



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

1 May 2020



Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Summer Term

Monday 20 April
Wednesday 22 July

Bank Holiday

Friday 8 May

Half Term

Monday 25 May
Friday 29 May

Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 22 July 2020

Term Dates 2020 – 2021 For Students

Autumn Term

Thursday 3 September
Thursday 17 December

Half Term

Monday 26 October
Friday 2 November

Spring Term

Monday 4 January
Friday 26 March

Half Term

Monday 15 February
Friday 19 February

Summer Term

Monday 12 April
Friday 16 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

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	May	4	Yr 8 Examination Results to Parents Yr 12 Reports to Parents
Tuesday	May	5	
Wednesday	May	6	
Thursday	May	7	Yr 8 Preference Deadline
Friday	May	8	Bank Holiday

Thank you for your support as we keep the school functioning and students learning.

Setting Work for Students

For consistency, teachers will ensure that work, resources and all instructions are made available on SharePoint, as well available on Microsoft Teams or via email if appropriate. If any student has an issue with the work they should contact their subject teacher via email. Form Tutors and Year Leaders can also be contacted via email if they need advice or support.

E-Safety – Communication

Whilst we are pleased with how well students have adapted to online learning we would like to remind everyone to be mindful of E-safety. Communication between staff and students should only be through official school methods such as school email, SharePoint and Microsoft Teams. We strongly encourage parents to monitor on line activity at home, as there are many scams and bogus sites in operation. If students experience any ICT issues or problems then they should contact the ICT help desk via email.

Yr 7 Examination Week 11 – 15 May

The examination timetable has been sent to parents. Examination papers will be available via SharePoint on the morning of the examination in a folder called "AA Year 7 Examinations 2020".

Students should complete these examinations online in a timely manner under examination conditions, ideally in the timetabled lesson.

However we do understand that this is not always possible, therefore the deadline for completing and submitting all the examinations will be the end of day on Monday 18 May. We wish Yr 7 every success with their examinations.

Yr 8 Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2020-2023

A reminder that the deadline to complete the online preference form is Friday 7 May. The form can be found following this link: [KS4coursesform2020-2023](#)

Yr 12 Reports

The Yr 12 reports have been sent out by post today. Please return the Report Acknowledgement Slip, [Year 12 Report Acknowledgement](#), by Monday 18 May. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your daughter's report in more detail please contact Mr Gosling, Head of Sixth Form.

Yr 12 Request for Review of Curriculum (selected students)

A reminder that the deadline for students to request a review of their curriculum is Thursday 7 May. They can do so by completing the online form following this link: [Year 12 A Level Review](#).

Essex LA 'Families in the Community' Letter

Essex Family Forum have produced a letter for families with children with complex needs who may need to be out of the house, or out of their local area, during these times of lockdown and social distancing. It has been shared with the special schools and has been well received by families. The letter can be sent to any families who request a copy via the Office'cchsg.com if they feel it would be helpful and reassuring.

Wellbeing Support

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

The latest edition of the weekly Schools Bulletin with resources to support schools and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is attached for your information.



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG_

StarLine

As well as supporting parents and carers via the telephone helpline, StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly discussion programme to explore aspects of parenting, education and home learning. Each episode will provide simple and engaging ideas for home learning. StarLive will be broadcast live on YouTube every Wednesday morning at 08.30 and will finish before PE with Joe begins at 09.00. [StarLine YouTube channel](#) will start at 08.30.

Online Learning Platform to Develop Workplace Skills

A new [online learning platform](#) to help develop workplace skills while people are staying at home, has been launched yesterday. The new platform gives adults access to free digital and numeracy courses to help build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects.

Fitness

Well done to all the students who have taken part in this week's 'Push Up Challenge'. Students can access the leader board via Share-point > PE > AA Weekly PE Workouts > Weekly challenge leader board.

Enrichment Opportunities

Yr 12 Oxbridge Club

Oxbridge Club will continue to run via Microsoft Teams – students who were already a member of the club or would like to join please search for the group and then Mrs Pigott will accept so that you access the team. We will continue to examine and critique articles which are essential skills that universities value in applicants.

Drama and Music Departments' Production of Les Miserables, February 2021

In preparation for auditions students can listen to the soundtrack, watch the film or watch extracts from the stage show on YouTube. Students from all Yrs are able to audition for a large range of minor roles and chorus with lead roles open to Yrs 9 – 13 and young characters open to Yrs 7 & 8. Orchestral information will be available nearer the time.

Essex Music Services Online Music Tuition

Please find attached a letter from Essex Music Services regarding regular music tuition online.

Essex Libraries Online

A reminder that you can borrow ebooks or eaudiobooks free from Essex Libraries online. You need to download the app 'Borrowbox' and use your public library card to login in. It will ask you for your password which is usually your date of birth. You can join the public library online if you don't already have a membership card.

The librarians have put a link to the website in our folder on the Sharepoint.

Yr 7's can use these ebooks for Accelerated Reader. They shouldn't forget that the Librarians are still expecting them to be taking part in Accelerated Reader and reaching their targets.

Please email the school Librarians via the library email if you have any questions.

Click here for more information <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/e-books-e-audio-e-magazines-and-book-groups/e-books-and-e-audio/>

Build a Thank-You-Bot Competition

To say thank you to key workers and to inspire a creativity and imagination the competition requires you to use materials found around the house (boxes, plastic tubs, tin-foil, paint, glue etc.) to build a robot that bears a thank you message to all the wonderful Keyworkers that are keeping our country going.

Robots can be any size, any shape and have any features (although anything with special such as lights, or something that spins or glows up etc would impress the judges). Display your thank-you-bot inside/outside – just ensure it has a thank you message to the key workers. Entries can be individual or family team

To enter, make your robot and send a few pictures of it (preferably with you in it too) via email to cnachman@cchsg.com.

You can enter as many times as you want. Notable entries may be lucky enough to feature on the schools social media pages. The competition is open to everybody and will run as long as we are not in school. When we return to school a winner will be chosen. The winning entry will win a prize to share with their family and have a donation made to a charity of their choice. Good luck everyone – have fun and stay safe and well.

The Book of Hopes

Bloomsbury have published a wonderful collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures for all children and families in lockdown. 'The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown' has contributions from a huge range of writers and illustrators including Anthony Horowitz, Greg James, Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson and is available completely free at the following web address: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>. The collection also contains a short story from former CCHSG student Marianne Levy. It is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz - Happy Birthday William Shakespeare!

Had he been alive today, Shakespeare would have had 456 candles on his cake last week. So the Happy Puzzle Company is celebrating with the 'Bard of Avon' in puzzling style. Please see the end of the Bulletin for puzzle and how to enter the competition. The winning entry will receive a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher.



Student Events from the University of Cambridge

A range of activities have been created by academics and connect to specific university courses, for students to learn more about a specific subject, trying to decide between different university subjects or just trying to keep their minds active.

For resources aimed at Yr 12 students [Find out more >](#)

In addition Downing College is hosting a series of webinars, click on the link to find out more:

Yr 9 – Tuesday 12 May 13.30 – 15.30 [Year 9 University Taster Webinar](#)

Yrs 10 & 11 – Tuesday 9 June 13.30 – 15.30 [Year 10 & 11 University Taster Webinar](#)

Online Resources

Secondary school resources which may be of use <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/secondary/zkqp47h>

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 4 May

The complete schedule can be found [here](#), but you will be able to hear from today's leading figures, including:

Monday 4 May, 14.00 Carl Jones, Award Winning International Creative Director

Carl's talk will focus on fake news, how to spot it and will share a practical checklist you can use to assess whether what you are seeing on social media or in the media is fake.

Wednesday 6 May, 10.00: Liz O'Riordan, Retired Consultant Breast Surgeon and Breast Cancer Patient, Author, The Complete Guide to Breast Cancer

Liz's talk with 11-18 year olds will focus on how to cope when bad things happen, developing resilience and self-care strategies during difficult times and how setting goals can help.

Thursday 7 May, 10.00: Penguin Talks in Collaboration with SFS – The Squiggly Career. This talk will take place on the Penguin YouTube page via the link.

Authors of The Squiggly Career, Helen Tupper and Sarah Ellis, share practical tools, exercises and actions to help you grow in confidence, stay curious and ultimately prepare for, and enjoy, the squiggly world of work.

No logins are required, view by clicking WATCH TALK LIVE HERE and then clicking 'Watch on web instead' and sign in anonymously.

Yr 8: Calling all Enthusiastic Linguists Rosetta Stone Access

Would you like to teach yourself a new language?

If so, take advantage of the exciting Rosetta Stone package which offers you the choice of teaching yourself 30 different languages including French, German, Latin, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Polish, Russian and many more. You will learn the language using total immersion techniques, working independently through units at your own speed, practising speaking, listening, reading and writing on the computer. The programme gives you instant feedback on how you are doing and helps you to improve independently.

You will have full access so that you can work in your own time at home until the end of this academic year.

There will be a small charge of £25, which should be paid via ParentPay. If you wish to take part, please email Mr Snow at ssnow@cchsg.com and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to hearing from you.

University Information

Student Finance Deadlines

DfE is supporting the Student Loans Company with communications to promote the approaching student finance deadline. To ensure applications are processed in time for the next academic year, whether for new or returning students, it is important applications are made to the Student Loans Company as soon as possible.

The deadline for new students applying to Student Finance England is 22 May and for returning students 19 June. Applications can still be made online in the usual way [here](#).

DfE is encouraging students to apply on social media platforms and have asked us to share this information. You can find [DfE's tweet here](#).

University Information and Virtual Tours

Wanting to find out more about universities? UCAS have provided a list of list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

Yr 12 Medical and Dental School UCAS Preparation Programme

Simran Dogra, an Undergraduate Dental Student at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, has put together an online, one-to-one programme to share her knowledge regarding the application process and preparation for UCAS. The course is broken down into three parts: UKCAT tips and techniques, personal statement and interview preparation and finally life as a dental student and live Q&A session. To reserve a space contact

simran.dogra@outlook.com



University of Cambridge

The University's first Virtual Open Days will be taking place in July. Their Open Day webpages will be updated with additional information and students will be able to engage with events. Please visit the website for further updates [Find out more >](#)

University of Warwick

To support and encourage students to continue studying, to engage with our current students, and to seek support and advice where questions arise their [Warwick at One student-led live chats](#) will start on Monday 4 May at 13.00, and they continue to run their [daily undergraduate admissions live chat](#) for any student with questions.

Lancaster University

Are holding a range of online events to help students make informed decisions about choosing a university: Unibuddy Live: a drop-in format to provide information to students from the south who would be interested in studying at Lancaster, [sign up here](#).

Virtual visits and live webinar sessions: The university have created a bank of recorded webinars on student finance, EPQ's, enhancing employability and more. [Please get in touch here](#) if you would like to request their recorded talks.

Studying Medicine at Lancaster, Monday 4 May, 12.00 – 13.30

Learn everything you need to know about applying to medical school and what makes studying medicine at Lancaster unique. [Register Here](#)

Student Finance and Budgeting, Wednesday 6 May 16.00 – 17.00

This will cover everything from student loans, to budgeting and what scholarships/bursaries are available. [Register Here](#)

Careers Information

Summer Internships, Live & Online, July & August 2020

InvestIN are hosting 'Live & Online' Internships in various careers this summer, which students aged 15-18 can register for now. Internships give the opportunity to gain work experience with successful professionals in a live, interactive environment, all from home, working alongside experienced doctors, lawyers, engineers, investment bankers, computer scientists, psychologists, United Nations staff, CEOs, architects and filmmakers, to gain an immersive experience. For more information and the full programme go to <https://investin.org/>. Places are limited.

Yr 12 & 13 Ernst & Young LLP Work Experience and Apprenticeships

Are one of the big four global professionals services companies, they help other organisations make better decisions about business, finance and technology. They are open for applications for their 2020 apprenticeships in [Assurance](#), [Business Consulting](#) and [Tax](#). On Tuesday 12 May, 16.00 – 17.00, they are hosting an insight webinar for students to find out more about Ernst & Yung, their programmes available and their application process. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 8	Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2020-2023	Thursday 7 May
Yr 12	Request for Review of Curriculum (selected students)	Thursday 7 May
Yr 12	Report Acknowledgement	Monday 18 May

Word of the Week for w/c 4 May

Next week the word is: **SPURIOUS** – false and not what it appears to be, or based on something that has not been correctly understood.



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1. PTFA Virtual Quiz Night - Thursday 28 May 19.00

Come and join us on Thursday 28 May from 19.00 from the comfort of your living room for our inaugural online Big CCHSG Family Quiz hosted by our regular Quizmaster, Julian Roper.

Ever wondered if your family was the brainiest within the CCHSG network? Now is your chance to find out! For £5 ticket per family towards PTFA funds plus a minimum of £5 to the NHS, you are guaranteed a fun night with other members of the school's community. Julian has just set up his Quiz Hire company, Corporate Quiz Hire and has kindly offered to host this online event free of charge. He will also host a company Quiz free of charge for the winning team. Only 25 Teams can take part so please register your interest via email to cchsgptfa@gmail.com
Further details to follow.

2. Postponement of PTFA Meetings

We regret that the PTFA Annual General Meeting and ordinary PTFA Meeting scheduled for Monday 18 May will be postponed indefinitely due to the current school closure and in line with the government's social distancing policy.

3. Message of Appreciation - Ink Cartridges Recycling In Support of CCHSG PTFA

We would like to express our profound appreciation to all those who helped us raise £17 since 1 January 2020.

With home schooling and most parents working from home during this nationwide lockdown, 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, we have placed freepost envelopes and a box to deposit your used ink cartridges at the School Reception. 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>

4. Yr 11 Uniform and Revision Books Donations

PTFA will gratefully accept all donations of uniform, in good condition as soon as the school resumes normal operations post Covid-19 lockdown.

Revision books for 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Levels will also be accepted.

Please consider holding on to them until school resumes, thank you.

5. Cloth Face Coverings

The PTFA would like to enlist the support of students and parents in the making of cloth face coverings, both for yourselves but also to donate to the school for staff and vulnerable students. More details will follow next week.

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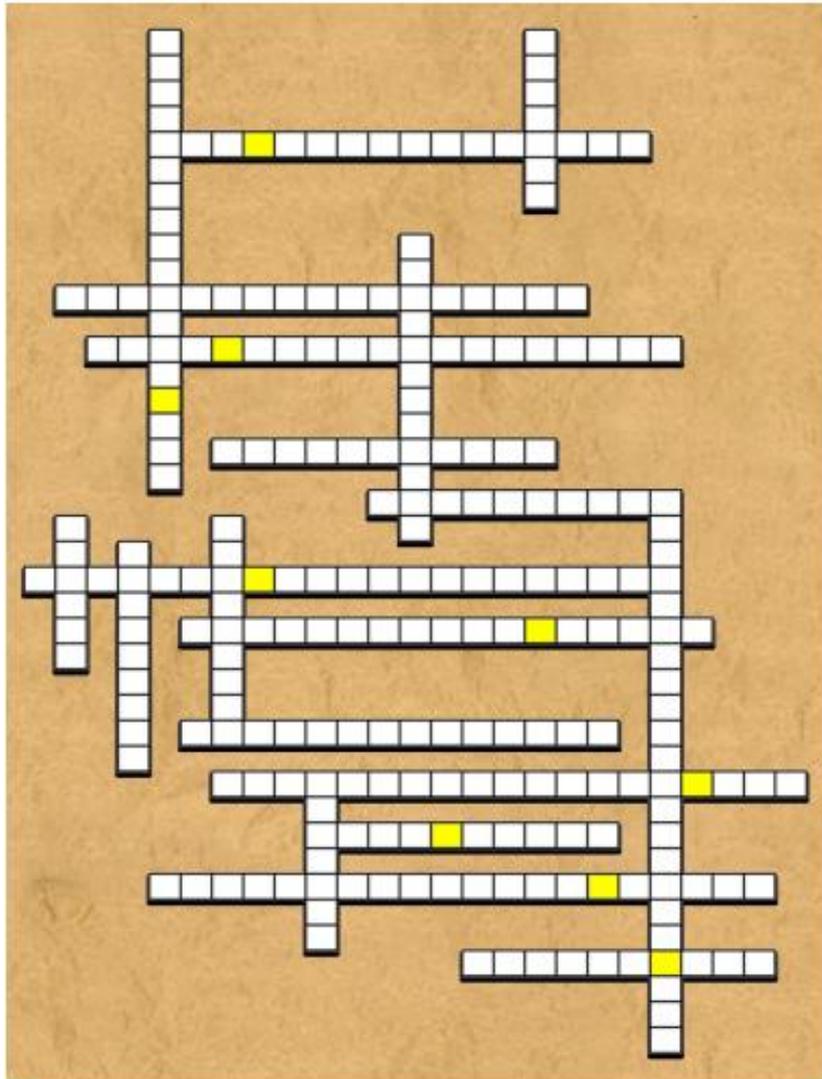
For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgptfa@gmail.com

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz - Happy Birthday William Shakespeare!

Part One: solve the following cryptic clues, all of the answers are Shakespeare plays...

1. Rapid eye movement at 2am on Wednesday 24 June 2020
2. Lizzie's raincoat
3. The deer's father in business
4. The abbreviated occupational therapist's greeting
5. Time to calm down sores araneus
6. Julian, Anne, Dick, George and Timmy the dog
7. The spouse girls get tipsy just off the M4
8. It's 4am and I can't sleep. We go on one holiday a year for a fortnight and we leave in a couple of days
9. Exactly the way you want
10. Watford FC without Deeney and some Lebanese tree mustard plants
11. A non-permanent irritant
12. Rented pig meat
13. Two rulers with a purpose
14. A row of percussion instruments
15. Mistaken hilarity
16. An amorous modern day general election
17. Creatively, it's Volvo, Vauxhall, Rolls Royce, Ford and Jaguar, after a second commercial break
18. Completely successful termination
19. It's a bronze medal for Wessex
20. An abbreviated northern soap opera, a Spanish expression of achievement and the Queen's horrible year

Part Two: now fit all of your answers into this grid. Please note that any answers traditionally shown with Roman Numerals, retain those in the grid - so for example Richard II would go in as Richard followed by two letter 'I's.



Part three: When you have completed the grid, nine letters will appear in the yellow squares.

Unscramble them to create a well-known Shakespeare character and that is your answer!

Email your answer to competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk together with your name. One correct entry will be chosen at random after the closing date (23.59 on Monday 4 2020) and will win a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher. Their decision is final!