



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 19 March 2021



#### Term Dates 2020 – 2021

##### Spring Term

Monday 4 January  
Friday 26 March

##### Half Term

Monday 15 February  
Friday 19 February

##### 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

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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	Mar	22	Yr 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Final – Period 3
Tuesday	Mar	23	E-Safety Workshops – see below E-Safety Parent Workshop 19.00 – 20.30
Wednesday	Mar	24	
Thursday	Mar	25	
Friday	Mar	26	<b>Last day of Term</b> Assembly: All Yrs

It is wonderful to have had all students back in school this week.

We are asking all staff and students to wear masks in classrooms and corridors; students need to be pro-active in wearing their masks. Students may take mask breaks at lesson change by walking outside via the one way system. At breaktime and lunchtime students can take mask breaks by going outside. Students may remove masks to eat, but if this is inside they should keep their distance from other students.

As students return to school please we continue to ask them to hand wash/sanitise, wear face masks (a visor may be worn in addition but not instead of a mask) and rigidly follow the one-way system. If a student forgets their mask, they can collect some from Reception with no charge. We thank them for all they are doing to keep our school community safe.

#### Home Testing

Students are receiving home test kits after their in-school testing ends. Additional test kits to cover the Easter period will be distributed also. Please continue to report results via TestRegister and to the NHS.

#### End of Term Arrangements

There will be an End of Term Assembly on Friday during Morning Registration for all Year Groups. Lessons will continue until normal finish time on Friday 26 March.

#### Reporting Student Absence

An important reminder to parents that all student absences must be reported to the school office, either by calling the relevant student absence telephone line or via email to [office@cchsg.com](mailto:office@cchsg.com) or direct to Mrs Curtis [fcurtis@cchsg.com](mailto:fcurtis@cchsg.com). We kindly request that parents do not send absence reporting emails to teachers during the school day.

#### Yr 11 GCSE Music Performance Recordings

These are taking place throughout the day on Monday 22 March in M2. Students are asked to be considerate and quiet in the corridor area outside M2 whilst moving between lessons. Thank you.

#### Yr 8 Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2021-2024

The presentation for the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening is available on the school website. Students will be given a copy of the KS4 Curriculum Guide Booklet to take home on Monday 22 March.

#### Yr 9 Level 2 AQA Project

Students need to submit their projects electronically to their supervisor by **Wednesday 24 March**.

#### Yr 12 EPQ

Students need to submit their projects electronically to their supervisor by **Thursday 25 March**.

#### 500 Club

The March draw will take place on Monday 22 March. Thank you to all participants for their contribution to school resources by participating in this draw. Full terms and conditions are on our website.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD  
Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



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## E-Safety Event – Tuesday 23 March

The whole school E-Safety event will take place on Tuesday; students will participate in their lessons, timings for the day are:

Group	Timings
Yrs 7 and 8	Period 1 9.10 – 10.10
Yrs 9 and 10	Period 3 11.35 – 12.35
Yrs 11, 12 and 13	Period 4 13.30 – 14.30
Parents and extended family	Evening: 19.00 – 20.30

Parent event (also for extended family), 19.00 – 20.30: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89142394705>

## Yrs 7&9 Examinations

The Yr 7 and Yr 9 examinations will not go ahead this year, but instead teachers will use lesson time following students' return to school to continue to monitor progress using classwork, homework, end of topic tests and assessments.

### Wellbeing Information

Any student who feels they need wellbeing support particularly regarding the return to school should contact their Year Leader who can advise and signposts suitable resources and support organisations.

### A Message from the Wellbeing Ambassadors

One thing that has been keeping many of us going over lockdown is our daily outdoor exercise. A good motivation is a cycling app, Strava, which also logs walks, runs, and swims. If you want to motivate yourself to get outside more there are plenty of apps like this to help you stay happy, healthy, and active!

### Here are some recommendations

- Cyclemaps: plan routes, get directions, log distance and speed
- Strava: measure elevation and speed, broken down over the entire activity. Records all your activities in a fun graph!
- Runkeeper: tracks calories burned as well as distance and speed
- Pumatrac: has helpful insights and information like the weather an when you run the furthest/ fastest

## Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

### Historical Fiction Book Club

All students who ordered a copy of this term's book, *The Foundling*, should have received their copies in Form Time. If students would like to take part in the book club meeting with the author Stacey Halls please join us via Teams on Wednesday April 14 at 17.30. They can take part even if they didn't order the book through the school. Access the meeting via: [Historical Fiction Author Meeting](#)

### Yrs 10 – 13: Interested In Journalism? Want To Find Out More?

English trainee teacher and former magazine editor Mr Nelson and travel journalist Jo Fletcher-Cross, will be hosting an after-school session on the art of editing and how to get ahead in journalism. For students in Yrs 10-13 who are interested in a career in the media, or just want to find out more about putting together a magazine, this is the talk for them! It will be hosted on Teams at 17.00 on Wednesday 22 March. There will be a Q&A session afterwards if you have any questions. Students should contact Miss Bowdidge [ebowdidge@cchsg.com](mailto:ebowdidge@cchsg.com) or Mr Nelson [nelson@cchsg.com](mailto:nelson@cchsg.com) if they want more information.

### Debate Club – Wednesday 24 March, 17.00 - 17.30 via MS Teams

The next Debate Club session will discuss the statement: "This House does not support the #notallmen movement". 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](#)

## Virtual Talks from Speakers for Schools

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

Date	Speaker	Talk Information
Monday 22 March 17.00 – 18.00 <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Luke Ellis, CEO, Robyn Grew, Group COO and General Counsel, Man Group	Green Skills Week: the importance of green skills and how green skills are currently used at Man Group, and how the world of finance is becoming increasingly green.
Tuesday 23 March 17.00 – 18.00 <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Steve Backshall MBE, Conservationist, Explorer, Author and Television Presenter	Hear from Steve on how we can tackle climate change and help our planet.
Wednesday 24 March 17.00 – 18.00 <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Sarah Coleman, Illustrator, Inkymole	Sarah will be sharing her story and insights into working for large clients such as Coca Cola, Tiffany Jewellers, Disney and hundreds of book covers. She'll share the top tips you'll need for success in a creative sector.
Thursday 25 March 17.00 – 18.00 <a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a>	Dr. Rhian-Mari Thomas OBE, CEO, Green Finance Institute	Rhian will be speaking about what Green Banking is and the work that is being done to build a resilient and low carbon economy.
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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](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.

### Yr 12 Nuffield Research Placement Information

The Nuffield Scheme is aimed at students who come from low income families, or do not have a family history of going to university and can offer students placements in industry, universities and at local organisations, to inspire and motivate students giving the skills and confidence. Full information is available on their website, including case studies: <https://www.stem.org.uk/nuffield-research-placements> The closing date for applications is 14 April 2021.

### 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](#)

[Year 12 Lunch](#)

Please keep 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 22 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Beef in Black Bean Sauce with Rice	Beef Burger with Chips & beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Breaded Cod with potato Wedges & Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Pasta Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Devon Apple Cake	White Chocolate Mousse	Bread & Butter Pudding	Bakewell Tart with Custard
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 Yrs: Student Safety Alert  
 Yr 7: Lateral Flow Home Test Kit Information  
 Yr 7: Parent Information - WhatsApp  
 Yr 8: Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2021-2024  
 Yr 9: Return to School Update for Year 9  
 Yr 10: Lateral Flow Home Test Kit Information  
 Yr 11: Lateral Flow Home Test Kit Information  
 Yr 12: Lateral Flow Home Test Kit Information  
 Yr 13: Lateral Flow Home Test Kit Information

## Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 11	GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials	Friday 19 March

## This Week's Brainteaser

A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?

**Last week's answer:** Take the first letter of each word and place it at the end. It will spell the same word backwards.

## Word of the Week for w/c 22 March

Next week the word is: **QUERULOUS** – full of complaints.



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### 1. Annual Christmas Market 2021 – Invitation to stallholders

Bookings are now open for stalls at this very popular annual event, open to the school community and general public, to be held on **Saturday 27 November, 12.00 – 15.00**

**Cost:** Single stalls £25, double £40

Please email [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com) with details of goods you would like to sell at the event and a booking form will be sent to you.

**Note:** In the event of cancellation by the organiser, you will receive a full refund or be invited to trade, should you choose, via a Virtual Christmas Market.

### 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

Subject to the lifting of restrictions for non-essential retail services by the government on 12 April, a one-day second-hand uniform and revision books sale is planned for **Saturday 15 May**. In order to ensure social distancing and the safety of all concerned, the sale will be by appointment only through an online booking system. A strict in and out system will be in place and 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.

The online booking system will be available from **Monday 3 May**. 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 existing students during this academic year.

If you are having a sort out, we will gratefully accept your donations of outgrown uniform and revision books, via the wheelie bins outside 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.

### 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](mailto: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/colchestercountygirlsppta/>
- **AmazonSmile** – You now need to search for amazon on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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 don't 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>

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