



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

7 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 A	May	11	Yr 7 Examinations
Tuesday	May	12	Yr 7 Examinations
Wednesday	May	13	Yr 7 Examinations
Thursday	May	14	Yr 7 Examinations
Friday	May	15	Yr 7 Examinations

Thank you for all you are doing to stay at home and keep students on track with their learning.

School has continued to remain open for critical worker children. We have had a student who has been in school test positive for coronavirus, and a deep clean has been undertaken.

75th Anniversary of VE Day – Friday 8 May

The Royal British Legion calls on the nation to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day from home.

'Join us as we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation, from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces to evacuees and those who served on the home front. As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever it is important to unite in recognition of service to the nation, just as communities did 75 years ago.'

There are many parallels between the struggles of the Second World War and what we are going through today. We look to our Second World War generation to learn from their experiences, and we continue our work to protect them from the threat we currently face.

With members of the public unable to attend VE Day 75 events, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activities, including:

- National moments of Remembrance and thanksgiving, including a Two Minute Silence at 11.00
- A [live VE Day 75 livestream](#) at 11.15
- A [UK-wide singalong](#) to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 21.00
- Resources for students
- An evening of memories and music in partnership with the BBC from 20.00 on BBC One

Further information can be found on the British Legion website -

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk>

Yr 11 Update

This is not a normal year and the situation regarding GCSE examinations is unprecedented, therefore we need to adapt our approach to this.

Yr 11 will continue to have GCSE work set for lessons until May half term. We will update again at this point should the guidelines change.

After half term we envisage that Yr 11 will have week by week specific wider reading/research/online courses reinforcing Yr 11 work and starting to prepare for A Level signposted via Sharepoint for the remaining weeks of the Summer Term, encouraging them to continue engaging with their learning and maintaining good study habits. We have already set some background reading/research via the website; this will be broken down into some specific weekly chunks with additional resources added. We want to encourage and facilitate Yr 11 to maintain their study habits so they are better prepared for A Level and Post 16 studies in September. Students will still be able to communicate with their teachers. Following receipt of their grading some students may be deciding to sit examinations in the Autumn Term and can therefore continue to receive support for their GCSE learning across the Summer Term.

Yr 11 Form Tutors will maintain their weekly contact with Yr 11 for the foreseeable future, so that welfare and wellbeing links are continued.

Please find attached the Sixth Form Bulletin which has been sent to students.



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Yr 13 Update

Yr 13 teachers will continue to keep in contact and provide A Level work until May half term. Some students may be wanting to take examinations in the Autumn and therefore can receive support for their A Level learning across the Summer Term. Yr 13 will have reading/research/online courses signposted via Sharepoint; we are encouraging all students to continue engaging with their learning and maintaining good study habits.

Yr 13 Form Tutors will maintain their weekly contact with Yr 13 students for the foreseeable future, so that welfare and wellbeing links are continuing.

Teaching staff are also currently heavily involved in the Ofqual grading process and making fair and objective judgements to enable our students to receive their grades.

We are of course going to recognise Yr 11 and Yr 13 completing their studies; Mr Gosling and Mrs Daniels will be putting something together, and hoodies will be available to order shortly. Although the issue of the Proms has been raised by parents with the situation, restrictions on mass gatherings and social distancing guidance we are not rebooking these at the present time.

Child Illness – If a child is poorly

This is a worrying time for parents. Self-isolation, social distancing, the fear of infection in hospital, are all things which may delay parents seeking help for a sick child. This could cause a child to become more poorly than they should do. Parents are advised to look at this [checklist of symptoms](#) and what to do in each instance. Parents should seek medical advice if they are worried about their child – and trust their instinct.

Please also refer to the guidance sent to parents on Wednesday 6 May regarding students becoming unwell during lockdown with an illness lasting more than a couple of days. Guidance was also sent to students.

Yr 8 Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2020-2023

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

Yr 12 Request for Review of Curriculum (selected students)

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

Yr 12 Reports

Parents should 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 7 Examination Week 11 – 15 May

A reminder that 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. Miss Seager has emailed all Yr 7 students regarding the examinations.

Yr 9 Examination Week 1 – 5 June

The examination timetable has been sent to parents. The examination papers will be uploaded on the morning of the examination to SharePoint in a folder called "AA Year 9 Examinations 2020". Instructions will be made clear as to how students need to complete and submit their examination paper online for each subject.

Homework set for Yr 9 should now be revision activities.

As with Yr 7 students should complete these examinations online in a timely manner under examination conditions, for the specific time allowed 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 8 June. If students do not have an examination in the timetabled slot then they will be expected to use this time to revise for their upcoming examinations. We wish students every success with their examinations.

National Book Tokens for CCHSG

For the chance to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for our school library and £100 of tokens for yourself, please visit https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=win-5000&utm_campaign=schools-campaign-2020 and nominate CCHSG.

Wellbeing Support

If any student needs wellbeing support at this time, please contact their Year Leader who can advise and signpost suitable resources and support organisations.

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS)

Please find attached their latest interactive resource aimed to support schools and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It contains activities to support the wellbeing of our school community in line with the PSHE curriculum, resources for your information, relevant service updates and up to date contact information.

Domestic Abuse Advice

Concerns have been raised about the increase in domestic abuse during the lockdown and we have been asked to share sources of help and advice.

Follow the latest advice and guidance from the government if you are experiencing or feel at risk of [domestic abuse during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

National Domestic Violence Helpline Telephone: 0808 2000 247. This freephone, 24-hour helpline is run in partnership between Women's Aid <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/> and [Refuge](#). Male victims of domestic violence: [Men's Advice Line](#) offers support to male victims of domestic violence and abuse.

Fitness

It is vital to keep body and mind active during self-isolation, the PE department continues to share activities via Student Share Point > PE > Weekly workouts and on the PE departments twitter (@cchsgd).

Well done to all of those who took part in last week's V-Sit Challenge. Next week the challenge will be the Plank challenge; how long can you hold a plank for? Students should send their times to Miss Cass to be added to the leader board.

Enrichment Opportunities

English Department Extra Reading

Our Extra Reading Instagram posts (read-a-chapter-a-day-and-comment) are about to finish their first/second books. whatthedickenslockdown will see off *The Moonstone* (Wilkie Collins) on Tuesday 5 May and on nostalgiareadslockdown we have already finished *Little Women* and will complete *The Secret Garden*, on Monday 18 May.

We shall, therefore, be starting *Rebecca* (Daphne Du Maurier) on whatthedickenslockdown on Saturday 9 May and *I capture the Castle* (Dodie Smith) on nostalgiareadslockdown on Wednesday 20 May.

Both books are free on line. Alternatively, for a more agreeable experience, *Rebecca* is 79p on kindle and *I capture the Castle* is £3.99. (Secondhand paper copies are cheap and even better but may take time to arrive). Do join us!

Healthy Living Activities

Miss Webb has added more Healthy Living recipes for students to try with their family in the Healthy Living SharePoint folders, including practical cookery skills.

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz Competition

Please see the end of the Bulletin for this week's puzzle and the answers to last week's Happy Birthday Shakespeare puzzle. To win this week's competition and a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher, email competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk with your name and the name of the country that appears more times than any other within the answers. One correct entry will be chosen at random after the closing date (23.59 on Monday 11 May). Their decision is final!

Young Geographer of the Year Competition: The World Beyond My Window

Although confined to home this is a chance to explore the potential that geography holds.

Entries to this competition will explore the human and physical geography of places that exist beyond your window, be it locally or further afield, how young people's lives are connected to and influenced by these places - be they physical, digital or emotional connections, also to understand how geographical processes in the physical and human worlds have created these places and might be changing them. KS2, KS3 and KS4 students should produce an A3 size poster, hand-made (then sent in electronically via a scanned copy or photograph) or produced using PowerPoint, Word, Publisher, etc. KS5 students should produce an [Esri Story Map](#) containing no more than 1,500 words.

All entries must be submitted electronically, the deadline is **17.00 on Tuesday 30 June**.

Full competition guidelines and how to enter can be found at: https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2020-competition/?utm_source=School+Members&utm_campaign=4423b9f7fe-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_30_08_56_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bd6329754a-4423b9f7fe-189883745

Online Resources

Resources which may be of use:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/london-centre-leadership-learning/free-online-learning-resources>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Educational documentaries from Netflix

<https://m.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvahqwMqN4M0GRkZY8WkLZMb6Z-W7qbLA>

Daily online lessons in English and Mathematics tailored for each Year Group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Resources for teaching and learning Geography at home <https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/>

Daniel Radcliffe reading Harry Potter <https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-52543241>

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 11 May

The complete schedule can be found [here](#), but next week you will be able to hear from:

Tuesday 12 May 14.00 Josie Rourke Film and Theatre Director

Sharing her own journey within the creative industries, in particular film and theatre and director roles.

Wednesday 13 May 10.00 Lady Nicola Mendelsohn Vice President for EMEA, Facebook

Lady Nicola Mendelsohn will be joining SFS to discuss her work at Facebook and her top tips for career success.

Wednesday 13 May 14.00 Sereena Abbassi Worldwide Head of Culture & Inclusion, M&C Saatchi

Sereena's talk will focus on her journey of overcoming barriers and obstacles to get to where she is today.

Thursday 14 May 10.00 Ed Couchman, General Manager, SNAP Inc (Snapchat)

This session will focus on Ed's own story, what advice he would share with his younger self and how social media / technology might change in the future.

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

University Information

University of Suffolk – Computing Taster Event

For students considering a degree or career in Computing, web & mobile development, software engineering, cyber security, networking and business IT, on the following dates:

Friday 15 May at 13.00

Wednesday 27 May at 13.00

Saturday 6 June at 16.00

Those interested in attending should complete the electronic form <https://www.uos.ac.uk/content/computer-games-and-systems-taster> Instructions on how to attend the event using a PC, Laptop, Smartphone or Tablet will be sent to you via email in the days prior to the event.

Careers Information

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Mrs Kee is our impartial Careers Adviser and is available each Wednesday during term time to provide advice to students. During the period of time when the school is closed appointments can be made for a telephone consultation. Parents can request an appointment for their daughter by emailing Mrs Mandal, Careers Lead, via smandal@cchsg.com. Please provide a telephone number that Mrs Kee can use to contact your daughter and the date and time requested for the appointment. By providing a telephone number we would acknowledge that you have provided permission for us to pass this information to Mrs Kee.

Letters sent out this Week

Yr 12: Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase

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
Yr 12	Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase	Monday 8 June

Word of the Week for w/c 11 May

Next week the word is: **DERISORY** – ridiculously small or inadequate.



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1. PTFA Virtual Quiz Night - Thursday 28 May at 19.00

Come and join us on Thursday 28 May from 19.00 for our inaugural CCHSG Family Virtual Quiz Night hosted by our regular Quizmaster, Julian Roper from the comfort of your own living room. Ever wondered if your family was the brainiest within the CCHSG network? Now is your chance to find out.

Entry fee: £15 per family. The money raised will be used by the PTFA to fund the supply of PPE masks for vulnerable students and staff at CCHSG to use at school and a donation of £5 per entry will be made to NHS England.

Julian Roper has just set up his quiz hire company, Corporate Quiz Hire and has kindly offered to host this online event for us free of charge. He will also host a company quiz free of charge for the winning team. Numbers are limited to **25 Teams**.

How to Take Part in the Quiz?

Buy a ticket via Classlist. If you have not done so already, please sign up for Classlist at www.classlist.com, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOS and Android.

You will then be sent a Zoom link and password. Quizmaster Julian Roper, a CCHSG parent, will be the host for this session.

If you are a first time Zoom user, you will need to enter some additional details such as name etc. Download Zoom here: <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Once you log on, you will be directed to a "waiting room" where the Quizmaster can then admit you and your team to meeting/quiz.

Each participating team will need a) pen and paper, b) joker from pack of cards or one printed off, c) wooden spoon and d) hat - the reason for which will become clear on the night!

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Email: cchsgptfa@gmail.com or contact Quizmaster Julian at 07939 360787 (www.corporatequizhire.co.uk)

2. 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.

Ideally, these are made of plain cloth - dark colours like navy, black or grey in keeping with the school's uniform colours.

For design and template of masks, go to <https://sewing.com/cloth-mask-diy/> and please see below.

Masks can be posted to the school or sent in when school reopens. We aim to have 500 masks.

3. Easyfundraising

As we are all practising social distancing more of our shopping will be done online. A really simple and **FREE** way to support us during this difficult time is to sign up to easyfundraising. Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising, retailers donate money to Colchester County High School for Girls PTA, completely free.

Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/>

4. Ink Cartridges Recycling In Support of CCHSG PTFA

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, **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>

5. Yr 11 Uniform and Revision Books Donations

The PTFA will gratefully accept donations of uniform, in good condition as soon as the school resumes normal operations post Covid-19 lockdown. Please also consider donating revision books for 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Levels.

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

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Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

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

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz – International Confusion!

Below, are 50 anagrams. The first 40 anagrams contain the names of TWO countries muddled together. The final ten anagrams contain the names of THREE countries muddled together. Some of the countries will appear more than once.

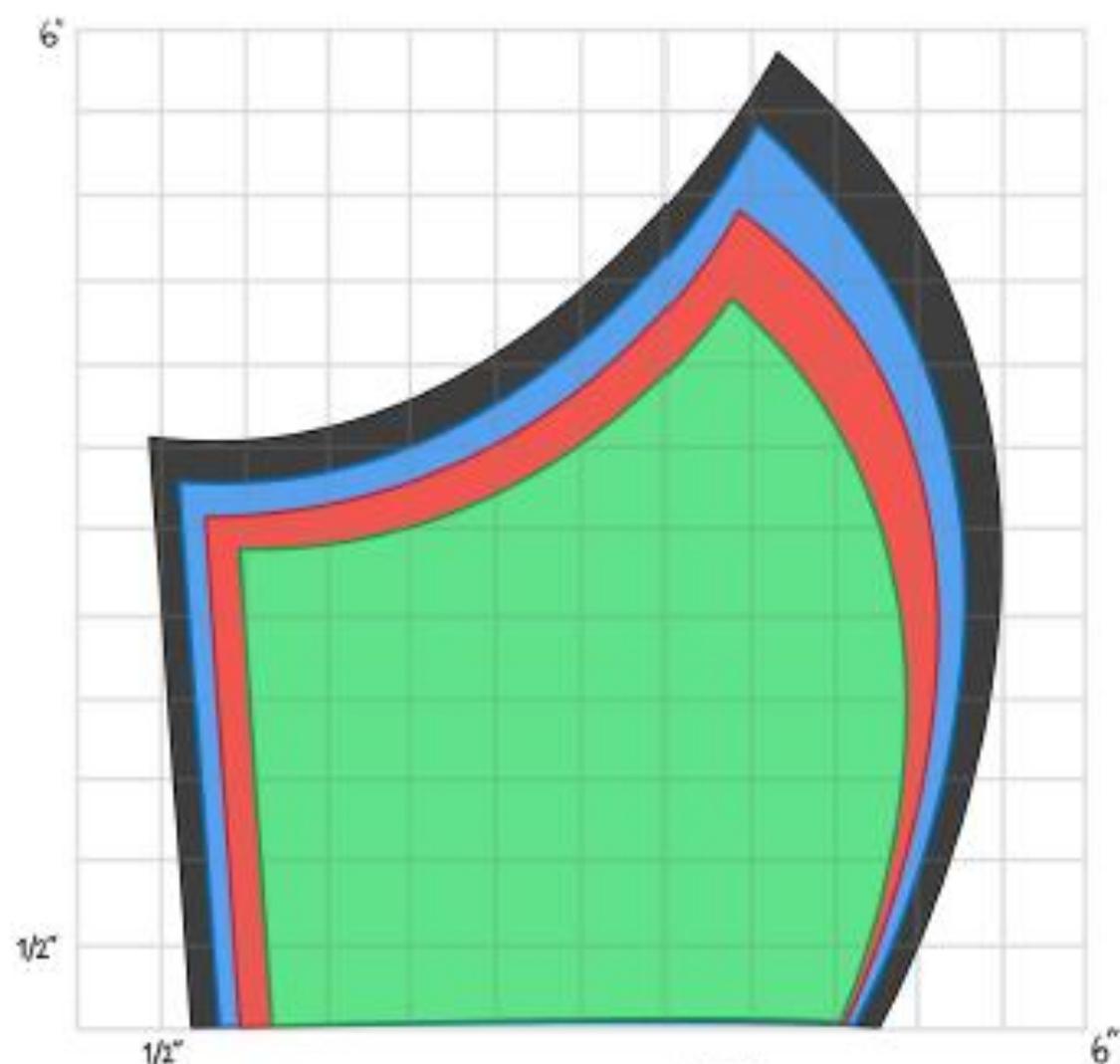
1. DIM UNDERTAKES OILING
2. LOUD PRAGMATIC BOA
3. HUMANITARIANS COOLED A RAT
4. A VALEDICTORIAN FLIP RUBLE
5. NEOLITHIC APE AID
6. PUSH CITY AIR
7. RELAXED GUNK RUM MOB
8. A STRENGTHENED NAIL RAN
9. A HUMANITARIAN OIL
10. PREFABRICATED INCH CURL CANAL
11. HAZY RANK TASK SKY GNAT
12. LIZARDS TOE LAWNS
13. A FUN VANDAL UNIT
14. ACE IRONY TEAM
15. LEAD AN AMEN WALTZ
16. AN ENORMITY SAGE
17. YUCCA BURPS
18. ANY COMMA MIXER
19. INCONSOLABLE TITHE MICE
20. NO EGG PATTY
21. EVENTUALITIES DAUB A RUM ART
22. I AIR MORTGAGES TOE
23. NEWSREEL AIDS
24. NICKNAMED AS A TRUANT
25. LITERACY FAN
26. A THOUSAND USA RITUALS
27. AVOID ON LAMPS
28. IF I INSURE JAM
29. ROASTED ACADEMIES DIFFERENTIATIONS
30. BAGEL MINUS PI
31. LOAN BRAIN AWAY
32. IS A DANDELION NICE
33. A BOND ADJOINING TRAP DATA
34. RE-EXAMINING ZODIAC HOOVES BAN
35. BLAZERS VIA LION
36. AN AMAZED LAWN PANE
37. A HANDRAIL IS TAUT
38. MISTAKING NUDE VODKA OIL
39. I AWAITS ALUMNI
40. I HAZE A PIRATE I BANJO
41. A SON ORDAINS UNIMAGINABLE AIR
42. KEY WAR ANNOUNCER FAIR
43. ADJOURNED SLAB BARBS OAR
44. A CONQUERABLE BUZZER WHIP MY COMIC
45. A REAL OUTLANDISH RAIN AIR
46. PIONEERING AIRIER GAS AGOG
47. AUTOCRACY BASIC TAIL
48. AGRICULTURAL A AS A FAIRIES OATH
49. DID PALLID PINE CONFOUNDING TROUBLEMAKER
50. RAIN OR SUBWAYS ARISE

Solutions to last week's Happy Birthday William Shakespeare!

- Rapid eye movement at 2am on Wednesday 24th June 2020 - A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Lizzie's raincoat - Macbeth
- The deer's father in business - The Merchant Of Venice
- The abbreviated occupational therapist's greeting - Othello
- Time to calm down sores araneus - The Taming Of The Shrew
- Julian, Anne, Dick, George and Timmy the dog - Richard III
- The spouse girls get tipsy just off the M4 - The Merry Wives Of Windsor
- 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 - Twelfth Night
- Exactly the way you want - As You Like It
- Watford FC without Deeney and some Lebanese tree mustard plants - Troilus and Cressida
- A non-permanent irritant - The Tempest
- Rented pig meat - Hamlet
- Two rulers with a purpose - Measure For Measure
- A row of percussion instruments - Cymbeline
- Mistaken hilarity - The Comedy Of Errors
- An amorous modern day general election - Love's Labour's Lost
- Creatively, it's Volvo, Vauxhall, Rolls Royce, Ford and Jaguar, after a second commercial break - Henry IV Part III
- Completely successful termination - All's Well That Ends Well
- It's a bronze medal for Wessex - Edward III
- An abbreviated northern soap opera, a Spanish expression of achievement and the Queen's horrible year - Coriolanus

FACE MASK PATTERN

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR SCALE HERE AFTER PRINT

SIZES:

-  SMALL KID (3-6 YRS OLD)
-  YOUNG KID (7-12 YRS OLD)
-  TEENAGE & WOMAN
-  MAN

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JULIAN ROPER

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