



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

11 February 2022



Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term

Wednesday 1 September
Friday 17 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
Monday 18 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
Tuesday 19 July
Wednesday 20 July
Thursday 21 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 for CCHSG

WE WISH ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Feb	19	Yr 13 Cambridge Chemistry Race 09.15 – 18.00
Friday	Feb	25	
Monday Week A	Feb	21	Assembly: Yr 12 in the Lecture Theatre Assembly: Yr 13 via Teams Yr 7 Progress Check 2 to Parents Yr 10 Examinations
Tuesday	Feb	22	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Assembly: Yr 11 via Teams Yr 10 Examinations Yrs 12 & 13 A Level PE Sports Science Trip 08.45 – 16.00 DofE Gold Session 15.45 – 18.30
Wednesday	Feb	23	Assembly: Yr 7 via Teams Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Yr 10 Examinations Fair Access Programme 16.00 – 17.00
Thursday	Feb	24	Assembly: Yr 9 in the Hall Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening (COL) 16.15 – 19.15 Yr 10 Examinations
Friday	Feb	25	Yr 9 DofE Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 10 Examinations

School resumes after Half Term on Monday 21 February (Week A)

Student Home Testing

We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly over Half Term. Please register the results via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

We continue to recommend and encourage the wearing of face masks in communal areas where regular mixing of groups and individuals occurs.

Yr 10 Examinations – Monday 21 February to Tuesday 1 March

Examinations take place in the Sports Hall and some classrooms around the school. When not in an examination, students are expected to be in their normal lessons for preparation and revision, absence for revising at home will not be authorised. We wish Year 10 every success in their examinations.

Yr 7 Parent Consultation Evening for 7C, 7O & 7L – Thursday 24 February, 16.15 – 19.15

Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud.

The Parent Consultation Evening for 7H, 7E and 7S will be on Thursday 3 March from 16.15 – 19.15. Parents can make appointments for this evening from 20.00 on Thursday 24 February.

Newsletter for this Half Term Published

The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: <https://www.cchsg.com/latest-newsletter/>

This edition features Holocaust Memorial Day, Computing and our Technology Strategy, Amber Atherton Enterprise Award, "We will Rock You", CEIAG at CCHSG, Forward Thinking Day, Royal Society Young People's Book Award, Dungeons and Dragons and much more. Do take a look!

For regular updates on CCHSG activities you can follow us on Facebook @colchestergirls or Twitter @CCHSG_ For PE Department news see @CchsgD

Lost Property

Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in since the start of this term, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint for students to view. We urge them to check to see if anything belongs to them, items can be collected from Reception. **Please ensure all belongings brought into school are named.**

Healthy Living Rotations

Yrs 7 & 8 students should have been notified by their Form Tutor which Healthy Living Rotation they will be on and noted the dates in their planner. Parents will be sent a reminder email the week before your child is due to have their rotation. Next week's rotations with Mrs Webb will be:

Monday 21 February is 8Y Rotation 4 and on **Tuesday 22 February is 8X Rotation 5.**

We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

Science Technician Vacancy

We are advertising for a Science Technician to support with the preparation of materials and equipment for Science lessons. The maintenance of the Science laboratories, preparation rooms and equipment in good order is also required. Previous experience of working in a Science laboratory and/or a knowledge of Biology, Chemistry and Physics is desirable.

If you are interested in helping out in the short term please contact Louise Quinn (lquinn@cchsg.com).

If you are interested in applying for the permanent post please see further information on our website, www.cchsg.com, and download an application pack or email recruitment@cchsg.com. All applications must be submitted on the support staff application form and accompanied by a covering letter, addressed to the Executive Principal.

Wellbeing Information

Any student who feels they need wellbeing support, should contact any of the following:

EWMHS: 0800 953 0222

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>

Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com or see the anonymous reporting link on the front of the Bulletin.

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

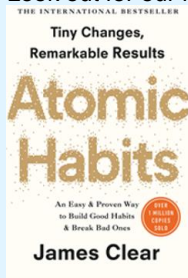
The School Nurse and School Counsellor are available for student appointments after Half Term.

A Message from the Wellbeing Ambassadors

Reading is a great method for improving your wellbeing! It can help reduce stress, improve sleep and broaden knowledge; so we will be looking at and reviewing well-being books that are a great read:

Our first suggestion is *Atomic Habits* by James Clear. We found it helped to build small effective new habits that will overall transform you into a more proactive, productive person while lifting your spirits with little energy and effort.

Look out for our further suggestions!



E-Safety Information – Top Tips for Creating a Secure Password

- The longer the password, the better. Longer passwords are usually harder to crack
- Things to avoid are easy to guess names, places, or pets related to you
- Don't use the same password for more than one account
- Pick between four to five random words that don't relate to each other. Use spaces, underscores, dashes or any symbol you like to separate the words. Then, make up a story that links each word together to remember your password
- Use a password manager. A password manager will ensure you never have to reuse a password. It will automatically create a secure code and save it in a safe place. Take some time to research the best password manager tool for you
- Use multi-factor authentication where possible to provide a second line of defence to your password



Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
21.02.2022	15.30 – 16.45	Essex Cup	Sacred Heart	Home	U16
23.02.2022	11.30 – 16.15	Cross Country	Various	Stubbers Activity Centre	Yrs 7 & 8
24.02.2022	13.00 – 14.00	Netball Essex Cup	West hatch	Home	U14

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

Yr 13 A Level Biology Revision – Wednesdays 12.15 – 13.15 in F13

These will continue each week on Wednesday, picking up a different topic/skill.

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision – Thursdays 12.45 – 13.15 in F13

These will continue each week on Thursdays, picking up a different topic/skill. Students are welcome to bring their lunch.

Yr 11 GCSE History Revision

Weekly structured revision lessons for Yr 11 History students will begin on Monday 21 February in T21 from 12.45 (students can bring their lunch). Each week will focus on a different examination question and therefore all History students are encouraged to attend.

Economics Society Guest Speaker – Thursday 24 February, 12.45

We are delighted to have Hannah Baker, Vice President of Goldman Sachs, to present to the Economics Society and any student who wishes to join across the school on Thursday the 24 February at 12.45 via Teams. Hannah grew up locally in the Clacton area and went to The London School of Economics. Hannah will be discussing her journey and her role to Vice President at Goldman Sachs. Students interested in attending should email Mr Fletcher or come along to G3.

Young Enterprise: All Things Covered – Phone Cases

CCHSG's Young Enterprise Team, All Things Covered, is creating interchangeable phone case inserts to be sold alongside clear phone cases. Instead of buying a brand-new case each time you want a new design, you can purchase an inexpensive insert with one of their unique designs to place inside the clear phone case!

1 insert ~ £2

3 inserts ~ £5

Clear phone case ~ £5.50

Clear phone case and 3 inserts ~ £10

Please see poster below or follow this link to see their designs and place your order: <https://linktr.ee/allthingscoveredye>

Careers & University Information

Virtual Careers Event - Insights: A Guide to Green Jobs – Wednesday 16 March 17.30 – 19.00

An event designed to showcase the range of careers within the Green Sector and to celebrate and raise awareness of [Global Recycling Day](#) on Friday 18 March.

This free, virtual event is open to all students from Yr 8 and above, as well as parents, and has been designed for students to:

- Interact and connect with some of the region's leading green sector employers
- Learn about pathways available to a career in the green sector, including apprenticeships and graduate opportunities
- Find out about different jobs and opportunities

To register a place, please follow the link: <https://bit.ly/FtFlnsights7>

Yr 13 IBM Apprenticeships for 2022

IBM offer Level 4 Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships and 12 Month Gap Year Intern roles, working on real projects, with real clients and real bottom-line deliverables. No prior work experience is needed; they are looking for enthusiastic, driven and innovative individuals, with a passion for business and technology. For full details and how to apply see [IBM Apprenticeships for 2022](#)



Dining Room Arrangements

Breakfast – ‘to go’ served between 08.00 – 08.35, accessed via the Dining Hall Extension Doors outside the servery.

Breaktime – Yrs 7-11 need to go to the allocated outside area to eat. Break service ‘to go’ in Dining Hall.

Lunchtime – hot food in Dining Hall at allocated time for each Year Group, cold food and pre-ordered panini/sandwiches available from outside servery 12.35 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.

There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30

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

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Sixth Form Lunch Order](#)

Menu for w/c 21 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Paella	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Mediterranean Pasta with Salad (Vegan)	Halloumi Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Spinach & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Ratatouille (Vegan) with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £3				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Blackberry & Apple Crumble	Chocolate Mousse	Pancakes	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable (Vegan)	Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Tomato & Basil	Carrot & Coriander (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)

Correspondence Sent out this Week

Yr 7: PTFA Welcome Party

Yr 7: Technology in the Curriculum at CCHSG

Yr 7: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Yr 8: Healthy Living Sessions (selected students)

Yr 10: Examination Timetable

Yrs 10 & 11: GCSE PE Webinar

Yr 11: Yr 11 Assessments

Yrs 12 & 13: A Level PE Webinar

Yr 13: A Level Further Mathematics Revision Materials

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Tickets for PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 18 March
Yr 7	Technology in the Curriculum	Monday 21 February
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Tuesday 19 April
Yr 9	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 29 April
Yr 10	DofE Bronze Group A Training Day	Friday 11 March
Yr 10	DofE Bronze Group B Training Day	Friday 18 March
Yrs 10 & 11	GCSE PE Webinar	Friday 4 March
Yr 11	GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials	Monday 21 February
Yr 11	GCSE English Revision Guides	Monday 21 February
Yr 12 & 13	A Level PE Webinar	Friday 4 March
Yrs 12 & 13	DofE Gold Training Day and Practice Expedition	Friday 4 March
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level PE Sport Sciences Trip	Friday 11 February
Yr 13	A Level Mathematics Revision Materials	Monday 21 February
Yr 13	A Level Further Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 11 March

Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum

Well done to everyone who entered last week, particularly a student in 9C who submitted the only correct answer of 30 sides that an icosahedron has.

This week's Cryptography Conundrum is as follows:

Chapter 4

"Thanks for that one Mike. Have you thought about taking up a new hobby? Try this one on for size!"

1. P2 K40 P2 K3
2. P3 K1 P12 K1 P12 K1 P1 K3 P6 K2 P1 K1 P2 K1
3. P1 K1 [P1 K2]3 P1 K3 P1 K2 P1 K5 P1 K3 P4 K1 [P1 K2]2 [P1 K3]2
4. P3 K1 P2 K1 P4 K2 P3 K1 P1 K1 P2 K3 P4 K1 P2 K2 P3 K2 P2 K2 P2 K1 P1 K1
5. P1 K1 P1 K3 P1 K2 P2 K4 P1 K2 P1 K5 P1 K3 P1 K5 P2 K5 P1 K1 P1 K3
6. K4 P1 K3 P2 K1 P2 K1 P4 K1 P7 K2 P1 K1 P1 K3 P1 K1 P2 K1 P1 K2 P1 K1 P2 K1
7. P1 K18 P1 K23 P1 K2 P1
8. K2 P1 K2 P21 K2 P17 K2
9. K20 P1 K25 P1
10. K3 P23 K2 P19
11. K47
12. K3 P44
13. K47
14. P1 K1 P45
15. K45 P1 K1
16. P1 K1 P45

Submit your answers via [Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum](#) – best of luck!

Word of the Week for w/c 21 February

Next week the word is: **PALAVAR** – a conference or discussion.



1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Spring Term Nearly New Uniform & Book Sale for All Year Groups:** Saturday 19 March, 09.00 – 13.00
- **Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents:** Friday 25 March, 19.00 – 21.00 (Doors open from 18.30)
- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 28 March, 19.30 – 21.00
- **Quiz & Curry Night:** Friday 22 April, 19.00 – 21.30 (Doors open from 18.30)

Note: All planned PTFA events are continually reviewed and where necessary changes will be made in response to the latest government guidance.

2. Spring Term Nearly New Uniform and Books Sale (Saturday 19 March 09.00 – 13.00)

The next Nearly New Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will take place on Saturday 19 March (09.00 – 13.00) in the Main Hall. This sale will not be by appointment, but we do anticipate a large attendance, so we would appreciate your support and patience as we get you through the sale room. Please try to avoid bringing siblings, unless they are currently at the school and need to get uniform.

Volunteer opportunities are now open for the above sale. To sign up, please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the sign up sheet. Thank you for volunteering!

<https://volunteersignup.org/WB9LM>

Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.

3. Nearly New Uniform Shop – Volunteers Needed

At CCHSG, we have a team of very dedicated volunteers who continually look at ways to generate funds in aid of the school. Our Nearly New Uniform Shop has been a steady source of income bringing in an average of £7,000 annually. There is however, a need for more volunteers to come forward to help with washing, ironing and mending the items donated before they go on sale. Ideally, we would like to establish a team of at least 6 people, who can be part of a rota, collecting items from the designated wheelie bins. With this number of volunteers the commitment would be minimal, with each volunteer only needing to collect items once every 6 weeks. Most of the volunteers currently working on this scheme have children who will be leaving CCHSG soon so we would like to encourage parent volunteers from Years 7 and 8 to come forward so that we can continue to provide this useful service to our community. Please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com to volunteer.

4. Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents: Friday 25 March, 19.00-21.00 (Doors open from 18.30)

We are pleased to invite students and parents of current Year 7 to this rescheduled **Welcome Party**. Further details can be found in the letter sent to parents this week.

5. Raise FREE donations for CCHSG PTFA via Easyfundraising & AmazonSmile

Here are two simple ways that you can support the school whilst you shop online for all your travel, business or family needs.

- You can sign up and help us by choosing to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA on the **AmazonSmile** website, or search for AmazonSmile 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 for all other online purchases via **Easyfundraising** at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/> or scan the QR-code. Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising, retailers donate money to CCHSG PTFA, completely free of charge



6. Fundraising Ideas

If you have ideas that could help generate funds and/or create social opportunities for the PTFA community, please email us at cchsgptfa@gmail.com

PTFA CONTACTS: For all enquires related to PTFA email cchsgptfa@gmail.com



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