



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

17 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

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Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Sep	20	11+ Testing Second Day School Open to Yrs 7, 11 & 13 Only Online Learning (work via SharePoint) for Yrs 8-10&12) Yr 7 Baseline Tests
Tuesday	Sep	21	Yr 7 Baseline Tests
Wednesday	Sep	22	Yr 7 Baseline Tests Yr 8 Target Grades 12H Welcome Breakfast with SLT, 08.50 – 09.05
Thursday	Sep	23	Yr 7 Baseline Tests Yr 10 & 13 Catch-Up School Photographs Yr 11 Information Evening 12E Welcome Breakfast with SLT, 08.50 – 09.05
Friday	Sep	24	12S Welcome Breakfast with SLT, 08.50 – 09.05 Yr 13 Biology Field Visit, departing 09.00
Saturday	Sep	25	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit
Sunday	Sep	26	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit

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.

There will be no break services and no lunchtime clubs on Monday.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

As you will be aware schools have been requested that they hold Covid-19 vaccinations, however we would like to emphasise that the school only host the vaccination sessions. Information and vaccination arrangements will be forthcoming in due course from NHS School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS).

We kindly request that parents/carers refrain from contacting the school regarding vaccinations. We have been advised that all debates/questions regarding consent will be handled by NHS clinicians from SAIS.

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.

Appeal for Competitive Swimmers

Any students who are competitive swimmers, please can they email Miss Wiseman (nwiseman@cchsg.com) their 50m P.Bs for each stroke by Monday 20 September. The Regional Relay Championships gala is coming up very soon and we need to find the fastest four per age category for the team. The age categories are:
Year 7/8 (Junior) Year 9/10 (Intermediate) Year 11/12/13 (Senior)
For each age group, we have entered a freestyle relay and medley. Once we have received times the team sheet will be put together and students will be informed if they have made the team. The gala is on Friday 8 October after school, in Watford.



Yrs 7-9, 11 & 12 School Photographs

Photographs taken last week by company Carmel Jane Photography are now live. For those parents/carers who have pre-registered should now have received an email with a unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with free postage and time limited discounts available for the first 14 days. Any enquiries please contact info@carmeljane.co.uk

Yrs 10 & 13 will have photographs taken on Thursday 23 September.

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

Pi Club

Pi Club will be starting on Monday 27 September at lunchtime in M10. All years are welcome, please see end of the Bulletin for full details.

大家好！CCHSG中文课马上开始咯！CCHSG Beginners Mandarin Chinese Club Starting Soon!

This year the Chinese Club is open to all year groups who are interested (but do consider your workload if you are in the higher years). Our club will initially on Wednesday 22 September, 12.50 – 13.15 in T10. After half term, those who are wanting to learn more, we will open an after-school club with the dates and times TBC.

Come along if you want to learn about Chinese culture and how to speak some Chinese. If you do speak Chinese at home and want to help the others in class, you are also more than welcome to join in, but bear in mind that this class is for beginners. If there are enough numbers, a more advanced class can be set up. 学生足够的话，我们可以开高级中文班！

For sign up, please send an email to spage@cchsg.com as we are limited to 32 maximum. 等你们的到来！

Looking forward to seeing you there! Page 老师! Mr Page.

GeogSoc

GeogSoc will be running from Thursday 23 September, at lunchtime 12.45 – 13.20 in T2. The first session will be a presentation by one of our Yr 13 students on their EPQ project around climate change.

Join the GeogSoc TEAMS channel here: [GeogSoc TEAMS Channel](#) or using code ihvp5o7.

Music Department Clubs

NEW! Flutissimo – Thursday lunchtimes at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all flute players who are Grade 1 and above. Please sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the M Block.

NEW! String Ensemble – Friday lunchtimes at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all string players who are Grade 1 and above. Please sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the M Block.

NEW! Concert Band – Thursday lunchtimes at 12.45 – 13.15 in M2. Open to all instrumental players (excluding pianists) Grade 2 and above. Please sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the M Block.

NEW! Kazoo Club - Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.45 – 13.15 in M19. Open to all year groups and abilities - come and give it a go! 30 places available only. Please sign-up on the sheet at the exit of the M Block.

Yr 7&8 Choir – Monday lunchtimes at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all singers in Yr 7 and 8.

Senior Choir – Tuesday lunchtimes at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. Open to all singers in Yr 9 and above.

CCHSG Guitar and Ukulele Group – Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.50 – 13.20 in M2. All years and abilities welcome.

PE Clubs Timetable

Please find at the end of the Bulletin the clubs timetable for this half term. If students are planning on attending a lunchtime club, they should get changed quickly at the start of lunch, and pre-order or bring a packed lunch to eat afterwards. They do not need to sign up to any clubs, just turn up and play. Students do need to get changed back into uniform once the club has finished.

Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition

The Rotary club is running a Young Environmentalist competition for young people. This year's theme is 'Climate Change/ Carbon Reduction' and the competition aims to encourage young people to interact with the environment, address serious environmental issues and develop and explore solutions whilst investigate, research and undertake an environmental sustainability project

It is free to enter and open to individuals, schools and college communities. Entries would need to be submitted before the end of February 2022. There are three age groups: Junior 7 to 10 years old, Intermediate 11 to 13 years old, and Senior 14 to 17 years old.

There are two categories in the competition: Individual entry open to all categories, Junior, Intermediate and Senior and group entry (maximum of four participants) open to Junior and Intermediate categories only

More information can be found at: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/media/2021/06/2021-22-Young-Environmentalist-Information-Pack.pdf>

Young Writers' Poetry Competition 'Empowered'

Do you feel passionately about a subject that you feel is sometimes overlooked? Do you feel that something needs to change in society? Young Writers' poetry competition 'Empowered' is a perfect opportunity to voice these opinions, from current affairs, religion and identity to love, loss and everything in-between. Any poetic form is accepted. Students should ask their English teacher for an entry form or find them outside F5! Deadline for entries: Friday 16 October.

E-Safety Information – Screen Time

While many parents and carers may be worried about their children spending more time online during since the return to school, it is as important to understand what they're doing online rather than setting limits on their total screen time.

Asking them about the sites, apps and games they use regularly can be a great way to start a conversation and help you identify any risks in what your child's doing online or who they may be talking to. There are some great tips about starting a conversation about screentime with your children at the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

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 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.

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>

Free Parenting Teenagers Course

The course is a once weekly, Tuesday morning session starting on 5 October, 09.30 – 12.00, at Kingsland Church, Lexden, running for six mornings with a break for the half term holiday.

The course consists of video clips and discussion time, and every participant is given a handbook to keep, suitable for any parents, guardians or carers of young people aged 11 to 18.

Some of the topics covered will include: understanding your teenager, staying connected, identity and communication and conflict.

There is no cost to attend and refreshments are provided, however donations are gratefully received by the volunteer team who run the course and bake the cakes!

For further information and to register for the course, please [email sara@kingsland.org.uk](mailto:sara@kingsland.org.uk)



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 12.20 – 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. The school field is open to all but there is no eating on field.

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

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30

[Student Lunch Order Form](#)

[Sixth Form Lunch Order](#)

Menu for w/c 20 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Pizza, chips & Salad	Spanish Chicken	Seafood Tagliatelle with Green Beans
Or				
Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Spinach & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake	Cheesecake	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash	Tomato & Basil	Leek & Potato	French Onion

Correspondence Sent out this Week:

All Yrs: Instrumental Lessons

All Yrs: Gifted and Talented in Sport

Yrs 7-9, 11&12: School Photographs

Yr 7 Advice to Parents/Carers – Positive Case in School

Yr 9 Advice to Parents/Carers – Positive Case in School

Yr 11 Advice to Parents/Carers – Positive Case in School

Yr 12: Art Kits

Yrs 12 & 13: Science Magazine Subscriptions

Yr 13: Biology Field Visit Final Information

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Gifted and Talented in Sport	Friday 24 September
Yr 7	Student Planner and Locker	Friday 17 September
Yr 7	PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 1 October
Yr 12	Art Kits	Thursday 30 September
Yrs 12 & 13	Science Magazine Subscriptions	Friday 1 October

Word of the Week for w/c 20 September

Next week the word is: **JEOPARDY** – hazard or risk or exposure to loss, harm, death or injury.



1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term (2021/2022 Academic Year)

- 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>
- Welcome Party for New Year 7 students (Sept 2021 intake) - Friday 8 October 19.00 – 21.00 Tickets for this event can be purchased via Classlist.
- 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.

2. 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 Year 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's the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

3. 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 3 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

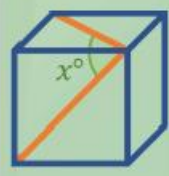
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For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com


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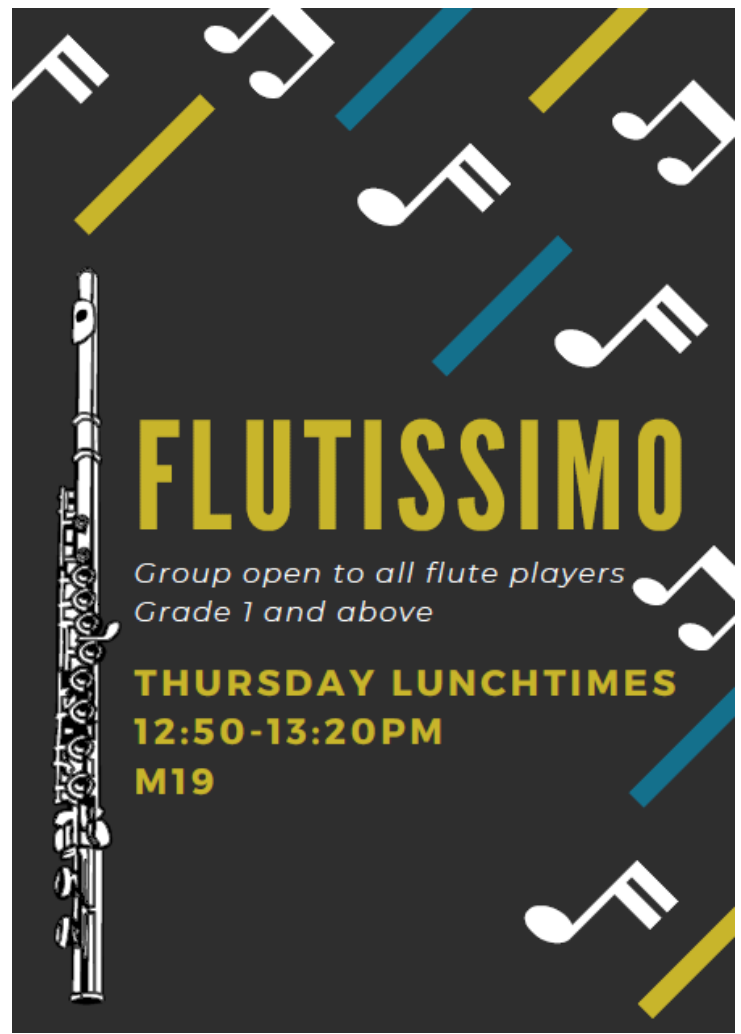
π Club

Do you enjoy solving (or want to know how to solve) maths problems?
Think you can solve these?

Each letter corresponds to a unique digit, where A and D are not zero. Complete the multiplication.	Find the angle x , formed from two lines drawn on a cube as shown below.
$\begin{array}{r} A B C D \\ \times \quad 9 \\ \hline D C B A \end{array}$	
Time exactly 15 minutes using only a 7-minute hourglass and an 11-minute hourglass.	

Join us, we have 

Pi Club will take place on **Monday lunchtimes (12:50-13:20)** in **M10**.
 Join the maths side. You won't regret it. :)



FLUTISSIMO

Group open to all flute players
Grade 1 and above

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES
12:50-13:20PM
M19

STRING ENSEMBLE

OPEN TO ALL STRING PLAYERS GRADE 1 AND ABOVE
























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



PE Clubs and Practices (Autumn Term 2021)

Tuesday 21 September – Friday 15 October 2021

Year 7-11 INTERFORM NETBALL: w/c 11 October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08.00-08.30	Table Tennis Gym All Years (TTH) 	Table Tennis Gym All Years (PCA) 	Netball Team Training Years 7-9 (OTH, NWI) 	Morning Swim All years (NWI) 	Morning Yoga Gym All Years (OTH) 
Lunch-time 12.30-13.05	Table Tennis Gym Year 10-13 (PCA)  Basketball Sports Hall Years 7-8 (DWI & Student Helpers)  Netball Year 9-11 (OTH) 	Football All Years (SBA & DWI)  GCSE Practical Netball Support (NWI)  Badminton Sports Hall Years 7-9 (PCA & JWA)  A Level Theory Support H3 (OTH) 	Netball Year 7-8 (NWI, OTH)  Badminton Sports Hall Years 10-13 (PCA)  Table Tennis Gym Year 7-9 (DWI & JWA) 	GCSE Theory Support H3 (NWI & Pupil Mentors)  Indoor Cricket Sports Hall All years (PCA)  Thursday Fun Day Gym Year 10-13 (DWI & JWA) 	Friday Fun Day Gym Year 7-9 (NWI & PCA)  Netball Year 12-13 (OTH)  Basketball Sports Hall Years 9-11 (SBA) 
After school 15.45-16.45	SCHOOL MEETINGS	FIXTURES EVENING Netball Team Training Year 7-9 (NWI, OTH, PCA) 	FIXTURES EVENING Netball Team Training Year 10-13 (NWI, OTH, PCA) 	FIXTURES EVENING GCSE Practical Support (Selected dates) 