



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 23 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	26	Parental Voice Meeting, 09.30 – 11.00 Yr 9 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 11 SLT Discussion Period 3 Yr 12 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 12 & 13 Economics Conference
Tuesday	Nov	27	School Nurse Drop-in Sessions, Lunchtime F11 Ski Trip 2019 Information Evening 18.30 – 19.30
Wednesday	Nov	28	DofE Silver & Gold Session 15.45 – 18.30
Thursday	Nov	29	7E Bakesale, Lunchtime in the Hall Yr 12 Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.00
Friday	Nov	30	Christmas Concert Rehearsal, all day in the Hall DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30

**PTFA Christmas Market – Saturday 1 December 12.00 – 15.00**  
Please see back page for more details

#### Yr 12 Parent Consultation Evening – Thursday 29 November 16.15 – 19.00

You have been invited to the Consultation Evening, students should be making appointments with their subject tutors. Mrs Warren, our impartial Careers Adviser, will be present throughout the evening. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening, at a small charge.

#### Yr 10 Religious Studies Mock Examination

The student specific timetable for the Yr 10 Religious Studies mock examination have been handed out this week. Students should see Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer, with any queries.

#### Christmas Through the Ages

The Christmas Concert rehearsal is taking place next Friday 30 November for the concert the following week: Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 December. Those performing should continue to return the reply slips to Mr Ulph and to check the noticeboard in the practise room corridor for any information (dress code, which parts of rehearsal day they are required for etc). Due to the popularity of our concerts and performances, we now allocate seats. Seat numbers will be indicated on the tickets and we kindly request that concert goers use only the seats that they have been allocated.

#### GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase

We apologise for the delay in receipt of textbooks: the order has been placed with the suppliers and we hope to have them delivered in the first week of December. Students will be informed when they are ready for collection, apologies for any inconvenience.

#### Young Enterprise – Ignite

The Young Enterprise group 'Ignite' is preparing a multicultural day and a cultural cook book; they would be grateful for any recipes from other cultures/backgrounds. Recipes can be handed into Form Tutors to be passed to Young Enterprise by 30 November.

#### Shelter: Staff Charity Support

Miss Wiseman will be running the London Marathon in 2019, raising money for the charity Shelter. Any support would be greatly appreciated: please visit [www.justgiving.com/Nina-Wiseman](http://www.justgiving.com/Nina-Wiseman). In addition, Mrs Thornton and Mr Day are running a stall at the school Christmas Fayre to also raise money Shelter.

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**Extra-Curricular Information**

**Instrument Lesson**

Students who are currently having instrument lessons in school have been contacted regarding lessons continuing in the Spring Term.

There are sessions available for those not already having instrument lessons: those interested should see Mr Ulph for a letter of application.

**Rosetta Stone Club – Wednesdays 15.45 to 16.45 in T13**

Calling all enthusiastic linguists Yrs 8 – 10: teach yourself a Language!

Would your daughter like to teach herself a new language? If so, she should try our new Language Learning Club using the exciting Rosetta Stone package, offering the choice of teaching yourself 30 different languages including French, German, Latin, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Polish, Russian, etc. Learn the language using total immersion techniques, working independently through units, practicing speaking, listening, reading and writing on the computer. The programme gives instant feedback and hints to improve independently. You will also be able to practice on your phone, tablet, and computer at home if you want to.

The registration session, when you will choose your language and set up your Rosetta Stone login, will take place on Wednesday 28 November.

The Club will run for a further nine sessions until Wednesday 6 March 2019. There will be a small charge of £25 for access to the online course which can be paid via ParentPay. Students need to sign up outside T10 so that a letter can be emailed home.

**Drama Club**

Thursday 29 November 15.35 – 17.00: Full Cast: to discuss costume and staging of the opening.

**History Film Club**

A reminder that the History Film Club is 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 current film is, The Rise of Evil, therefore all GCSE History students are invited to attend (Yrs 9-11), to further their knowledge and understanding.

**Biology Department Information**

**Yr 11 GCSE Biology revision:** Thursday 29 November **LUNCHTIME**, 12.45 – 13.20 (NOT AFTER SCHOOL) in G0, bring a drink and a snack. Topic this week is Core processes (cell, cell transport, enzymes, biomolecule testing) (topic 1).

**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 and code of conduct.

**Yr 13 A Level Biology revision:** Tuesday 27 November, 12.45 – 13.20 in G0, bring your lunch. Biology techniques sessions 3: Evaluating results.

**Yr 7 – 11 Trampolining Trials – Monday 26 November, Lunchtime**

Students should attend trials only if you are confident in performing routines on the trampoline.

**PE Fixtures**

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
26.11.2018	12.00 – 17.00	Colchester Sports Awards			
27.11.2018	15.45 – 17.15	Netball	The Gilberd	Away	Yrs 8 & 9
28.11.2018	13.30 – 17.30	Netball	Burnt Mill	Away	Yr 7

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

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

**The University of Essex (Essex Sport)**

Is offering a number of Winter Holiday Camps this year which may be of interest including Essex Sport CHUMS Christmas Holiday Camp (20 and 21 December), Essex Rebels WBBL Basketball Camp (20 December) and Essex Sport Tennis Camp (20 December).

More information can be found at: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport/childrens-activities>



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### Letters sent out this Week

- All Yrs: Christmas Concert Participation (performers only)
- Yr 7: Year 7 Participation in Christmas Concert
- Yr 7: French Grammar and Vocabulary Research (selected students)
- Yr 7: Author Visit
- Yr 12: Parent Consultation Evening
- Yr 12: A Level French Textbook Purchase (French students only)

### Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 26 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 26 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wiltshire Plait with Carrots	Lasagne with Salad	Sausage, Beans & Chips	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Paella
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Squash & Coconut Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheese & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.15				
Panini of the Week: Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce £2.75				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

### Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 26 November

Rearrange the following letters to give two words, all ten letters must be used in each word:

What are the words?

A A G I L L M N R Y

**Last Week's Brainteaser Answer:** Mark. The centre letters give the name.

### Word of the Week for w/c 26 November

Next week the word is: **AUTOCRATIC** – having complete power over others.



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Registered Charity No. 1110464

We would like to thank all the PTFA volunteers, students, staff and parents who supported the very successful Quiz and Curry Night last week. It was a very enjoyable event, which also raised over £2,000 for CCHSG. Particular thanks go to our Quizmaster, Mr Julian Roper and his team of Year 8 helpers.

### 1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

**PTFA Committee Meeting** Monday 26 November 2018 – 19.30 – 21.30. This meeting will be held in the school dining hall and involves final planning for the Christmas Market. Please contact Agness O'Brien via the contact details below if you are planning to attend.

### 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 – 15.00. Why not call in with friends and family for lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping? We have stalls run by CCHSG students, staff and parents and outside providers selling Christmas crafts and gifts. There are also 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.

**Cakes etc. can be dropped in to school on Friday 30 November.  
Donations of bottles for the tombola can be sent in via school Reception.**

### 4. STIKINS – Name Labels

We would like to thank all those who ordered the handy self-adhesive name labels, suitable for all those student belongings, from Label Planet over the past months. We are pleased to say that we have received a donation of £62.05 from Label Planet. To continue placing orders and earn donations, quote our unique code number 35809 at [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

### 5. 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>

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