



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

11 December 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 A	Dec	14	
Tuesday	Dec	15	
Wednesday	Dec	16	Yr 10 RE Examination Results to Parents
Thursday	Dec	17	Yrs 7 – 11 Non-Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day
Friday	Dec	18	Non-Pupil Day

End of Term Arrangements

Timetabled lessons will continue before some time with Form Tutors on Thursday 17 December, with lunch as normal. In the afternoon there will be registration followed by an Assembly held virtually in Form classes, after which students who walk home, or who get a regular timetabled bus or are being collected by parents will be able to leave school. We anticipate this to be between 14.15 and 14.30, with students dismissed by Year Group in a graduated way. Students leaving at this time will be expected to go straight home, and not gather in groups outside the school or in the town centre. All students who take a school bus will remain in school and be supervised in Form classes until their normal dismissal time from 15.15 depending upon their Year Group. The day will also be a charity 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' non-uniform day organised by the Head Student Team and 11L when students will be able to wear their own clothes which are suitable for school on the payment of a voluntary donation in advance of at least £1, payable via ParentPay.

The usual dress code requirements for non-uniform days will apply to this day. Christmas Dinner continues to be a hot lunch choice on Tuesday 15 December. On Wednesday 16 December at 19.00 we will be streaming a short musical event featuring some of the musical ensemble work of our students during this half term. This event can be accessed from our website www.cchsg.com on the evening. We are continuing to do all we can to keep the school as Covid-19 safe as possible, with year bubbles, wearing of face masks in communal areas, social distancing and regular hand washing/sanitising. We ask that parents and students consider carefully their social interactions over the Christmas break and act within the government guidelines so that we can all return safely in January.

The Spring Term will begin on Monday 4 January 2021, which will be Week B.

Additional Yr 8 and Yr 9 Place Testing – Wednesday 16 December

Testing is due to take place between 09.30 – 14.30 in the Gym. Please could Form Tutors ensure that their Form Groups are aware so they should avoid this area. Please highlight that the testing will still be taking place over the lunch break.

There will be no bells rung during the course of the tests.

Yr 11 will need to have lunch in their Form Room.

Student School Meal Accounts

Please ensure that the balance of your child's ParentPay school meal account is in credit by Friday 18 December. Thank you.

Woodland Trust Award

Thanks to the co-curricular efforts of the Biology Department, their woodland visit write up gave us the additional points, along with the points from the GeogSoc-Group, needed to achieve the next level of award! The English Department will be doing some work on woodland landscapes in literature in the New Year. We are hoping to recruit members to GeogSoc who will become Woodland Ambassadors. If this is an area students are interested in, they should join the GeogSoc group on TEAMS. Code: ihvp5o7

Yrs 10 & 11 Iceland Trip - Easter 2021

We are still very hopeful that this trip will be going ahead. Please can any outstanding balances be paid up to date. Due to changes after 1 January, travel to Iceland will now require passports to have at least 6 months remaining, please ensure that this is checked and passports updated as necessary.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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Extra-Curricular Information

Yrs 8 and 9 Chinese Club

CCHSG is proud to begin the Chinese Club once again! For students in Yrs 8 and 9 who are interested, please email Mr Page who will be running the club spage@cchsg.com. The teaching will cover both the language and the cultural aspects of China. The aim of the club is to reach Youth Chinese Test (YCT) level 1 or 2 level. The YCT is a globally recognised certificate proving proficiency in Mandarin Chinese. This class will be held on Teams every Wednesday at 17.30 to 18.30 starting after the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 13 January and running for a total of 15 weeks. There is a fee of £25 for course costs which is payable via ParentPay once students have indicated that they want to be involved.

'Trapped' Young Writers Competition

A Reminder that the Young Writers' poetry competition 'Imagine' closes for entries on **Monday 14 December**. Students should ask their English teacher for a submission form if they wish to enter. No late entries will be accepted.

Historical Fiction Book Club

The deadline to order *The Foundling* by Stacey Halls ready for next term, is **Monday 14 December**, costing £7 via ParentPay. The book is also available from local bookshop, Red Lion Books.

This book has been flagged to contain short references to some more mature content and for students in Yrs 7-9 not allowed to read 'white label' books then we advise you to not purchase this book.

Careers and University Information

Engineering Degree Apprenticeship

For students looking to pursue a university degree commencing in Autumn 2021, please follow the link below for information related to an Engineering Apprenticeship at Goldman Sachs Engineering.

<https://www.goldmansachs.com/careers/students/programs/emea/engineering-apprentices.html>

Royal Navy / Royal Marines Careers

Any student interested in careers with the Royal Navy and Royal Marines should visit their web pages

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>. Within the pages there is detailed information of the jobs available with videos and information regarding the careers they have available. For other information and Short Video Clips the Royal Navy's YouTube Channel may be of interest: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RoyalNavy>

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 service from 08.00 to 08.30 without the need to pre-order: toast, porridge pots, fruit juice, bacon rolls, hash browns. Hot drinks – coffee and hot chocolate will also be available
- Salad pots are 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
 - New on pre-order menu is a Vegetable Samosa for £1.20
 - For a limited time we are offering a Christmas Panini; Turkey, Bacon, Brie & Cranberry for £2.90
 - New Salad box next week is Greek Salad Noodle box
 - Dairy free Chocolate or Strawberry Shake now on sale for £1.60

Christmas Community Meal

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Christmas community meal on the last day of term this year. Therefore Christmas dinner will be served as the main meal on Tuesday 15 December for students to purchase.

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch](#)



Menu for w/c 14 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lasagne with Salad	Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Spouts & Carrots	Beefburger with Chips & Peas	Spanish Chicken	Non-Pupil Day
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad	Artichoke & Bean Burger with Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Non-Pupil Day
Main Meal £2.90				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Christmas Pudding with Cream	Pavlova	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Non-Pupil Day
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 Rotation (selected students)
- Yrs 7 – 11: Non-Uniform Day
- Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
- Yr 12: Forward Thinking Day
- Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Wednesday 16 December
Yrs 12 & 13	Charity Day	Tuesday 15 December
Yr 12	<i>The Economist</i> Subscription	Tuesday 15 December

This Week's Brainteaser

Last week's answer: 601

The Roman numerals in each title are totalled to give the reference number. What number is missing in this sequence?
25 125 500 1500 ? 3000

Word of the Week for w/c 14 December

Next week the word is: **PRECOCIOUS** – unusually advanced or mature in development.



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1. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books Sale

Following the success of our summer sales, we will be organising another sale in the Spring Term.

Date: Saturday 27 February

Time: 09.00 – 15.00

Venue: CCHSG Gym

Further details to follow. We regret that we cannot take advance reservations for items. Sales will be on a first come first served basis. Please note that this is likely to be the only sale for the foreseeable future.

2. Seamstress Available for Uniform Alterations

We are pleased to be collaborating with Mrs Sally (Sal) Williams of Copford, Colchester who will be able to do alterations to students' uniform, including blazer, at a very affordable price. Contact: Sal at 01206 211735 / 07542182552 OR email sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com.

3. Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

If you have ideas that could help generate funds and/or create virtual social opportunities for the PTFA community, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com. Here are some simple ways that you can already 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
- **STIKINS® by Label Planet** – Multipurpose name labels for all school items. CCHSG PTFA earns up to 30% commission on all sales. Name labels are essential for busy parents and schools who do not have time to deal with lost property. Stikins are an easy self-adhesive solution with no sewing needed. CCHSG PTFA have been allocated a unique code 35809 for parents to use. Visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk> to order online
- **Ink Cartridges Recycling In Support of CCHSG PTFA**
With home schooling and many parents working from home at the moment, you can help raise funds simply by recycling your ink cartridges via the Recycle4Charity programme. For each inkjet cartridge recycled via the programme we will receive a £1 donation. Cartridge brands accepted include HP, Dell, Canon, Kodak, Frama, Pitney Bowes and Neopost. Full list here <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>
For your convenience, FREEPOST envelopes can also be sent to your home address so you can send cartridges directly via freepost. To do this please register at: <http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C95556>

4. Season's Greetings

Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year.

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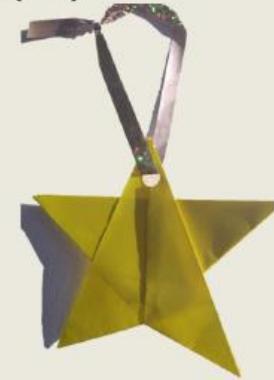
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beccy Speight'.

Beccy Speight
Chief Executive



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Best wishes for a healthy
and happy 2021.*

From all of us at

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