



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

16 April 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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Apr	19	Assembly: Yr 12 Yr 7 Maximise Workshop Periods 2 & 3 Yr 11 Assessment Week 1 Yr 13 In-Class Revision
Tuesday	Apr	20	Assembly: Yrs 10 Yr 11 Assessment Week 1 Yr 13 In-Class Revision
Wednesday	Apr	21	Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 Yr 10 RS Assessment Yr 11 Assessment Week 1 Yr 13 In-Class Revision
Thursday	Apr	22	Assembly: Yr 7 Yr 11 Assessment Week 1 Yr 13 In-Class Revision
Friday	Apr	23	Yr 11 Assessment Week 1 Yr 13 In-Class Revision

Well done to all students for the positive start to the Term.

We urge students to continue to wear masks in classrooms and corridors, to hand wash/sanitise, and follow the one-way system. We thank them for all they are doing to keep our school community safe.

Home Testing

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

Safeguarding

The government has launched a review of safeguarding in schools, especially supporting victims of sexual abuse, and you will be aware of the current media coverage regarding Everyone's Invited. At CCHSG we are fully committed to helping anyone affected by these issues and ensuring they get the support that is needed. The NSPCC has launched a helpline, Report Abuse in Education, to provide appropriate support and advice to victims of abuse and harassment, including onward action such as contacting the police if they wish to. Young people and concerned adults can contact the NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education on 0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

In school, any student who has a concern or worry for any reason should speak to their Form Tutor, Pastoral Assistant, Year Leader or the Designated Safeguarding Team: Mrs Jackson, Dr Parrott, Mrs Frost, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Daniels. We are all here to help and support our students.

Yr 7 Maximise Workshop – Monday 19 April Periods 2 & 3

Yr 7 students will participate in the Maximise revision workshop on Monday morning via MS Teams. We hope they find the session useful.

Yr 10 RS, Yr 11 and Yr 13 Assessments

The assessments are taking place in the Sports Hall, Gym and various classrooms until Tuesday 11 May. Assessments will then be taking place in the Art block from 11 May – 14 May. Students should ensure are silent as they move around these areas. Thank you.

Yr 12 EPQ Second Cohort

The second cohort will be starting the EPQ at the beginning of May. Therefore any Yr 12 student who wishes to undertake the EPQ should complete the form via the link below. If a student applied at the beginning of the year and was told they would be part of the second cohort, they still need to complete this form to confirm their topic/question. [Year 12 EPQ Second Cohort Form](#)

Students should complete this form by Monday 19 April.



CCHSG 500 Club

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 20 April. Full terms and conditions and a list of winning numbers from all the draws are available on our website.

Articles for *The Kilt*

The latest edition is on the school website at the following link: <https://www.cchsg.com/latest-kilt/>

The editorial team are looking for articles for the next edition of *The Kilt*. Students can find full details on the Student Bulletin.

English Department World Book Day Competition Results

Congratulations to the students for winning the English Department World Book Day Competition; students can see the results on the Student Bulletin.

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.

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.

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's recipe for **Chicken and Chorizo Jambalaya**; a quick, easy and tasty dinner with chicken and chorizo, along with hearty warming Cajun spices or a vegetarian alternative using sliced Quorn fillets. It is great served with a fresh, green salad.

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

Do send pictures to nwebb@cchsg.com.

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.

A Message from the Wellbeing Ambassadors to Students

Quick ways to feel grounded:

1. Focus on your breath for 5 minutes
2. Listen to your favourite song
3. Go for a walk for 15 minutes
4. Listen to, and name your current emotions
5. Sit comfortably and do a mental body scan (Work your way up your body, tensing and relaxing the muscles)

Quote: "There is a past version of you that is so proud of who you are becoming"

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Clubs Timetable 26 April – 21 May

We are excited that PE clubs are finally able to make a return! Information for students wishing to take part in a club:

- If attending a club on a day they do not have PE, students should wear PE kit to school
- There is no need to sign up, students can just turn up and meet staff on the field/ netball courts at 12.40
- If the timings of the club clash with their lunch slot, they should bring a packed lunch or pre-order for that day
- We have been more limited on options due to year group bubbles – the clubs will change after May Half Term

Please see end of Bulletin for PE clubs timetable.

As we have been doing in PE lessons since September, all equipment is kept in year group bubbles, and sanitised at the end of each use. Year groups will be kept separate from each other following school Covid guidelines.

Yrs 7 – 9 Climate Change and Sustainable Transport Competition

Transport East is running a creative competition for students across the East of England to incorporate their ideas into the region's future Transport Strategy. Winners will receive a gift voucher and have their work used throughout the Transport Strategy. The competition closes on Monday 3 May, please see the poster at the end of Bulletin for full details.

The Turing Challenge from GCHQ

To celebrate Alan Turing featuring on the new £50 banknote, GCHQ have created the #TuringChallenge; a challenge to solve a string of puzzles which get increasingly difficult. To have a go at cracking the code students can go to <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/information/turing-challenge>

Book of the Month

Congratulations to a student in **Yr 8** for their winning book review of last month's book *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins. Read the review at the end of the Bulletin.

The Book of the Month for April is *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Students can write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by **Friday 30 April**. See the end of the Bulletin for full details.

Virtual Talks from Speakers for Schools

Next week's schedule can be found via [Live Broadcasts Schedule](#).

Date	Speaker	Talk Information
Monday 19 April 17.00 – 18.00 LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Series Alice Delahunty, President of Electricity Transmission, National Grid	Alice Delahunty is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the electricity transmission network for England and Wales. She will be answering any questions.
Tuesday 20 April 17.00 – 18.00 LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Series Dame Mary Archer, Chair, Science Museum Group	Dame Mary Archer will be speaking about her own longstanding commitment to renewables and discussing the work of the Science Museum Group's approach to becoming net zero.
Wednesday 21 April 17.15 – 18.00 LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Series The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell	Find out what the Green Economy: hear from The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell about his career journey, how green skills will have an impact with the opportunity to submit questions.
Thursday 22 April 17.00 – 18.00 LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Series Lord Richard Chartres and Baroness Rosie Boycott Peers for the Planet	This is a 'must watch' for students who are passionate about tackling the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from their library [here](#)

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 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.

Community information

Arriva UK Bus Summer Service Information

As government restrictions are lifted Arriva's services will change to meet demand; Arriva has informed us that there will be some minor changes to school journey they operate. You can see information on their bus services via <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/help/coronavirus/coronavirus-timetable-information>

They seek to reassure bus users that their buses are Covid-19 secure and undergo enhanced touchpoint cleaning each day. Good ventilation of fresh air is also ensured by keeping windows open wherever possible.



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.

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Year 12 Student Lunch Order](#)

Students should keep their social distance and wear a face mask in the Dining Hall except when eating.

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

Menu for w/c 19 April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Pork Steak with Roast Potatoes & Cabbage	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fish Cakes with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
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)

Yr 8: Parent Consultation Evening

Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)

Yr 9: GCSE English Book Order

Yr 12: Oxbridge Access Programme

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 9	GCSE English Book Order	Friday 7 May
Yr 12	Oxbridge Access Programme	Friday 30 April

This Week's Brainteaser

Rearrange the following letters to give two words, both words must contain all seven letters. What are the words?

Y T S N I E D

Last week's answer: The man is playing Monopoly. He lands on a property with a hotel and doesn't have enough money to pay the rent

Word of the Week for w/c 19 April

Next week the word is: **BELLICOSE** – inclined or eager to fight.



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

Due to the constraints resulting from the COVID pandemic, our fundraising will be much reduced this year. We have had to cancel many of our events and move others online. We now need to look at other new, different, Covid-safe ways to plug this gap. 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>. For those interested, it's 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. Find out more about the CCHSG PTFA activities via the PTFA section of the school website at www.cchsg.com

2. Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books Sale – Date for Your Diary (subject to Covid-19 restrictions):-

Date: Saturday 15 May

Time: 09.00 – 16.00

Venue: CCHSG Gym

- In line with NHS England's Covid-19 social distancing guidelines, the sale will be by appointment only
- Online appointment booking system will be available from **Monday 3 May**
- £5 booking fee per appointment will be refunded in cash on arrival at the sale
- Only **6 sets of one parent and one child** will be admitted during each 15 minute time slot. There will be a maximum of **168 appointments** available. Siblings cannot be present unless they also attend CCHSG and need to get uniform. Families must stay together at all times
- We regret that we cannot take advance reservations for items. Sales will be on a first come first served basis

Donations of outgrown uniform and revision books are gratefully accepted, via the wheelie bins outside school reception. 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.

Volunteers needed for the Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTFA would be very grateful for volunteers to help prepare for the sale on 13 and 14 May and to support with the stewarding and staffing of the actual sale. For full details and sign-up see: <https://volunteersignup.org/8BFH8>

3. Waggy Tales Bookshop (Usborne Books)

We are pleased to announce that Waggy Tales Bookshop, an Independent Usborne Seller, has kindly agreed to donate a percentage of all sales of books made through a unique code to CCHSG PTFA. They can provide some great resources for KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4 including dictionaries, thesaurus, language resources, Creative Writing activity journals, a wide variety of fiction up to Young Adult, Science resources, History, Coding, Business, Economics, Politics, Law, Mindfulness books to ease stress, and many more.

Follow the link below for a catalogue of books and quote **EDUGROUP** when ordering:

https://usborne.com/gb/books/browse-by-age/11-13-years?organiserCode=b5180519f857d494f694434de12dc1b2&fbclid=IwAR3GZ5RS2Gbm61FG88EpWieLVCrq2PYWWA PCQ32JNEfwEMfUcRp_f-7Cys

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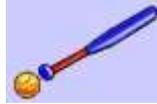
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PE Clubs and Practices

Monday 26 April – Friday 21 May 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08:00-08:30					
Lunch 12:40-13:10	ROUNDERS Year 7 ROUNDERS Year 8 (PCA, ACU, NWI) 	NETBALL Year 11 NETBALL Year 12 NETBALL Year 13 (NWI)  ROUNDERS Year 9 ROUNDERS Year 10 (DWI, SBA, OTH) 	NETBALL Year 7 (NWI, OTH)  ROUNDERS Year 11 ROUNDERS Year 12 ROUNDERS Year 13 (SBA, PCA) 	NETBALL Year 8 (OTH)  ATHLETICS THROWS All Years in Year Bubbles (SBA, DWI, ACU) 	NETBALL Year 9 NETBALL Year 10 (PCA, ACU)  ATHLETICS RUNNING All Years in Year Bubbles (NWI) 
After school 15:45-16:30	SCHOOL MEETINGS			GCSE AND A LEVEL PRACTICAL SUPPORT 	STAFF SPORT 

- If you want to come to a club on the days you do not have PE, please wear your PE kit to school
- You do not need to sign up, please just turn up and meet us on the field/ netball courts at 12.40
- If the timings of the club clash with your lunch slot, please bring a packed lunch or pre-order for that day



The Book Of The Month- April

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

'Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversations?"'

So begins the tale of Alice, who follows a curious White Rabbit down a hole and falls into Wonderland, a fantastical place where nothing is quite as it seems: animals talk, nonsensical characters confuse, Mad Hatters throw tea parties and the Queen plays croquet. Alice's attempts to find her way home become increasingly bizarre, infuriating and amazing in turn.



In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the **last Friday of each month**.



The winning review for 'The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes'

Suzanne Collins has struck again, publishing the prequel to her infamous series: The Hunger Games. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is exactly what you need to read in order to distract the presence of boredom as we are taken through the life of President Coriolanus Snow at his prime age of 18 years old. Things seem to be slightly different at the Capitol and throughout the novel we are introduced to daunting chapters, teen romance and a spark of the unknown dystopian horrors.

This book severely contrasts the previously written series, as we find Coriolanus as not a slightly faraway villain but a man of roses who becomes a mentor to our new charming, female protagonist who everyone seems to adore: Lucy Gray. At first, Mr. Snow seems to be mentoring for the prize of which would secure him a place in college after falling prosperous no more. However, as we follow through his journey, things begin to change as he is placed in an awful situation regarding his inevitable love with his contestant. After reading this, I now have a deeper connection to the older characters from the previous novels and that helps me comprehend why The Hunger Games resulted into Katniss Everdeen and her disobedience.

My favourite part – without spoiling it of course – would be learning of the origins of the song 'Are you coming to the tree' and the slight musical element to the book. I also enjoy the linkage to the two female protagonists from both The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes and The Hunger Games. For example, they both come from a District 12 background... sort of.

For me and many others, the book has been an absolute thrill and I had been on edge ever since I opened the first page, waiting anxiously to see if it would end fatally for our beloved characters. Yet, I am not to give that away for reading it yourself would help you understand my point of view. Overall, I think that The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes is relatively an easy read and would fully recommend it for all-aged people.



Could you be next month's winner?

Transport East

Transport for a Greener World Competition



The year 2050 might seem a long way away, but if we want to improve the air we breathe and our impact on climate change, we need to start planning for change now.

Did you know that 40% of the carbon emissions we produce come from how we travel? At Transport East, we want to change that.

To make this change, we need your ideas to help create a cleaner, greener and healthier region for us all.

To do this, we are hosting a creative writing/arts competition for you to tell us what you would like for the future of travel near your home. The theme is "transport for a greener world" and we would like to see you get creative with your entries.

Transport East aims to make traveling around your area as easy and sustainable as possible. To do this, we are making a plan for the region called our Transport Strategy. We would like to include your ideas as part of this.



About the competition



Who can take part?

The competition is open to all young people in school years 7, 8 and 9.

Competition Guidelines

Choose ONE of the following:

- A poem, story, song, or rap about what you would like to see as the future of transport (500 words maximum).
- A drawing, painting or collage to show what you would like to see as the future of transport (one side of A4). This can be completed by hand or on a computer.

The winning entries will think carefully about how their future transport ideas will impact the environment and climate change. To stand out, we highly recommend focusing on sustainable transport ideas to support the region.

Your idea can explore a specific type of transport or a way of travelling, or it can highlight something you have seen where you live that could be improved to better the environment.



Deadlines

All entries must be submitted by 3rd May 2021. These should be emailed to TransportEast@suffolk.gov.uk as a photo, image, PDF, or word document.

Please remember to include your name and the name of your school with your entry.

Prize

£20 Waterstones gift voucher to each winner
Five winners will be selected from across the region.

Other Rules

All entries must be original and entirely that of the young person. Only one entry may be submitted per person. The decision of the judges will be final.

By entering you give permission for Transport East to use your entry as part of their communications materials, including on their website and on any documents.

Your privacy is important to us, please see our [privacy policy](#) for more information.