



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 16 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 A	Nov	19	Yr 10 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 11 SLT Discussions Period 3
Tuesday	Nov	20	Yr 12 Awards Evening 19.15 for 19.45
Wednesday	Nov	21	
Thursday	Nov	22	
Friday	Nov	23	Non-Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30

#### Yr 12 Awards Evening 19.15 for 19.45

Students in Yr 12 have been invited to our Certificate Evening on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 19.45. GCSE certificates and A Level subject awards will be presented by Steve Brown, television presenter, athlete mentor and former captain of the Great Britain wheelchair rugby squad. The evening will provide an opportunity for us to join current and former students in celebrating their success in their GCSEs. Refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall from 19.15. The dress code for the evening is smart attire as befits the formality of the occasion. Please ensure you have informed us if you are attending.

#### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 23 November

11C are organising the Non-Uniform Day with the theme ‘clothes that make you feel happy’ to support MIND.

Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme and to pay a voluntary contribution of £1. However, as with all non-uniform days, **students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

#### Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 23 November

The Head Girl Team are organising the day to also support the local charity: The Smile of Arran. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

#### Head Lice Alert

Several cases of Head Lice have been brought to our attention in Yr 8. We ask parents to check their daughter’s hair this evening, to ensure she is not infected. There should be no embarrassment with having Head Lice as they like all hair types. If you would like information about the treatment of Head Lice, please refer to the following NHS website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/childhealth6-15/pages/nits.aspx>

#### Yr 11 Mock Examinations

The student specific timetable for the Yr 11 mock examinations are now available. Students should see Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer, with any queries.

#### PTFA Christmas Market – 1 December, 12.00 – 15.00

The whole school community is invited to this popular annual event. Why not drop in for lunch or afternoon tea? CCHSG students will be providing live festive music, running stalls and games and selling Christmas cards designed by CCHSG students. Our Young Enterprise group will also be there to sell their latest products. Could you donate bottles for the tombola? If so please send in items in via Reception.

#### Yr 9: Natural History and Science Museums Visit

Reminder: reply slips and payments for the Natural History and Science Museums visit are due in by 30 November. Thank you to those parents who have already returned reply slips and payment.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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## **Biology Department Information**

**Yr 11 GCSE Biology revision session 2:** Thursday 22 November 15.45 – 17.00 in G0, bring a drink and a snack. The topic will be: Homeostasis part 1 (thermoregulation, blood glucose, and thyroid) (topic 7)

**Yr 12 Biologists** – a reminder that the deposit of £50 for the field trip to Dorset in September 2019 is due by Friday 30 November, please also return the consent form with code of conduct.

**Yr 13 A Level Biology revision session:** Tuesday 20 November, 12.45 - 13.20 in G0, bring your lunch. Biology techniques sessions 2: trends and data

**Yr 12 & 13 Biologists rat dissection:** students who have paid for the additional dissection opportunity should have signed up for a time slot to undertake their dissection after school on the board outside of G0. Sessions will start at 15.45 and finish by 17.15 on the allocated days.

## **RE Revision Guides and Textbooks**

The last opportunity to come and collect the textbooks and revision guides that have been ordered will be Monday 19 November at lunchtime 13.10 – 13.20 in G23. If any students are unsure if they placed an order please come and check the list with Miss Jupp.

## **Eco-Schools - Word of the Year!**

Each year, Collins Dictionary compiles a shortlist of new and notable words that reflect the last 12 months. They have named '**single-use**' as the word of 2018. This refers to products, often plastic, which are made to be used only once before they are thrown away. The word has seen a four-fold increase since 2013.

And why not try out **Plogging**: A recreational activity, originating in Sweden that combines jogging with picking up litter.

## **Extra-Curricular Information**

### **Gym and Dance Show**

Students who have been selected for the Gym and Dance Show should be rehearsing Monday and/or Thursday lunchtime. If selected for a group piece students should be attending the selected lunchtime. If you cannot attend these please let Miss Wiseman know.

### **PE Fixtures**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
17.11.2018	12.00 – 17.00	National Swimming Finals	Various	Queen Elizabeth Pool	Yrs 9 & 10
18.11.2018	Starting at 09.00	Netball District Tournament	Various	The Gilberd	U16
20.11.2018	15.00 – 16.00	Netball	Joyce Frankland Academy	Home	Yr 7
20.11.2018	15.35 – 17.00	Badminton	Philip Morant School	Away	U14
21.11.2018	13.20 – 19.00	Indoor Athletics	Various	Lee Valley	Yrs 8 & 9
22.11.2018	15.35 – 17.00	Badminton	Philip Morant School	Away	U16

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

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

#### **Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

Please find attached a poster from Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service detailing their drop-in sessions offering advice and support for young people, parents and carers in relation to health and wellbeing – please see attached poster for all the details.

#### **Colchester Junior Badminton Tournament – 19 January 2019**

Stanway Junior Badminton Club are organising a local badminton tournament which is aimed at junior players with limited tournament experience. For information regarding tournament entry along with the full details please go to:

<https://be.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=B2BE310B-2A60-4FA5-B176-17915AE16922>



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### Letters sent out this Week

- Yrs 7-11: Non-Uniform Day
- Yr 8: First World War Battlefields of Ypres Visit
- Yrs 10-12: DofE Payment Letter (selected students)
- Yrs 12-13: Charity Day

### Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 19 November

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

### Menu for w/c 19 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Lamb & Mint Kebabs with Salad	Burger, Chips & Beans	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Kedgerie with Green Beans
Or				
Chickpea Burger with Salad	Sweet Potato Dhal with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Rice Pudding with Jam	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Tomato Feta & Oregano £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

### Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 19 November

Rita has worked as a nurse, a guide, a tutor and a coach. Who has worked as a comic, a guard, a carer and a baker?

**Last Week's Brainteaser Answer:** One quarter of a gallon.

### Word of the Week for w/c 19 November

Next week the word is: **PENITENCE** – expressing or feeling regret or sorrow for having committed sins.



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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

Saturday 1 December 2018 - Annual Christmas Market

## 2. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

Saturday 1 December 2018 - At the PTFA Christmas Market (12.00-15.00)

PTFA would appreciate any additional donations of outgrown uniform via the School Reception in advance of the Christmas Market. Uniform sales can only take place during the times specified above.

## 3. Christmas Market – 1 December

Everyone is invited to this popular annual event which runs from 12.00 to 15.00. Why not call in with friends and family for lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping? We have Christmas crafts and gifts, games and raffle, 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.

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.

Donations of bottles for the tombola can be sent in via school reception.

## 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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