



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

10 September 2021



Term Dates 2021 – 2022 For Students

Autumn Term

Wednesday 1 September
Thursday 16 December

Half Term

Monday 25 October
Friday 29 October

Spring Term

Tuesday 4 January
Friday 1 April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3 January

Half Term

Monday 14 February
Friday 18 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April
Tuesday 19 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 18 April
Monday 2 May

Half Term

Monday 30 May
Friday 3 June

Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 1 September
Thursday 2 September
Thursday 21 October
Friday 22 October
Friday 17 December
Tuesday 4 January
Wednesday 20 July
Thursday 21 July
Friday 22 July

Prov Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term

Thursday 1 September
Tuesday 20 December

Half Term

Monday 24 October
Friday 28 October

Spring Term

Thursday 5 January
Friday 31 March

Half Term

Monday 13 February
Friday 17 February

Summer Term

Monday 17 April
Friday 21 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 1 May

Half Term

Monday 29 May
Friday 2 June

Non-Pupil Days TBC

Safeguarding: Never Acceptable

to report a concern:

[Click Here to make an
Anonymous Report](#)

Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Sep	13	Assembly: Yrs 12 & 13 Yr 13 Biology Field Trip Information Evening 18.00 via Teams
Tuesday	Sep	14	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 Yr 12 Welcome Breakfast, Dining Hall, 08.50
Wednesday	Sep	15	Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 Yr 7 Information Evening Yr 12 Welcome Breakfast, Dining Hall, 08.50
Thursday	Sep	16	Assembly: Yr 7 Yr 12 Welcome Breakfast, Dining Hall, 08.50
Friday	Sep	17	11+ Set-Up Day Yr 12 Welcome Breakfast, Dining Hall, 08.50
Saturday	Sep	18	11+ Testing Day

Student Home Testing

We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should be recorded via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Please note that test kits issued from 6 September are nasal swab only. Please follow the instructions provided with the test kit.

Student Equipment

We remind parents and students that it is the student's responsibility to ensure they have all the appropriate equipment for each school day. We ask parents NOT to drop off items that students may have forgotten, unless in an absolute emergency e.g. medication. We cannot take items to students.

No student would ever go hungry; if they have forgotten their lunch, they will always be able to purchase a meal from the Dining Hall.

School Opening – Monday 20 September

The CSSE has arranged for an additional day for the 11+ tests on Monday 20 September. In order to accommodate the candidates in the school only Year 7, 11 and Year 13 students will be required to attend school on Monday 20 September. Students in Years 8-10 and Year 12 will be set work by subject staff in advance via Sharepoint to be completed at home in their timetabled lessons on this day. Please refer to the letter sent to all parents on Wednesday 8 September for full information.

Yr 13 Biology Field Trip Information Evening

A reminder that the Information Evening for parents is on Monday 13 September at 18.00. Parents will receive the link to join the meeting via email.

PE Department Information

If student are unable to join in practically with PE due to injury/ illness, please can a letter or email be sent to their class PE teacher outlining what has happened and to what extent they can participate, ideally with a doctor's note as well. If they are unable to join practically due to a minor injury/ illness, they are still required to get changed into PE kit and may be given alternative roles/activities e.g coaching.

Non-Swimmers/ Unconfident Swimmers

For students who are unable to swim 25m confidently, or are complete non-swimmers, parents should email Miss Wiseman (nwiseman@cchsg.com). This is so further arrangements can be made when they are due to have swimming in PE, and to attend a "confidence booster" Swimming Club after October half-term.

PE Lost Property

If students lose an item from PE, please can they go to the PE office to check the lost property. We already have a number of items including jewellery (which should not be worn to school), a water bottle, and some jumpers. Please ensure all items are named.



CCHSG 500 Club for 2021/2022 Academic Year

Please consider supporting the school through the CCHSG 500 Club in 2021/2022 academic year. Membership takes the form of a one off payment of £40, which entitles participants to be entered into ten monthly draws over the academic year for prize money of up to £500. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students.

You can buy tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU>

Please make your purchase before 16.00 on Tuesday 19 October ahead of the first draw of ten which takes place on Wednesday 20 October. Terms and condition apply, full details are available on the school website.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Department Netball Trials

Yr 7: Monday 13 – Friday 17 September

Yr 8: Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 September

Lunchtimes, 12.40 – 13.10. Students should get changed at break time. Pre-order lunch or bring in a packed lunch to eat.

Yrs 9 & 10: Tuesday 14 September

Yrs 11, 12 & 13: Wednesday 15 September after school, 15.40-16.30.

After school, 15.40 – 16.30. Students should get changed at the end of the school day.

Drama Club

There will be a meeting after school on Thursday 16 September at 15.40 – 16.30, for any student, in all years, that wishes to take part in this year's whole school production (details to be announced on the evening). This includes anybody who would like to perform, in any capacity and musicians that would like to participate in the band.

Students should come along to register and find out what they will need to do for their audition. Students need to ensure their parent is aware they are staying after school and arrange appropriate transport home.

We are really looking forward to seeing students back and welcoming new students.

The Kilt

If students would like to contribute an article to the first edition of *The Kilt* for this school year, they should email their article to the relevant section editor by Friday 1 October. They should see the end of the Student Bulletin for an introduction to the editorial team and all the relevant email addresses for articles to be sent to.

Music Department Clubs

Yr 7&8 Choir – Starting Monday 13 September at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all singers in Yr 7 and 8 – come and give it a go! Students should sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the M-Block. Please do also enter the "Name This Choir Competition" and be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Senior Choir – Starting Tuesday 14 September at 12:50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all singers in Yr 9 and above. .

CCHSG Guitar and Ukulele Group (Guitar and Ukulele Group) – Starting Wednesday 22 September at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. All years and abilities welcome. Please sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the MBlock.

English Department: Summer Reading Challenge – "Shelf Indulge"

A reminder that the deadline for entries is Monday 13 September. Entries should be either emailed to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com, handed in at F10 or with their English teacher.

Computing and Computer Science Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see information at the end of this Bulletin for all Computing and Computer Science Extra-Curricular activities.

To attend students must follow the links on the email sent to students to sign-up for the club they wish to attend. They may also join the Team by using the code **2jb2w2l**. If they do not sign-up in advance they will be unable to join and may be disappointed.

In addition, students need to ensure their parent is aware they are staying after school and arrange appropriate transport home.

MedSoc

MedSoc will be starting up again for all students on Thursday 16 September at 12.50, meeting in F12. If you would like to be added to the MedSoc Teams page, please see the posters around school on how to do so. Thanks, the Yr 13 Medsoc Team.

PsychSoc

For students in Yrs 10 – 13, held every Tuesday lunchtime at 12.45, starting on Tuesday 14 September in H4. Students should see the poster at the end of the Student Bulletin for further details.

LawSoc

LawSoc is back! Run by students in Yr 13 at Friday lunchtimes for students in all years. For those who are an aspiring lawyer or simply interested in the law, they will be having discussions on different aspects of the law every week, giving students a chance to express their passion for the law and practice their argument skills. The first session will be next Friday 17 September, students should see the Student Bulletin for how to sign up to the Microsoft Teams page.



Careers and University Information

UK University Search & Russell Group Virtual Events

Their [Meet the Russell Group](#) virtual fair is on Wednesday 29 September, with all 24 Russell Group university members attending, an opportunity for students to find out more about these institutions. There will be 13 interactive webinars on the day, hosted by a variety of representatives from the Russell Group universities, where students can learn the tips for successful Oxbridge applications.

In addition, they will also be hosting a warm-up webinar: [“Applying to a Russell Group University”](#) on Wednesday 15 September from 16.30 – 18.30. To find out more information about the webinar and to sign up in advance, please follow the link [here](#).

A [Virtual Fair](#) is held on Wednesday 20 October. Students will have the chance to interact and engage with a very wide variety universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers across the country. With a series of live webinars throughout the event, and the chance to Live Chat with exhibitors on the day, students can gain a valuable insight into their next steps after Sixth Form. Students can [sign up for this event](#) now.

E-Safety Information – Using Social-media

We would like to remind everyone to take care and to be respectful when using social-media. Here are a few tips in accordance with the schools social-media policy to help you do so.

- Please remember not to create posts or comments that identify the school unless explicit permission has been given. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Posting pictures taken whilst on school premises
 - Posting pictures of students wearing school uniform.
 - Checking-in using location based services to the school site
 - “Tagging” the schools official page in your posts
 - Making deliberately negative or defamatory comments about staff or the school in general
- It is not permitted for staff, parents or students to create social-media accounts or pages that use the school name or acronym (CCHSG) unless permission to do so has been authorised by the school. PTFA Classlist is the approved form for parental communication
- Students and staff should not be using social-media for personal reasons during school hours
- Always think carefully before posting or commenting – it is not always possible to be clear about what you mean when writing words on a screen. If you think a post or comment has the potential to be mis-understood then do not post

Wellbeing Information

Any student who feels they need wellbeing support should contact their Year Leader who can advise and signposts suitable resources and support organisations.

Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Safeguarding: Never Acceptable

When young people are subjected to behaviour such as verbal or physical abuse, harassment and assault, it is NEVER ACCEPTABLE. Our whole community is committed to educating adults and students about sexual harassment, sexual abuse, misogyny and peer on peer abuse. We all need to ensure these issues are brought out in the open and when reported, dealt with swiftly and anyone affected fully supported.

We appreciate that sharing things that might be upsetting is not always an easy thing to do face to face. To encourage students to come forward we have also created an anonymous online reporting system:

[Click Here to make an Anonymous Report](#) (Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service)

This system is designed to act as another way for students to tell a responsible adult at the school about any issues that they or others might be having.

Please note that should a request for contact be made, we aim to respond within 24 hours during school time. At weekends this may well be longer and during school holidays when the school is closed.

Community Information

Heritage Open Days 10 – 19 September

As part of England’s largest festival of history and culture, thousands of places across England are open and free to explore. To find out what’s available in your area go to <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>



Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Sixth Form Lunch Order](#)

Menu for w/c 13 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Poke Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Beefburger, Chips & Beans	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Breaded Cod with Sauté Potatoes & Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Pasta with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Beanburger with Salad	Quiche with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble	White Chocolate Mousse	Pancakes	Bakewell Tart & Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	French Onion	Tomato & Lentil	Butternut Squash	Carrot & Coriander

Correspondence Sent out this Week:

All Yrs: Important Information for Parent/Carer
 All Yrs: PTFA Annual General Meeting
 Yr 7: Student Planner and Locker Letter
 Yr 7: PTFA Welcome Party
 Yr 7: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)
 Yr 7: Year 7 Information Evening Presentation
 Yrs 7 & 12: Student Home Testing
 Yr 12: Information Evening and Further Arrangements
 Yr 13: Biology Field Visit Information Evening

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Student Planner and Locker	Friday 17 September
Yr 7	PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 1 October

Word of the Week for w/c 13 September

Next week the word is: **SEDULOUS** – diligent in application or attention.



1. PTFA Annual General Meeting - Monday 27 September 19.30 – 21.00

Subject to government guidance with regard to Covid-19, the Annual General Meeting take place at the CCHSG's Main Hall. The AGM will be followed by an Ordinary PTFA Committee Meeting. All are welcome.

If you intend to attend the AGM, kindly RSVP via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/P3ThY2F1y3>

2. Welcome Party for New Year 7 students (Sept 2021 intake) – Friday 8 October

Tickets for this event can be purchased via Classlist.

3. Annual Christmas Market - Saturday 27 November 12.00 – 15.00

Save the date for this popular annual fundraising event hosted by CCHSG PTFA which is open to our local community. Volunteering opportunities will be published soon.

4. 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 Yr 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 is the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

5. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market

This year, once again, we are delighted to have our Christmas Market advertised by Beresfords Estate Agents. We will be back in touch with all those parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses in Colchester to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. This time, we are pleased that the advertising will also cover Chelmsford. If you own a property in Colchester or Chelmsford which is in a prominent location with public access or visibility and would like to volunteer your address, please let us know. Boards are installed no more than three weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer.

Contact: Agness O'Brien on Classlist or email cchsgptfa@gmail.com with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details.

6. Second Uniform & Good Quality Revision Books & General Interest Reading (Child or Adult) Donations

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place during the Annual Christmas Market on Saturday 27 November. The PTFA will also be running a bookstall at the Christmas Market. Please donate good quality revision materials or fiction and non fiction books, which are suitable for resale. Items for donation can be deposited in the dedicated wheelie bins for collection as usual.

7. PTFA Virtual Market

CCHSG PTFA now has a Virtual Market on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this new opportunity, during these challenging times, for local business and individuals to promote their products and services, for a nominal fee, in our Virtual Market Place. Facebook Business Pages and Individual Members can apply to be Registered Advertisers with this Group. Membership is subject to Admin approval.

To register as an advertiser, complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/3E63TnD5oCXxdh9i8>

The Group's Rules can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cchsgptfa/about>

Every penny raised through membership fees goes directly to support the school. Why not invite your friends and acquaintances to join the group?

8. Other Ways You Can Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

Here are a few simple ways to support the school during this difficult time.

- **Easyfundraising** - Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising, retailers donate money to CCHSG PTA, completely free. Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/>
- **AmazonSmile** - You now need to search for amazon on www.easyfundraising.org.uk or the App. You will then be directed to AmazonSmile. Sign up to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA.

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

agnessobrien@hotmail.com

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

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

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO LIKES SINGING!

YEAR 7&8 CHOIR

MONDAY LUNCHTIMES
12:50-13:20PM IN M2

Name This Choir Competition

WIN A BOX OF CHOCOLATES
IF YOUR NAME IS CHOSEN!

CCHSG

Ukelele and Guitar Group

12:50-13:20PM IN M2
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES

For all year groups and abilities

FOR ALL SINGERS IN YEAR 9 AND ABOVE

SENIOR CHOIR

TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES
12:50-13:20PM
IN M2

Computing and Computer Science Extra Curricular Timetable 2021-2022

DAY/SESSION	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Morning 8.30am – 8.45pm					
Lunchtime 12.40pm – 1.20pm		Cyber Security (All years) T17 (CNA)	Upper School – Y9+ Computing Club	Lower School – Y7&8 Computing Club	Retro-Gaming (All years) T4 (MWH)
After-School 3.45pm – 5.00pm		Study Support All years T4 (CNA, MWH)		All Years Computing Extended Learning Opportunities and competitions T4 (CNA, MWH)	

Upper school - Programme

Game design and creation Years 9-13 (Room T17) – 12 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 15th September 2021**

Touch Typing Years 9-13 (Room T4) 10 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 12th January 2022**

Web Development Years 9-13 (Room T17) – 6 Weeks – **Beginning Wed 27th April 2022**

Lower school – Programme

Raspberry Pi Club (Programming the Pi) Years 7&8 (Room T4) – 8 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 16th September 2021**

Game design and creation Years 9-13 (Room T17) – 12 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 13th January 2022**

Web Development Years 9-13 (Room T17) – 6 Weeks – **Beginning Thu 27th April 2022**

Clubs available for all years

Retro Gaming - All years (Room T4) – Ongoing – **Beginning Fri 24th September 2021**

Cyber Security - All years (Room T17) – Ongoing – **Beginning Tue 21st October 2021**

Extended Learning Opportunities

Competitions – Ongoing

Digital leaders – Ongoing

Places will be limited on each course and therefore for a guaranteed place should be booked in advance. This will also be necessary to allow for you name to be added to the early lunch list.

It is expected that if you sign up you should attend each session of the course for the full number of weeks. Continually missing the sessions will impede progress, subsequently you may be asked not to return.

Please request your place on each course via the link to the Microsoft Form included in the email or on the Extra Curricular Computing 2021-2022 Team.

Code to join when in Teams: [2jb2w2l](#)