



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

2 October 2020



Term Dates 2020 – 2021 For Students

Autumn Term

Thursday 3 September
Thursday 17 December

Half Term

Monday 26 October
Friday 30 October

Spring Term

Monday 4 January
Friday 26 March

Half Term

Monday 15 February
Friday 19 February

Summer Term

Monday 12 April
Friday 16 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 3 May

Half Term

Monday 31 May
Friday 4 June

Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 2 September 2020
Thursday 22 October 2020
Friday 23 October 2020
Friday 18 December 2020
Monday 19 July 2021

Academy Days

Tuesday 20 July 2021
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Oct	5	Yr 7 Baseline Testing Autumn Series GCE Examinations Begin
Tuesday	Oct	6	Yr 9 Virtual Information Evening 19.00
Wednesday	Oct	7	Yr 7 Baseline Testing
Thursday	Oct	8	Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 8 Virtual Information Evening 19.00
Friday	Oct	9	Non-Uniform Day 11C Sixth Form Charity Day Yr 7 Baseline Testing

Guidance on Testing Gov.UK Update

Guidance from the Chief Nurse and Interim Chief Medical Officer of NHS Test and Trace to parents for when they should book a coronavirus test for their child can be found via: [Guidance to parents and guardians: when you should book a coronavirus test for your child](#)

The NHS App

The app is available for anyone aged 16 or over to download if they choose to do so. Please follow this link to a fact sheet regarding NHS App for parents, carers and those aged 16 and over: <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/parents-carers-over16s-factsheet.pdf>
For the latest information go to www.covid19.nhs.uk.

Student Safety Notice

Following the report earlier in the week of an approach being made to a student from another school in Colchester town centre by a man making suggestive comments, we remind all students about keeping themselves safe on the way to and from school and to report anything suspicious to the police. More advice for keeping yourself safe can be found at <https://www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety-out-and-about>

Covid-19 Reminders

Students are reminded to follow the one way system.
A reminder that all lesson materials are on Sharepoint so that self-isolating students can access their school work.

Parent Calendar

The update Parent Calendar is available on our website via:
<https://www.cchsg.com/school-calendar-term-dates/>

Autumn Series GCE Examinations

A Level examinations will be taking place in the Dance Studio from Monday 5 October to Tuesday 20 October. Students are asked to be aware if they are moving in this area, particularly to and from the H Block.

The same will apply for the GCSE examinations taking place on 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 20 November.

We ask students to be respectful of those undertaking these examinations and wish the students involved every success.

Student Code of Conduct

Students received via their school email account the CCHSG Covid-19 Student Code of Conduct (September 2020) at the start of term. If not already done so, students should read it carefully and then complete the acknowledgment form [HERE](#).

Yr 13 EPQ Students

All students completing their EPQ for the November series entry need to hand in their project to Mrs Pigott on Monday 5 October in G23 from 13.00 – 13.20.

Follow us on Twitter: @CCHSG_
English & Drama Dept: @CCHSG_Eng_Drama
PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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Yr 8 and 9 Virtual Information Evenings

These events will outline the expectations of students during their studies, provide information regarding the curriculum and the range of extra-curricular activities and support that will be available during the year.

A link will be available on the front page of our website at www.cchsg.com for parents to access the presentation for Information Evening. The presentation will be available from 19.00 – 20.00. If you are unable to attend the event the presentation will be uploaded to the website under Curriculum, Year Group Curriculum & Homework Timetables, Year 8 or Year 9.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9 October

11C are organising the day to support the two charities: Black Lives Matter and Climate Coalition. The theme for day is 'Be Yourself'. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay. However, as with all non-uniform days, students should **dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear**. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. If students have practical lessons, for example PE, on this day they are required to wear normal PE kit and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 9 October

The Head Girl Team are organising the day to support Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust - HART. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay to wear more casual clothes for the day, and are encouraged to wear something red or pink to show their support for the charity. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear**.

Remember – no shorts, short skirts, bare midriff or ripped jeans. If students are in unacceptable clothing they will be sent to the Year Leader for alternative clothing to be provided.

Healthy Living Sessions

Students in will have a Healthy Living session with Miss Webb on a rotation basis:

Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3

Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 1 and 2

Parents have been emailed if their daughter is on the next rotation with the recipe for ingredients.

We hope they enjoy the Healthy Living session.

Art Kit Update

Mrs Saunders is aware that the delay of the Art Kits is causing concern for students and understands their frustration. We reassure parents and students that we are doing our best to get the order delivered to the school as soon as possible. Our expectation was that our supplier would have completed the order by now but understand that they are working within the guidelines of social distancing practice and therefore the turn around from receiving an order and delivering it to us has taken longer than it normally would. When the kits arrive in school we will be distributing them to the students immediately. Please accept our apologies any worry or disappointment this situation is causing.

Active Lives Survey

CCHSG has been selected to take part in The Active Lives Survey. The survey is a Sport England-led survey about people in England and their participation in leisure and recreational activities, including sport, physical activity and culture. One Tutor Group from Yrs 7, 10 and 11 will complete the survey and the insight gained from these responses will be used to evidence need and build cases for the requirement of continued or additional funding.

Wellbeing Information

Staff and Student Pastoral Support

Rev Greenland offers chaplaincy services on a voluntary basis in school to both staff and students, to those of all faiths and none, to offer support both pastoral and spiritual.

Meetings are available on Teams, talk on the phone or correspond by email; please contact Rev Greenland via hgreenland@cchsg.com

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS)

Please find attached the latest information from ECFWS; this month's focus is on mental health, family well-being and smoking.

Extra-Curricular information

Debate Club

The club will be starting Wednesday 7 October at 17.00 via Teams. Students have been emailed a link to join the Debate Club group. Our topic will be on whether it was appropriate for Meghan and Harry to get involved in the US election.

Yr 12: English Speaking Union Sixth Form Competition

Students who are interesting in taking part in this competition should complete the Forms survey emailed by Mr Paz. Students need to make a speech of 4-5 minutes on a topic of their choice. The deadline for signing up to this competition is Friday 9 October.

English Creative Writing Opportunities

Explore Learning are inviting students across the UK aged 4 – 24 to pen a 500-word story around the theme of 'Hidden Talents'. Everybody has a talent and anyone can be a writer. Greg James from BBC Radio 1 is the official judge! If students are chosen as a winner they have the chance to win some amazing prizes.

The deadline to enter – 28 October 2020. Please find further details at: <https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/writersawards/>

A reminder that the deadline for the current 'Trapped' Young Writers competition is 19 October. Students should ask their English teacher for an entry form if wish to enter. The stories that have been submitted so far really showcase how talented our students are at CCHSG.

World Town Planning Day 2020

The Plan The World We Need competition is open to students at secondary schools (ages 11- 18). It asks them, as the citizens and planners of the future, to compile their best ideas about how to make local communities and places more sustainable. These ideas should form a pitch for the local council.

World Planning Day - Town World Town Planning Day was founded in 1949. The main goal was to advance public and professional interest in planning, both locally and abroad. World Town Planning Day, also known as World Urbanism Day, is a day to give special recognition to the ideals of community planning which bring professional planners and the general public together. World Town Planning Day presents an opportunity to look at planning from a global perspective, an event which appeals to the conscience of citizens and public authorities in order to draw attention to the environmental impact resulting from the development of cities and territories. It is a day when planners from over 30 countries celebrate their achievements in helping to create more sustainable communities and places.

<https://bit.ly/PlanTheWorld2020> for full details!

Yrs 7-11 History Competition: Creative Writing Competition with the National Archives

Students will need to write a short story which describes life in a Victorian workhouse or an experience of the Poor Law drawing inspiration from the real people who wrote the letters in the National Archives' new online collection: [Workhouse Voices: What did paupers say about the Poor Law?](#)

There will be **three winning students in each Key Stage** who will receive a £25 book token and a 'goody bag' from The National Archives Shop.

Stories will be judged by a panel from the Education Service at The National Archives and our special guest judge, Sharon Gosling, author of The Diamond Thief, The Golden Butterfly and The House of Hidden Wonders.

- Stories should be 400-450 words
- Entries must be received by 30 November 2020
- Entries must be typed or handwritten and legible
- Entries must be sent to education@nationalarchives.gov.uk with the completed entry form

Please find the entry form on the national Archives website:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/students/archive-experiences/workhouse-voices-creative-writing-competition/>

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's focus from Healthy Living is on beetroot; lately classed as a super food with numerous health benefits. This week's recipe for Roasted Beetroot and Feta can be found on the Sharepoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#)

Send pictures of your bake to nwebb@cchsg.com.

Careers Information

CCHSG Careers Information

The impartial careers advisor, Mrs Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities for students on Monday 5 October. Students should email Mrs Mandal at smandal@cchsg.com, to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.



Breakfast and Lunch Pre-Orders

Please pre-order using the links below (links change weekly). We ask you to be careful when selecting your pre-order to ensure the correct food is ordered.

- Breakfast needs to pre-ordered by 10.30 on the previous day for collection from the canteen between 08.00 and 08.30
- Salad pots are now available to order along with sandwiches and paninis for service at the outside server, these need to be pre-ordered by 09.00 on the day required
- Hot food and other items will be available from the canteen at the allocated lunch time for each year group Yr 7 to Yr 11 and Yr 13
- Yr 12 need to pre-order all food including hot food which will be served from the Sixth Form Refectory by 09.00 on the day required. Yr 12 who forget to pre-order can obtain lunch at 13.05 in the Dining Hall

[Student Breakfast](#)

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch \(includes hot food order\)](#)

Menu for w/c 5 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Beefburger, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fish Cakes with Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.90				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake with Custard	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Lemon Meringue Pie	Bakewell Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

- Yr 7: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
- Yr 7: KS3 Mathematics Textbook Purchase
- Yr 8: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
- Yr 8: Virtual Information Evening
- Yr 9: Virtual Information Evening
- Yrs 9 – 12: Graphical Calculator Purchase
- Yr 11: Information Booklet
- Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Dress Code

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	KS3 Mathematics Textbook Purchase	Friday 9 October
Yrs 9 – 12	Graphical Calculator Purchase	Friday 9 October
Yr 12	Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5	
Yr 12	Science Magazine Subscription	Friday 2 October
Yr 13	Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5	

Word of the Week for w/c 5 October

Next week the word is: **PREDILECTION** – a tendency to think favourably of something in particular.



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1. PTFA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all those who joined us for our virtual AGM via Zoom on Monday 28 September and to Julian Roper for his technical assistance in setting up the meeting. Minutes of the meeting are attached to this Bulletin and will be available in the PTFA section of the school website.

The final item on the agenda was the election of officers and members of the PTFA Committee for 2020/21. We thank Mrs Sian Webster-Hirst, Mr Mark Wicker and Mrs Carol O'Neill, who stepped down this year, for all the work that they have done to support the PTFA during 2019/20. We thank our new committee members for volunteering and we look forward to working with them.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES		
Title	Previous (2019/2020)	Current (2020/2021)
Chair	Mrs Agness O'Brien	Mrs Agness O'Brien
Vice Chair	Mrs Ade Asemota	Mrs Ade Asemota Mrs Sushma Manish
Secretary	Mrs Carol O'Neill	<i>Pending</i>
Treasurer	Mr Rouzbeh N. Elahi	Mr Rouzbeh N. Elahi
COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
Title	Previous (2019/2020)	Current (2020/2021)
Communications	This role is currently fulfilled by Ms Kate Stubbs, who is employed as Marketing & Communications Manager at CCHSG. She is not a member of the PTFA Committee.	
Recruitment	Mr Mark Wicker	Mrs Tolu Alalade
PTFA Events <i>(support with organising aspects of PTFA Events)</i>	Mrs Comfort Zedomi	Mrs Comfort Zedomi
Second Hand Uniform <i>(organisation of sales)</i>	Mrs Sian Webster-Hirst	Mrs Miranda White Mrs Kathryn Held

We currently have a vacancy for a Committee Secretary and would welcome enquiries from anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the role.

Secretary Job Function: The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and between the PTFA and the school. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the PTFA receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly.

Main duties:

- Deal with correspondence
- Prepare and distribute agendas for meetings
- Take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them
- Ensure that enough committee members are present to make the meeting quorate
- Write the annual report with the Chair

2. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

'Spooked' Virtual Quiz Night – Friday 13 November 19.00 – 21.30

Ever wondered if your family was the brainiest within the CCHSG network? Now is your time to find out! Save the date for this Virtual Quiz Night and take part from the comfort of your own living room, hosted for the PTFA, free of charge, by our regular Quizmaster, parent Julian Roper who runs 'Corporate Quiz Hire' www.corporatequizhire.co.uk

Entry fee: £10 per family. Tickets available via Classlist for only 40 Teams, so purchase now to avoid disappointment.

3. Classlist Sign-up - All Year Groups

If you have not done so already, please sign up on Classlist via www.classlist.com, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOs and Android. Current Year 7 parents will particularly find Classlist very useful to connect with other parents from your child's Form and Year Group. Classlist offers a fully GDPR-compliant way for you to communicate directly with school families. It's the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

PTFA CONTACTS:

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

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HIDDEN TALENTS

Writing competition for children aged 4-14
Judged by Greg James



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INVITE YOU TO

SPOOKED!

A HALLOWEEN THEMED VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020

7.00PM-9.30PM

HOSTED BY: MR JULIAN ROPER
(CORPORATE QUIZ HIRE)

ENTRY

£10.00 PER FAMILY

PURCHASE TICKET VIA CLASSLIST

LIMITED TO 40 TEAMS

ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL

YOU WILL NEED

NASTY NIBBLES & SPOOKTAILS

PEN & PAPER

JOKER FROM A PACK OF CARDS OR ONE PRINTED OFF

WOODEN SPOON

A HAT

(THE REASON FOR WHICH WILL BECOME CLEAR ON THE NIGHT)

Email: cchsgptfa@gmail.com