

#### Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening – 14 November 2018

Students have been issued with letters for parents confirming your appointment time. We hope you find this evening useful.

#### Yr 9 Information Evening – Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 19.00

Parents have been invited to the evening which will outline the expectations of their daughter during her studies, provide information regarding courses and the range of extra-curricular activities that will be available during the year. There will also be an opportunity to buy or order the parent guide 'GCSEs – What a Parent Can Do? 101 Tips to Ensure Success' for £3.00.

#### Yr 12 Awards Evening

All replies should please be returned to Mrs Keane by Monday 12 November, in order for arrangements to be made.

#### Christmas Concert Auditions

The Music Department is holding auditions for the Christmas Concert this Tuesday lunchtime in M2. Students should come prepared with a solo or small ensemble piece they would like to play in the concert (on 3 & 4 December). The theme for the concert is 'Christmas through the Ages' – pieces needs to have a Christmas theme.'

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English & Drama Dept: @CCHSG\_Eng\_Drama  
PE Dept: @CchsgD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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### Eco-Schools Update

CCHSG is now a Silver Eco-School! This award builds on the Bronze Award, which included audits of the school's environment, energy use and waste management. We have been running awareness campaigns through the enewsletter, Bulletins and The Kilt to promote what the school does and are continuing to raise awareness of these important issues. Student surveys conducted in Form time have shown that this has had a positive impact on the student's understanding of environmental issues. Full results of our audits and actions plans are displayed on our Eco board on the top floor corridor. As part of the '9 topics' of the Eco-Schools programme, we are currently focusing on Energy Use, Waste and Biodiversity. We have carried out visual inspections of the school grounds and identified areas ideal for habitat and species conservation including; ponds, hedgerows, wildflower areas and wooded areas. We are continuing to monitor these areas and have started to improve and invest in these essential areas of biodiversity, specifically the old Gardening Club area. New signs for classroom bins and light switches are coming soon! We would like to thank all involved and for your continued support.

### ChatHealth in Conjunction with Barnardo's and the School Nurse Team

The school nurse team have asked us to highlight this service: ChatHealth is a secure and confidential text messaging service, allowing patients to easily and anonymously get in touch with a health professional for advice and support. It is available for 11-19 year olds. Please see attached poster for more information.

### Yr 11 Progress Check Reply Slips

These were due to be returned by Friday 19 October. There are still many outstanding, please return reply slips to the Main Office.

### Extra-Curricular Information

#### Yr 7 & 8 Science Support Session

Science Support starts on Monday in G1 on 12.35 – 13.05. The session will be with Dr Edgington and Miss Walachowski. If students would like any help with homework or concepts from their lessons please drop by.

#### Drama Club

Rehearsals for Fiddler on the Roof:

Thursday 15 November 15.45 – 17.00: Act Two in M3

Thursday 15 November 15.45 – 16.30: Junior Ensemble (Sons and Daughters), Sunrise Sunset, Tradition and Sabbath Prayer in M2

#### Psychology Clubs and Activities

PsychSoc, FemSoc, SocCrimSoc continue 12.40 – 13.15 in G8. Lunchtime club tickets can be picked up from G8 in advance of the club.

**PsychSoc:** the next session's 30min podcast is from 2 May 2018, on Changing your Mindset, Exercise to Prevent Depression, and the role of peer mentoring in the onset of blindness. Listen to the podcast and take notes – then come to the club!

**CrimSoc** next week: Interactionist Theory and Crime "We are society. To make a better place we must change ourselves first" ...come along and find out more!

Yr 13 A Level Psychology after school revision – Wednesday 15.35 – 16.35

Yr 12 A Level Psychology catch-up (for those who have not done GCSE) G8 12.40 – 13.10 for one more week only.

Yr 11 GCSE Psychology after school revision – Thursday 15.35 – 16.05.

#### PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
13.11.2018	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	The Gilberd	Home	Yrs 10 & 11
16.11.2018	09.30 – 14.15	EFL Cup	Various	Away	Yrs 7 & 8

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

#### Gym and Dance Show Rehearsals

Students who have been selected to perform in the Gym and Dance Show need to attend the rehearsal times scheduled (Monday lunchtime and Thursday lunchtime)

#### History Film Club

Will commence the week beginning 12 November and will be every Friday lunchtime, 12.45 – 13.15 in T20. Students will need to collect an early lunch pass from Mrs Sanderson, available from Monday. The first film will be, The Rise of Evil, therefore all GCSE History students are invited to attend (Yrs 9-11), to further their knowledge and understanding.

#### Time for Tolerance – Wednesday 12.45 in the Lecture Theatre

It provides an inclusive environment to promote tolerance in our community, all are welcome. Next week's discussion: does racism still exist? Students should collect a lunch pass from, T21 and eat beforehand.



**Community Information - We draw your attention to the following:**

**A Christmas Carol: In Concert – 11 December 2018**

The concert will take place at the Moot Hall at Colchester Town Hall on the High Street at 19.30 on 11 December 2018; a re-telling of the classic Christmas tale being presented on behalf of the Mayor of Colchester's Charities. Tickets available online at [www.greenmatthews.co.uk/colchester](http://www.greenmatthews.co.uk/colchester), also available at the Essex Wildlife Trust offices at Abbots Hall Farm in Great Wigborough, or Mann's Music Shop on Colchester High Street.

**The Concert at Christmas – 15 December 2018**

A concert held in honour of the Colchester Night Shelter and Colchester Mayor's other Charities: a night of fun, laughter, tears and singing. Tickets can be purchased from <https://experiencetickets.co.uk/project/25573/>

**Letters sent out this Week**

- Yr 10: GCSE Psychology 'Insight into Psychology' Visit
- Yr 10: GCSE Religious Studies Mock Examination
- Yr 11: Mock Examinations
- Yr 12 & 13: The Economist Subscription

**Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 12 November**

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 12 November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Pan Fried Salmon, Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Vegetable Pasta Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Bread & butter Pudding	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Chicken, Bacon & Mayonnaise £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

**Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 12 November**

A fire engine travels six miles to an out of control bonfire. It travels at a speed of 32 mph. The fire engine's tank holds 500 gallons of water but has been leaking throughout the journey at a rate of 20 gallons per hour. If the fire engine needs 496 gallons of water to put out the fire, will it have enough, and if so, how much water will it have to spare?

**Last Week's Brainteaser Answer:** Journalist

**Word of the Week for w/c 12 November**

Next week the word is: **UNDERHAND** – done secretly and dishonestly or with the intention to deceive or cheat somebody



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### 1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

#### PTFA Committee Meeting

Monday 26 November 2018 - Final planning for the 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 – we are looking forward to this sell out event.

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. Annual Christmas Market – 1 December

Everyone is invited to this popular annual event which runs from 12.00 – 15.00. Why not call in with friends and family for lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping? Over 40 stalls selling crafts and gifts, delicious home-cooked curries, pastries and cakes. Our second hand uniform store will be open, Christmas cards designed by CCHSG students will be on sale and CCHSG's very own Young Enterprise group will also be there to sell their latest products.

Stalls still available: Single stalls £25, double £40. Email the PTFA Committee at [chsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:chsgptfa@gmail.com) for further details, deadline 16 November.

Could you help by staffing a PTFA stall on the day or bake cakes or other festive treats for our café? Email the PTFA Committee at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### 4. Easyfundraising – over £3,300 raised in free donations so far by 162 supporters.

There are over 3,100 shops and sites all ready to give Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA a free donation when you shop, including John Lewis, B&Q, Sainsbury's and lots more. You can generate donations at no additional cost to yourself if you purchase Christmas gifts and other festive essentials via Easyfundraising.

It's easy to get involved:

Sign up to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTA here:

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

### PTFA CONTACTS:

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