



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 19 November 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  
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

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#### Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Nov	22	Yr 9 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 10 GCSE RS Mock Examination Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting
Tuesday	Nov	23	Yrs 7 – 10 Flu Vaccinations Yr 10 DoF Bronze Group A 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting
Wednesday	Nov	24	Latin & Classics Oxbridge Coaching Session with Dr Bowden Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Thursday	Nov	25	In-Year Testing for Yr 9 Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Yr 12 Parent Consultation Evening Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Friday	Nov	26	11O Non-Uniform Day Sixth Form Charity Day Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Saturday	Nov	27	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale 09.00 – 13.00

#### Student Home Testing

We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should still be recorded 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). We continue to urge students to sanitise, keep distance and encourage them to wear face masks in communal areas. All these actions are helping to keep our school safe and transmission at a low rate.

#### Face Masks on School Buses

A reminder to all students who travel on buses that face masks/coverings are still required for the whole journey. Covid-19 is still prevalent and at this time of year when there are seasonal health concerns, and as Christmas approaches, it will help protect everyone.

#### Reporting Student Absence

When reporting a student absence or late attendance, via the absence telephone line, by email to [office@cchsg.com](mailto:office@cchsg.com) or through the Gateway app, please ensure you clearly include your child's full name, Form Group and reason for absence (i.e. type of illness). It is important that we have full details to be able to ascertain any Covid-19 illness and follow up. Thank you.

#### Mock GCSE Examinations

Yr 10 have their GCSE RS mock examination on Monday afternoon and Yr 11 have their mock examinations from Monday 22 November – Friday 3 December. We ask students to be considerate and silent in the areas where examinations are taking place. During the mock examination period, students are expected to be in school for revision sessions. Revising at home during this time is not an authorised absence. We wish students every success in their examinations.

#### Yr 12 Parent Consultation Evening – Thursday 25 November 16.15 – 19.00

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

We hope the discussions with subject teachers will be useful. Students should attend with their parents/carers.



### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 26 November

11O are organising the day to support the charity Women for Afghan Women (WAW). Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to the chosen theme and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay. However, as with all non-uniform days, students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. If students have PE on this day they are required to bring PE kit to change into and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.

### Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 26 November

The Head Girl Team are organising the day to also support Women for Afghan Women (WAW); students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

**Remember – no shorts, short skirts, bare midriff or ripped jeans. If students are in unacceptable clothing they will be sent to their Year Leader for alternative clothing to be provided.**

### Yrs 7 – 10 Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 23 November

Parents have been sent information from the North East Essex Immunisation Team regarding the flu vaccine for students in Years 7-10. Parents should complete electronic consent form via the link in the body of the letter by **Friday 19 November**, in order for the Immunisation Team to complete their arrangements and bring the correct amount of vaccinations on the day.

An alternative date will be arranged by the Immunisation Team for Yr 11 students after the mock examinations have been completed.

### 500 Club

The next draw will be held on Monday 22 November. You can participate by purchasing a ticket for the nine remaining draws for £40 via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU>. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for our students. Full information, including terms and conditions, is available via <https://www.cchsg.com/?s=500+club>.

### Lost Property

All unnamed lost property that has been handed in since the start of term, has been photographed and recorded on SharePoint for students to view.

Please urge students to check to see if anything belongs to them, items can be collected from Reception. Unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the Autumn Term.

### 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.

Rotations with Mrs Webb will be:

Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week B

Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week A

Students can access the initial recipes to check ingredients via: SharePoint. We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

### Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

#### PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
21.11.2021	09.00 – TBC	Regional Netball Final	Various	The Gilberd	U14 & U16
22.11.2021	15.00 – 17.15	Netball	St John Payne	Away	U19
23.11.2021	15.45 – 17.00	Badminton	Philip Morant	Away	Yrs 7 & 8
24.11.2021	14.30 – 19.30	Lee Valley Indoor Athletics	Various	Lee Valley	Yrs 8 & 9
24.11.2021	15.35 – 17.30	Netball	TLA	Away	Yrs 10 & 11
24.11.2021	14.30 – 15.45	Netball	FitzWimarc School	Home	U19
25.11.2021	15.45 – 17.00	Badminton	Philip Morant	Away	Yrs 9 - 11

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

#### PE Lunchtime Clubs

Due to the Yr 11 mock examinations, the Sports Hall will be out of action from Friday 19 November to Monday 6 December, so there will be no Badminton or Basketball Club for the next two weeks. All other clubs running as normal.



## Rehearsals for Schools will Rock You

Thursday 25 November, 15.35 – 16.40: Ga Ga Kids in M2

**Please note**, if students missed the last rehearsal and do not show up for this one, we will assume that they no longer wish to take part. If they cannot attend, but still wish to be part of the show, they **MUST** see Michaela Cudmore-Rice.

Wednesday 1 December, 15.35 – 17.00 – Blocking – Act Two – all leads and Bohemian Chorus in M2/M3.

## Yr 11 & 13 Mathematics Department Revision Sessions

The Mathematics department continues to run lunchtime revision sessions for students in Yrs 11 and 13 as below.

Yr 13 Revision	Week A		Week B	
	Tuesday: Pure with Bindu Roshen in M10		Tuesday: Pure with Amy Dai in M10	
	Monday: Statistics with Ann Ball in M10		Monday: Mechanics with Suzanne Bradnum in M10	
Yr 11 Revision	Week A		Week B	
	Monday with Jack Walsh in M9		Tuesday with Poppy Burnett in M7	

## Yr 11 Weekly GCSE Biology Revision Sessions

No revision for the next two weeks due to the mock examinations.

## Yr 13 Biology Revision Sessions

Biology revision before the Yr 13 December assessments will be in F13 at lunchtime on Thursday 25 November (covering the nervous system) and Friday 26 November (covering plant hormones). All welcome.

### 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](mailto: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.

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

**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 22 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Breaded Chicken with Potato Wedges and Green Beans	Fishcakes with Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Hominy Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	Tomato & Basil	Minestrone	Leek & Potato	Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash

### Correspondence Sent out this Week:

All Yrs: PTFA Christmas Grand Prize Draw  
 All Yrs: Instrumental Lessons  
 Yrs 7-10: Flu Vaccinations  
 Yrs 7-11: PTFA Second Hand Uniform and Book Sale  
 Yr 12: Parent Consultation Evening

### Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	PTFA Christmas Grand Prize Draw	Wednesday 15 December
All Yrs	Instrumental Lessons	Friday 3 December
Yrs 7-10	Flu Vaccinations	Friday 19 November
Yrs 8 – 12	Netball Dress Purchase	
Yr 11	Free Standing Mathematics Qualification	Friday 19 November

### This Week's Brainteaser

Replace the vowels to give five associated words, what are they?  
 MRCN SPRSS LTT MCH CPPCCN

### Last Week's Brainteaser Answer

5. The number of letters in the name give the bus number

### Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum

Well done to everyone who entered last week, especially the twenty-two who answered correctly, who have each earned a raffle ticket! Particular congratulations to a student in 12H who answered with the correct answer of '11 hours 15 minutes, 135 miles from A' in the quickest time.

#### Last week's method:

At time  $t$ :

Cyclist 1 is  $12t$  miles from A

Cyclist 2 is  $360-20t$  miles from A

$$\therefore 12t = 360 - 20t$$

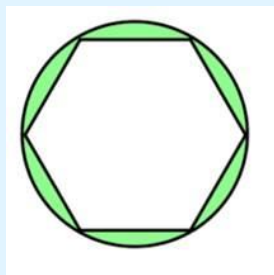
$$\therefore 32t = 360$$

$$\therefore t = 11.25 \text{ hours}$$

**They meet after 11  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours, 135 miles from A**

#### This week's conundrum:

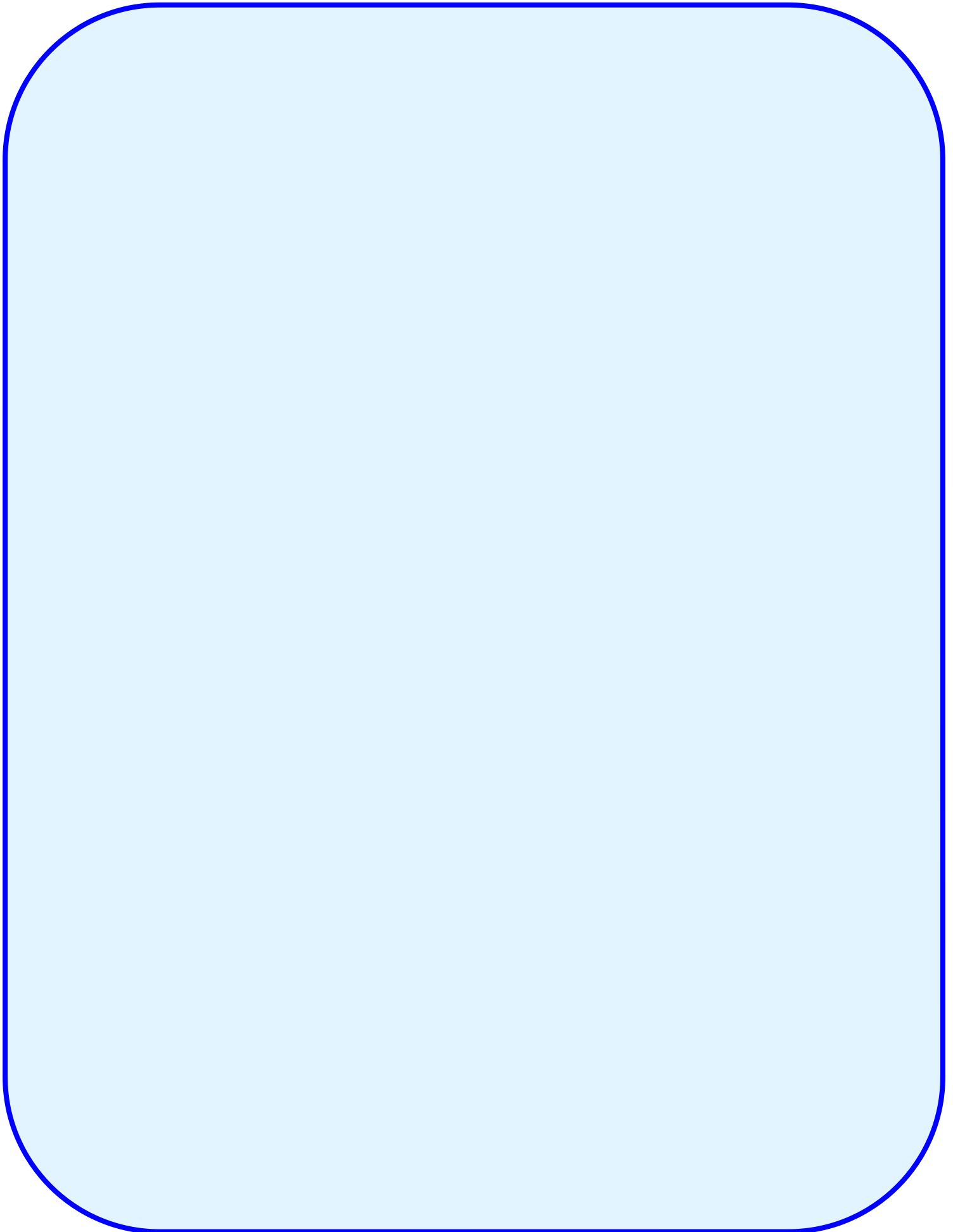
The area of the shaded region is  $72\pi - 108\sqrt{3}$ . Find the area of the regular hexagon.



Click the link to submit your answer – best of luck! [Mr Williams' Weekly Mathematics Conundrum](#)

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

Next week the word is: **QUAGMIRE** – a situation from which extrication is very difficult





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

- **Second Hand Uniform Sale dates in 2021/2022 Academic Year**

Autumn Term - Saturday 27 November 09.00-13.00

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

### 2. Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale - Saturday 27 November, 09.00 – 13.00

A Second Hand Uniform Sale open to all Year Groups will still take place on Saturday 27 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. Siblings are not allowed unless they are currently at the school and need to get uniform. Please continue to donate any outgrown items of uniform, good quality revision materials or fiction and non-fiction books still in sale worthy condition to the PTFA. All donations of books and uniform are gratefully received and can be left in the clearly marked PTFA wheelie bins outside the School Reception.

The PTFA is very grateful to the many parents who have already volunteered to help prepare for the sales and to support with the stewarding and staffing during the sale.

To sign up as a volunteer, click this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/WB9LM>

### 3. Virtual Grand Prize Draw 2021 - Draw on Wednesday 15 December

In the absence of our usual well-supported Christmas Market, we are delighted to launch an Virtual Grand Prize Draw this year. The draw will take place on **Wednesday 15 December** and winners will be notified via email or telephone. Prizes must be collected in person by **Friday 17 December**.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £250 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Luxury Festive Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Case of Prosecco

Tickets at £5 per entry can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BIQH>

### 4. Christmas Themed Fundraising Scratch Cards

Scratch cards for selling squares worth £40 per card are available by request from CCHSG PTFA from Monday 8 November. Participants must be 18 or over. The stake per square is £1 and a maximum of £20 is awarded to the winner from each card (amount is subject to the card being completed). All scratch cards must be returned **with answer block unscratched** to the PTFA via the school and monies collected to be banked into the PTFA's bank account.

The following 5 categories of scratch cards are available to choose from;

1. Christmas Carols
2. Christmas Movies
3. Christmas Traditions
4. Christmas Food and Drinks
5. Nativity Scene

Requests for scratch cards can be made to [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)

### 5. PTFA Virtual Christmas Market

CCHSG PTFA will be running a **Virtual Christmas Market** on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this opportunity for our existing stallholders and other 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?

#### PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

[agnessobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:agnessobrien@hotmail.com)

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

For all enquires related to the PTFA, email [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)



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suffer with  
sleep issues?**

**Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?**

**Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?**

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**50%**

**Around 50% of  
children will have  
a sleep issue at  
some point\***

#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

#### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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