



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 14 May 2021



#### Term Dates 2020 – 2021

##### Summer Term

Monday 12 April  
Wednesday 21 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

#### 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  
Friday 22 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  
Thursday 21 July  
Friday 22 July

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#### Dates for Your Diary

Monday	May	17	Assembly: Yr 12 Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments
Week B			
Tuesday	May	18	Assembly: Yr 10 Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments
Wednesday	May	19	Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 Yrs 8 & 9 HPV Catch-Up Vaccination
Thursday	May	20	Assembly: Yr 7 Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments
Friday	May	21	Yr 11 Language Speaking Assessments
Saturday	May	22	Yr 12 DofE Silver Practice Expedition
Sunday	May	23	Yr 12 DofE Silver Practice Expedition

#### Covid-19 Code of Conduct

On Monday 10 May, the [Prime Minister announced](#) that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May.

The guidance for schools has been updated and we will be writing to parents next week with further information, however from Monday 17 May the following applies regarding face masks:

Government guidance is that face masks are no longer recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. We strongly encourage students to continue to wear a face mask when moving around the communal areas in the school. It is however up to the individual; any student who wishes to continue to wear a face mask in a classroom may do so also. A number of students travel into school from outside the local area, the vaccination rollout is not yet complete and we continue to have more vulnerable members in our community therefore, in the interests of the health, safety and wellbeing for all our community we need to continue to do all we can to keep safe.

Face masks are also no longer recommended for staff in classrooms, although individual staff members may continue to wear a mask if they wish. Following government recommendation, we are asking for face masks to be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible, for example, when moving around in corridors and in all communal areas.

Face masks must still be worn on public transport including school buses.

The reintroduction of face masks for students or staff may be advised at a later date for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern, following government guidance.

When putting on and taking off face masks the safe hygiene guidelines including hand washing/sanitising must be followed, and a specific face mask bin for disposable masks is located by the main school block next to the staff car park entrance. Disposable face masks are available from Reception if a student forgets or loses theirs.

#### Home Testing

Testing should continue twice weekly, please register student results via [www.testregister.co.uk/login](http://www.testregister.co.uk/login) and [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).

#### Remembering Mr Ulph

The Book of Condolence and JustGiving page will remain open until Friday 28 May. Parents or past students without a CCHSG login are invited to send items via email to [BookofCondolences@cchsg.com](mailto:BookofCondolences@cchsg.com). The JustGiving page can be accessed via [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/inmemoryofmrulph?utm\\_term=bdGWADmQx](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/inmemoryofmrulph?utm_term=bdGWADmQx). The thoughts and best wishes of all the CCHSG community continue to be with Mr Ulph's family at this time.

## Reporting Student Absence

We politely remind parents that all student absence notifications MUST go to [office@cchsg.com](mailto:office@cchsg.com) or [fcurtis@cchsg.com](mailto:fcurtis@cchsg.com) and not directly to Form Tutors or subject teachers. Thank you.

## Reminder: Consultation of Statutory Requirements for Secondary SRE

A reminder that the deadline for responses for this consultation is today, Friday 14 May, accessed via [Parents/Carers Consultation of Statutory Requirements for SRE](#)

Statutory requirements have come into place making the teaching of Relationship and Sex education (RSE) compulsory in all secondary schools; we wanted to take the opportunity to consult with you, our parents and carers, so that you can express your views, ask any questions you may have and to let us know if you have any concerns with the new requirements. Your views will help us shape policy and influence how we deliver relationships, sex and health education topics throughout the school in the future. You can see what the new statutory requirements are via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

## PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale

A final reminder that the sale takes place in the Gym this **Saturday 15 May** – see final page of this Bulletin for booking information. We are grateful to the PTFA for holding this sale.

## Yr 12 (Former CCHSG Yr 11 Students) GCSE Certificates and Yr 11 GCSE RS Certificates

For your information the GCSE certificates for Summer 2020 have been given to Yr 12 students on Monday 10 May and GCSE RS certificates to Yr 11 students on Thursday 13 May. We urge students to take good care of their certificates; awarding bodies will not issue replacement certificates if these are lost, damaged or misplaced. They will only issue a letter certifying the results for which a substantial fee will be charged.

## Yr 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations: Restoration of School Aged Immunisation Programme

For your information the Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 19 May to complete the Yr 8 & 9 HPV vaccinations. All vaccinations will be completed following Covid-19 safe procedures.

## Yr 11 & Yr 13 Textbook Return

Yr 13 are to return their books to the Library and Yr 11 to the blue wheelie bin marked 'Yr 11 Textbooks and library books' outside Reception.

## Parent App Lite

Parent App Lite, has been launched to Yrs 7 & 8. Parent App Lite will allow parents to see the personal details held on our school management system with regard to students, including emergency contacts. It will also allow parents to electronically and securely review and request changes to the data we hold for their child.

## The Big Ask Survey for School Pupils

A reminder that [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever survey of children in England, is open until Friday 28 May. It asks all young people about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that they are at the heart of the national recovery post-Covid-19. There is also an adults' survey for parents at <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## Healthy Living Sessions

Students 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 are notified a week in advance of the session, in addition students can find the recipe and ingredients via SharePoint. We hope they enjoy the Healthy Living session.

## Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's recipe is for **Flavoured Twist Bread**; tasty and great served alongside salads, pasta dishes, or on its own as a lunch option. The smell of homemade bread baking is delicious and this dish is simple to make too. Leave it as a baton/stick or make it circular, you can also experiment with adding your own flavourings

Find the recipe on SharePoint, with all the other recipes so far, via [Focus on Food](#).

Do send pictures to [nwebb@cchsg.com](mailto:nwebb@cchsg.com).

## Lost Property

All unnamed lost property that has been handed in since students' return to school, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint. Students can view items via the link [Lost Property](#).

Please check to see if anything belongs to your child, items can be collected from Reception. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the Summer Term.

## **E-Safety Information – Online Sexual Abuse Advice to Students**

Every day young people are contacted online by adults who try to manipulate or groom and sexually exploit them. Young people, just like you and your friends.

### **What's Grooming?**

Online grooming is a tactic used by adults who try to get close by building a relationship, trust, and emotional connection in the hope of manipulating, exploiting and abusing us. It is not always easy to spot them as they may hide who they really are by sending photos or videos of someone younger, or they might do a really good job of making you feel like they REALLY like you to get what they want.

### **Need Support?**

If this is happening to you or you are concerned about one of your friends and need some help, here are some places you can get support.

Childline is a free, anonymous service that is here to help you with any situation you are dealing with, no matter how big or small you think it is. You can call on 0800 1111 or chat 1-2-1 with a counsellor online by visiting their website at <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online, you can report it to CEOP at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>. One of their experienced Child Protection Advisors will be there to make sure you get the help that you, or a friend, needs. You can make a report online for yourself, or do it for one of your friends.

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## **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.

## **Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities**

### **Yr 7 Lunchtime Netball Club (Wednesdays)**

Due to the high numbers of students wishing to take part, we have had to split the year group in half, **HES Forms ONLY** on Wednesday 19 May.

### **Yrs 7 & 8 Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition**

A reminder that the closing date for entries in this competition is 17.00 on Friday 28 May, the winning design will be awarded £1000 prize for themselves and their school. The Art department has registered CCHSG to take part; honour key worker heroes by producing a set of eight commemorative stamps to celebrate their achievements. For more information please see the competition website: [https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm\\_i=40SI,1A4ZJ,7D3MT9,4MISI,1](https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm_i=40SI,1A4ZJ,7D3MT9,4MISI,1)  
Entry forms are available from the Art department.

### **Debate Club – Wednesday 19 May, 17.30 – 18.00 via MS Teams**

The next Debate Club session will debate: This house believes the government's plan will achieve the levelling up needed in the UK. If students wish to join the debate group, they should email Mr Paz to be added to the MS Teams group. Students can also join with this link: [DebateClubTeams](#)

### **VetSoc Restarting on Monday 17 May at 18.00 via MS Teams**

Run by a student in Yr 12, VetSoc is open to aspiring vets from all years. They will be looking at the new Animal Sentience Bill and how it improves animal welfare. If students are interested in joining, they should email Dr Martin [IMartin@cchsg.com](mailto:IMartin@cchsg.com) so that they can be added to the MS Teams group.

### **The Wildlife Trust '30 Days Wild'**

The Wildlife Trust are launching a '30 Days Wild' campaign to encourage people to get outside and discover nature in June. You can order a free pack from here: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>



## Careers and University Information

### **CCHSG Careers Information**

Mrs Kee is continuing to hold telephone appointments with students these are available on one day every week, either Monday or Wednesday. Interested students should email Mrs Mandal via [smandal@cchsg.com](mailto:smandal@cchsg.com) and include in their email a preferred telephone number for the appointment. This information will be passed on to Mrs Kee who will contact the student to fix an appointment. Students should not approach Mrs Kee directly.

### **HSBC Investing in Futures – May 2021**

HSBC Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities are live and can be found and applied to via their [UK Apprenticeships](#) page.

They are also hosting “A Taste of Success” Insight virtual events:

Insights Evening for Parents and Guardians – Opportunities & Diversity at HSBC UK Wednesday 2 June 18.30 – 19.30

Insights Day for young people – Opportunities & Diversity at HSBC UK Thursday 3 June 12.00 – 16.00

To register for these events, please click [here](#)

### **Virtual University and Apprenticeship Fair – Wednesday 26 May**

This event is relevant to Yr 12 and 13, but it also has plenty of information about apprenticeships. If students are unable to attend 'live', the webinars are available until Wednesday 2 June. For more information: please go to

<https://ukunisearchsouth.vfairs.com/>

### **Yrs 11 – 13: Young Professionals: Careers in Government & Politics Presentation Tuesday 25 May, 17.00 – 18.00**

For those considering a career in Government, Politics or International relations, this session brings together six leaders from across the UK political spectrum with experiences at Houses of Parliament, Brussels, Lobbyist Groups, GCHQ and more. Ideal for gaining inside knowledge on how to secure jobs in this sector and the opportunity to ask questions.

Apply to join via the **application Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Government-Politics> Spaces are limited, booking ASAP is recommended.

## Community Information

### **The AIM Group – Free Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Courses for Parents**

The AIM Group are offering online Level 2 CACHE/NCFE accredited courses available to parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, the following subjects available:

- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Behaviour That Challenges
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties

To register your interest for any of the courses follow the link to complete a registration form: [The AIM Group Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Courses](#)

### **Essex Police – Your Local Update**

Please find attached to this Bulletin the latest news and information from Essex Police for the Colchester district, for your information.

### **Breakfast and Lunch Pre-Orders**

Please pre-order using the links below (links change weekly). With breakfast service from 08.00 to 08.30 (without the need to pre-order) and salad pots 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 continue to 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.

**Students should keep their social distance when queuing in the Dining Hall and sit in their year bubble area  
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.**

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Year 12 Student Lunch Order](#)



## Menu for w/c 17 May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Carrots	Roast Pork Steak with Roast Potatoes & Cabbage	Beef Burger with Chips & Beans	Chicken & Chorizo Ragu with ½ Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetarian Burritos	Ratatouille with Cheese Bread
Main Meal £2.90				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Cheesecake	Pancakes with Lemon & Sugar	Raspberry Pana Cotta
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

## Correspondence Sent Out This Week

All Years: Parent Letter Safeguarding: Never Acceptable

Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)

Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)

Yr 12: AQA Extended Project Qualification (Level 3) 2021 (selected students)

## Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Consultation of Statutory Requirements for SRE	Friday 14 May
Yr 12	Student Review of Curriculum (selected students)	Friday 14 May

## This Week's Brainteaser

For each of the following, find a word beginning with 'B' with an opposite meaning. What are the words?

- Destroy
- Lengthy
- Limited

**Last week's answer:** Clockwork, colourfast, streetwise and postcode.

## Word of the Week for w/c 17 May

Next week the word is: **ELOQUENT** – having or exercising the power of fluent and appropriate speech.



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**1. Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books Sale – Last chance to book your appointment**

Date: Saturday 15 May  
Time: 09.00 – 16.00  
Venue: CCHSG Gym

Online appointment booking is via the link below or scan the QR-Code using the camera on your mobile phone.  
[https://form.jotform.com/cchsgptfa/UniformSale\\_Saturday15May\\_2021](https://form.jotform.com/cchsgptfa/UniformSale_Saturday15May_2021)

£5 booking fee per appointment will be refunded in cash on arrival at the sale. We regret that we cannot take advance reservations for items. Sales will be on a first come first served basis.

**2. Year 11 Students – Appeal for Uniform and Revision Book Donations**

The PTFA will gratefully accept donations of uniform and revision books via the wheelie bins outside school Reception. We will be having 2 days of uniform sale in June exclusively for the new Year 7 students starting at CCHSG this September. Kilts that are no longer fit for use are also welcome as these can be recycled to make scrunchies. Buttons from blazers, cardigans and kilts are also recycled.

Please ask students to deposit items from Monday – Thursday only. This is to allow 72 hours for the clothes and books to become sterile. They will be collected by the PTFA every Monday morning. Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

**3. JustGiving Fundraising Campaign in Support of CCHSG PTFA – Appeal for Donations**

Over £1,700 already raised including over £300 in Gift-aid  
Due to the constraints resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, our fundraising will be much reduced this year. We have had to cancel many of our events and move others online. There has never been a better or more important time to support CCHSG PTFA.

We understand that not everyone will be able to help financially at this time, but if you are able to make a contribution it would be gratefully received, please log on to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CCHSGPTFA2021> or scan the QR-Code. For those interested, it is also possible to create your own Fundraising Page, via the site, and link it to our campaign. You can then share it with your friends via social media and other communications to broaden our reach.

Your input and ideas are always welcome and appreciated by the PTFA. Share your ideas by getting in touch with us via email at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com). Find out more about the CCHSG PTFA activities via the PTFA section of the school website at [www.cchsg.com](http://www.cchsg.com)

**4. CCHSG PTFA's 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.

See the PTFA section of the school website for full terms and conditions.

**PTFA CONTACTS:**

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