



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 25 January 2019



#### Term Dates 2018 – 2019

##### 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  
Friday 31 May

##### Non-Pupil Days

24 July 2019

#### Term Dates 2019 – 2020

##### Autumn Term

Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Thursday 19 December

##### Half Term

Monday 28 October  
Friday 1 November

##### Spring Term

Monday 6 January  
Friday 3 April

##### Half Term

Monday 17 February  
Friday 21 February

##### Summer Term

Monday 20 April  
Wednesday 22 July

##### Bank Holiday

Monday 4 May

##### Half Term

Monday 25 May  
Friday 29 May

##### Non-Pupil Days

Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Thursday 24 October 2019  
Friday 25 October 2019  
Thursday 19 December 2019  
Wednesday 22 July 2019

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#### Dates for Your Diary

Sunday	Jan	27	Fiddler on the Roof Technical Rehearsal 10.00 – 15.00
Monday	Jan	28	Fiddler on the Roof Dress Rehearsal 13.00 – 17.00 Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Final, Period 3 in the Lecture Theatre Yr 12 Progress Check 2 to Parents
Tuesday	Jan	29	
Wednesday	Jan	30	Yr 10 Rotary Senior Public Speaking Competition (selected students) 17.45 – 21.00 Fiddler on the Roof Performance 19.00
Thursday	Jan	31	Fiddler on the Roof Performance 19.00
Friday	Feb	1	Fiddler on the Roof Performance 19.00

#### Student Safety Alert

We have been made aware of two student safety incidents in recent days.

Firstly a female student from another local school was approached by two men in the underpass waking from the town centre to Lexden Road and threatened. The student was able to get away and the incident has been reported to the police.

In a second incident a student was repeatedly 'beeped at' by a person in a car van near Gosfield School at around 16.30, which made her feel very uncomfortable.

Both incidents have been reported to the police.

Although these incidents such as these are rare we would like to remind all students about keeping themselves safe on the way to and from school and to report anything suspicious to the police.

#### Student Absence

If your daughter is going to be absent from school, please call the absence line on 01206 576973 as soon as possible and certainly by 08.45, leaving a message.

Messages can also be sent via the School Gateway, but must be from the parent. To sign up for the School Gateway, please use the following link:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

#### Mobile Phones – A Reminder to Students Regarding Mobile Phones in School

**Yr 7 – 9** must place their mobile phone in their locked locker on a daily basis at morning registration and retrieve it at the end of school unless they are unable to return to their locker after school, in which case the phone can be retrieved at afternoon registration (not lunchtime) – students should ensure it is turned off and not used during afternoon lessons.

**Yr 10 & 11** – must ensure their phone is turned off during the day and not seen, heard or used. A locked locker is the most suitable place for phones during the day.

**Yr 12 & 13** – must ensure that their phone is turned off in lessons and not seen or used anywhere except the Sixth Form Common Room/Study Area.

Inappropriate use of a phone or not following the guidelines above will result in the phone being confiscated and may mean that the phone has to be handed in to Reception every day. We expect all students to be responsible and follow these guidelines.

#### School Bell and Fire Alarm

Students are asked to be aware that the school bell will be changing – more information will be passed to them via their Form Tutor in the coming weeks.

#### Student Timetable Change From Monday 28 January

Timetables will be reissued from Monday 28 January for those students who have changes to their timetable due to staff maternity leave.

#### Fiddler on the Roof – Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February at 19.00

Tickets are now on general sale via ParentPay, £10. We now allocate numbered seating for all performances so please let us know via [office@cchsg.com](mailto:office@cchsg.com) at the time of booking, should you have particular access requirements. Over 100 students are involved and it promises to be a great production.



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG\_



### Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC) – Open Evening: 26 February 16.30 – 18.30

Interested in finding out more about how to train as a teacher or know someone else who might be? The CTTC are holding an Open Evening, here at CCHSG, on the above date. The CTTC train more than 80 graduates to become primary and secondary teachers working with a consortium of over 40 local schools and colleges. There will be a talk on the application process at 17.30. Contact [enquiries@colchestercttc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@colchestercttc.org.uk) or ring 01206 364728 to book a place.

### A Level Geography Field Trip

Further details regarding the trip will be sent out shortly. We ask parents to ensure that the latest instalments have been paid and that any medical/dietary information is up to date.

### Mentoring Opportunity for Yrs 10 - 13

The Science department would like to recruit some Science buddies to mentor Yr 7, 8 and 9 students who need some additional help with their Biology, Physics or Chemistry work. Students interested in this opportunity should please email Miss Barrett or come and see her in F4.

### Statement of Entries for Yr 11 GCSE: Summer 2019

These were handed to students on Thursday 24 January. Parents should check the information carefully, including name spellings, as this reflects the entries made for your daughter and how their name will appear on the examination certificate. The yellow copy should be signed by parents and the student, returning to the Form Tutor by Thursday 31 January.

### Yr 8 Battlefields of Ypres - 7 June 2019

A reminder to parents that the balance for this trip of £95 is due by 8 February 2019 via ParentPay. Please log on to check any outstanding balance. Some students' EHIC details are still outstanding – without this students will not be permitted to go.

### Yr 7 E-Safety Information Evening – Tuesday 5 February 19.00 – 20.30

To coincide with the UK Safer Internet Day 2019 we are running a parent and student E-Safety Information Evening, the aim of which is to support parents by providing useful information and skills that will help ensure safe practice in our digital society. Refreshments will be available from 18.45.

Those wishing to attend should email [office@cchsg.com](mailto:office@cchsg.com) marked for the attention of Mr Nachman, indicating how many people will be attending, by Friday 1 February.

### Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 8	Generic Consent for UK Day Trips & Visits	Friday 7 January
Yr 8	Bletchley Park	Friday 15 February
Yr 11	ESU Public Speaking Competition (selected students)	Friday 8 February
Yr 11	Mock Examination Results	Friday 25 January
Yr 12	Generic Consent for UK Day Trips & Visits	Friday 25 January
Yr 12	'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project	Monday 28 January
Yr 12	History visit to National Archives	Friday 1 February

### Lost Property

These items are unnamed and have been handed in since the start of term, they can be claimed from Reception.

- Bird-shaped purse
- Jack Wills small case
- HP memory stick
- Black woolly bobble hat & gloves
- Navy Zara mittens
- **More water bottles!**

### Extra-Curricular Information

#### Yr 12 and 13 Evolution Enrichment – Wednesday 23 January in G0, 12.45 – 13.20

Using game theory to look at evolution in different ways continues with Samuel from the University of Essex, all welcome.

#### Yr 13 History Students

Additional support sessions will be available to students on the following evenings after school until 17.00. All History students are encouraged to attend.

- Wednesday 30 January
- Thursday 31 January



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### Revision Sessions

Subject	Year	Day	Time	Room	Topics Covered
Biology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.45 – 17.00	Lecture Theatre	Topic 7: homeostasis part 2 (kidney, menstrual cycle, adrenaline)
Physics	Yr 11	Tuesday	15.45 – 16.45	G1	Energy, Forces and Motion
Psychology	Yr 11	Thursday	15.35 – 16.35	G8	
Psychology	Yr 13	Wednesday	15.35 – 16.35	G18	

### Yr 10 RE GCSE Revision - Fridays after School with Miss Jupp, G23 – 15.45 – 16.45

Students should pick one of each session to go to (so that sessions can be accommodated opposite DofE Bronze):  
Christian Beliefs and Teachings – 25 January or 1 February  
Christian Practices – 8 February or 15 February  
Islam Beliefs and Teachings – 1 March or 8 March  
Islam Practices – 15 March or 29 March

### Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsals

Day	Time	Scene
Sunday	10.00 – 15.00	Technical Rehearsal
Monday	13.00 – 17.00	Dress Rehearsal

### PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
29.01.2019	14.00 – 17.30	Netball Essex Cup	Epping St Johns	Away	Yr 7

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

### Gym and Dance Show

Students should let Miss Wiseman know if they are able to attend the Sunday rehearsal session on 24 March 12.00 – 15.00 (please note the new time).

Any student interested in helping back stage at the show should speak to Miss Wiseman.

TICKET DESIGN COMPETITION: designs for tickets should be submitted by Friday 8 February, also to Mrs Wiseman.

### Were you in the class of 1970-1977 at CCHSG – or do you know someone who was?

A reunion is being organised to celebrate past students' 60th birthdays, here at the school, on Saturday 30 March 2019, 12.00 – 15.00. Buffet lunch and wine will be provided. Cash donation of £10 on the door is requested to cover costs.

Tours of the school will be available. Come and see who you can remember. For further information join the Facebook group: CCHS Reunion 1970-77 or contact [lesley@sjbco.com](mailto:lesley@sjbco.com)

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

**Colchester Library: Harry Potter Book Night Event 2019; Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry – Saturday 9 February 2019, 14.00 – 16.00**

A free event suitable for ages 8 – 12 years for more information please visit <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/colchester-library-events/colchester-special-events/harry-potter-book-night-colchester-library/>

### Letters sent out this Week

Yr 7: Computing 3D Topic

8H: Change to Pastoral Team

Yr 8: Change to Pastoral Team

Yr 8: Bletchley Park Visit

Yr 9: Revision Guide Purchase

Yrs 10, 11 & 12: Jack Petchey Presentation Evening (selected students)

Yr 11: Arrangements for the External Examinations

Yr 12: A Level History Visit to National Archives (History students only)



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### Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 28 January

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, available in advance from staff
13.00	Yr 7 & 8	running the club.

### Menu for w/c 28 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keema Mutta with Rice	Ham & Leek Pasta with Broccoli	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Chicken & Chorizo Jambalaya with Sweetcorn	Fish Pie with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Squash & Coconut Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Hornity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £2.75				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Banana & Toffee Pudding with Custard	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 28 January

A clock was correct at midnight. From that moment it began to lose three minutes per hour. The clock stopped 90 minutes ago showing 17.06. The clock runs for less than 24 hours. What is the correct time now?

**Last Week's Brainteaser Answer:** sink, sidestep, setback

### Word of the Week for w/c 28 January

Next week the word is: **OSCILLATE** – to swing between two points with a rhythmic motion.

- Please continue reading for news from the PTFA



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## 1. Diary Dates for Spring Term

### PTFA Meetings

#### Monday 11 February 2019 – PTFA Meeting

##### Agenda:

- Forthcoming social events
- PTFA-School Eco collaboration

CCHSG PTFA is delighted to announce that in support of the school's Eco-Schools project, we are now working towards using reusable dishware (cups, glasses, plates and cutlery) wherever possible at PTFA hosted events. This will be a gradual process as we still have some single use items to be used up. With this in mind, we appeal for more parent volunteers to come forward to offer your time to help with washing up at our events. Help is needed during the 3 days of 'Fiddler on the Roof' productions, 30 and 31 January and 1 February. Please contact us at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) if you can help.

#### Monday 18 March 2019 (TBC) – PTFA Annual General Meeting

##### Agenda:

- Election of Committee Members
- Review of PTFA events & fundraising in 2018

Note: All PTFA Meetings are held in the school's Dining Hall from 19.30 – 21.00 unless otherwise specified.

## 2. Colchester Half Marathon 2019 - Parent & Staff Fundraising

Join the PTFA and school staff running the Colchester Half Marathon in support of CCHSG on 24 March 2019. To enter go to <https://www.colchesterhalfmarathon.co.uk/enter/>  
Race entry closes at 17.00 on Friday 15 February 2019. Let us know if you would like to be part of the team so that we can add your name to our JustGiving page.

## 3. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sales

All 3 days of the "Fiddler on the Roof" school production - Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 January, Friday 1 February 2019 - (from 18.15 & during interval). *Parents not attending the production are welcome to visit the uniform store from 18.15 – 19.00.*

Yr 10 Parent Consultation evening - Wednesday 6 February  
Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (2 Form groups) - Wednesday 6 March  
Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (3 Form groups) - Thursday 14 March  
Yr 9 Parent Consultation Evening - Thursday 28 March

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.

## 4. Classlist Sign-up (Yr 7 Parents)

We currently have around 156 parents (one or both parents of the 160 students in Yr 7) who have registered with Classlist. As with social networks, the more people who join, the more useful it will be. We would like to urge any remaining parents from Yr 7 who have yet to register with Classlist, to do so now to be a part of our thriving parent community. Classlist is a safe, secure and friendly environment. The platform is fully compliant with 2018 data protection (GDPR) legislation, registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office and the content is monitored. None of the information that you include in your profile, apart from your name, is visible to other parents. You can register now by visiting <https://www.classlist.com> or on your phone download the app [classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com) and sign up.

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