

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 18 May – Friday 22 May	Week B
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Thank you for all you are doing to stay at home and keep students on track with their learning.

Planning for School Opening

The government have issued detailed guidance regarding school re-opening, we are considering this and will communicate with parents early next week regarding the proposals.

Please be assured that staff and student safety are at the heart of these plans.

Home Learning Survey

We have endeavoured to provide a high quality educational experience during this unusual time. We value your opinion on the provision of learning at CCHSG so far, parents have been asked to complete a short survey so that we can further improve what we are delivering. Please follow this link to complete the survey [Parental Survey](#) the link will close on Monday 18 May at 16.00.

However, if you are satisfied with what is being provided, there is no obligation to complete the survey.

Yr 12 Reports

Parents should return the Report Acknowledgement Slip, [Year 12 Report Acknowledgement](#) by Monday 18 May.

Yr 7 Examinations

The deadline for students to complete and submit the examinations is the end of day on Monday 18 May.

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.

NSPCC Supporting Young People's Mental Health

It is important that we all pay attention to mental health and wellbeing. The NSPCC have developed resources to support their young people during this period. [> See more](#)

The Children's Society

Safe in Essex have put together a virtual weekly online programme for young people ages 13-19 across Essex starting on 18 May via Microsoft Teams. Please see end of Bulletin for the full programme and how to sign up.

Kooth and Mental Health Essex – Mental Health Awareness Week, w/c 18 May

Kooth is a free, anonymous, confidential, safe online counselling and wellbeing commissioned by the CCG to support Young people in Essex from 11 up to their 19th Birthday. Counsellors are available 365 days a year, Monday – Friday 12.00 – 22.00 and Saturday and Sunday 18.00 – 22.00, assessable on mobile phone, laptop and tablet via www.kooth.com

Please see attached their 5 Steps to Wellbeing, interactive activities for Mental Health Awareness Week. Their website also includes discussion boards, Kooth Magazine with help articles, journal and self-help tools.





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 Plank challenge. Next week the challenge will be the Burpee challenge. How many Burpees can you do in 30 seconds? Please send your total in to Miss Cass to be added to the leader board.

Enrichment Opportunities

Debate Club – Wednesdays at 12.30

To prevent boredom Ignacio Paz intends to restart Debate Club on Wednesdays at 'lunch-time' at 12:30 from Wednesday 20 May. Students who are interested should email ipaz@cchsg.com to be added to a Debate Club group on Microsoft Teams. By next Monday there will be a PowerPoint in the Teams group that will explain the topic of debate for the Wednesday. Then ON Wednesday 20 May we will attempt to have a civilised mic-only debate!

Future Learn

Free online courses from universities suitable for aged 13+ to support students on their learning journeys
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/futurelearn-schools>

Online Resources

Resources which may be of use:

Boost reading habits: https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/subscribeuk/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMlpKjrvr-I6QIVWODtCh28dgsHEAAYAiAAEgIeMvD_BwE

You can download a free copy of First News: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

Further magazines for children and teenagers:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/magazines-and-newspapers-for-children-and-teenagers/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/best-educational-magazines-for-children>

<https://www.magazine.co.uk/kids-magazines>

https://theweekjunior.co.uk/subscriptions?ppcad=true&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlpKjrvr-I6QIVWODtCh28dgsHEAAYAyAAEgIoDPD_BwE

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz Competition

Please see the end of the Bulletin for this week's puzzle and the answers to last week's 'International Confusion'. To win this week's competition and a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher, email competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk with your name and name of the game show out of all of the answers which comes last alphabetically, ignoring any names that start with a number. One correct entry will be chosen at random after the closing date (23.59 on Monday 18 May). Their decision is final!

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 18 May

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

Monday 18 May at 10.00: Leida Rios, Group Head of Engineering, BP – Why choose Engineering as a career?

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Monday 18 May, 14.00: Malcolm Gladwell, Author and Emma Dabiri, Academic and Author, discuss the consequences of mis-communication. [WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Tuesday 19 May at 10.00: Robert Peston, Political Editor, ITV. [WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Tuesday 19 May at 14.00: Kathrina Mannion, Director of Environmental Policy, BP, discusses her career and current role in Environment and Policy. [WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Wednesday 20 May at 10.00: Dr Maria Faraone, Director of the RIBA Studio, Royal Institution of British Architects. What does an Architect do? Find out more about the career, what it might entail and how students can pursue the career.

[WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Thursday 21 May at 14.00: Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK, BP. Carbon emissions need to fall fast to meet the Paris climate goals. At the same time, the global population continues to grow – and demand more energy. How can we tackle this dual challenge? [WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

Friday 22 May at 10.00: Tom Dore, Head of Education, British E-Sports Association. Tom's session will talk about the transferable skills that can be gained from playing esports, [WATCH LIVE TALK HERE](#)

The Guardian – Miniature Books

British Library asks nation's children to write miniature books in lockdown, Axel Scheffler and Jacqueline Wilson are adding micro-works to the scheme and are asking young people to follow the Brontës' lead and write their own tiny tales

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/may/12/british-library-asks-nations-children-to-write-miniature-books-in-lockdown>

University Information

Online Presentations from University Admissions Representatives

For students interested in studying in the USA, the UK or Europe, visit the links below to hear from university admissions representatives from around the world, sharing information about their institutions:

US University Showcase – featuring: Hult International Business School; Massachusetts College of Art and Design; Northeastern University; Tulane University; Marist College; Fordham University

[Watch here >](#)

UK University Showcase – featuring: University of Exeter; London Metropolitan University; University College London; University of Glasgow; University of Brighton; King's College London

[Watch here >](#)

European University Showcase – featuring: Jacobs University Bremen, Germany; IE University, Spain; Bocconi University, Italy; EHL, Switzerland

[Watch here >](#)

UCAS Made Easy

UCAS have put together a series of resources to help students complete the application form and produce good first drafts of their personal statements. These can be accessed via:

[twenty top tips for the UCAS application form](#)

[five top tips for the UCAS personal statement](#)

University of Kent Virtual Schools and Colleges Yr 12 Roadshow

Are continuing to run a virtual programme of their most popular talks (delivered via webinar) to help keep students and parents informed and introduce them to a range of topics.

The second set of webinars will take place at 15.00 on various dates from Monday 18 May:

Current student Q&A - The chance to ask current University of Kent students about their specific course and their student experience: [Friday 22 May](#) and [Friday 29 May](#)

Other webinars taking place Monday 18 May to Friday 29 May include:

- Choosing a course and a university
- UCAS and personal statements
- Life at Kent
- Student Finance

[Register now](#) and on the day they will send a reminder to join the talk.

Russell Group University Advice

[one-pager on Russell Group university advice](#) contains hyperlinks to the UCAS advice and guidance webpages from twenty of the United Kingdom's top universities. You can click through to find out exactly what each university wants to see from the applications they receive.

Lancaster University

The university's **Management School** are holding an online taster day giving students the opportunity to experience what it is like to study in a business school through sample lectures and interactive sessions, on Wednesday 20 May 09.45 – 15.30 [Register here](#)

In addition: **Opening the Door to Financial Markets** Founder & CEO Paul McCormick has been invited by Lancaster University to host this event on Wednesday 17 June, offering an insight into Financial Careers. [Register here](#)

Further [Subject Taster Sessions](#):

Medicine: How to Prepare for the BMAT Test [Register here](#).

Languages: Spanish Taster Session: Wednesday 20 May 12.00 – 13.00 [Register here](#).

Psychology: Lockdown Seminar Series: Dr Calum Hartley: Children's understanding of ownership, Tuesday 19 May, 19.30 – 20.30 [Register here](#).

Careers Information

Careers Information

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.



Natwest: Challenging Young Women to Dream Bigger

Dream Bigger is a fully funded programme focused on developing transferrable entrepreneurial skills in 16-18 year old females across the UK, to drive confidence in preparation for the future world of work and impact the percentage of women who intend to start a business, by embedding Entrepreneurial Education in the curriculum across the UK. By engaging with Dream Bigger, students will:

- Broaden their career horizons and develop awareness of entrepreneurship as a possible future career
- Develop future skills and capabilities, leading to increased confidence and resilience
- Bridge the gap between education and the workplace, preparing for the future world of work
- Develop awareness, understanding and self-reflection of themselves and others

Igniting Entrepreneurial Purpose - are a series of digital sessions delivered by a member of the Dream Bigger team, aimed at inspiring students at the start of their entrepreneurial journey:

Introduction to Entrepreneurship: every Tuesday at 11.00

Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset: every Wednesday at 11.00

Defining Entrepreneurial Purpose: every Thursday at 11.00

Book now via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/natwest-group-dream-bigger-30163367844>

Letters sent out this Week

Yr 10: Purchase of GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics Revision Guides

Yr 11: Hoodie Purchase

Yr 11: Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Bursary Fund

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 10	Purchase of GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics Revision Guides	Friday 26 June
Yr 11	Hoodie Purchase	Friday 22 May
Yr 11	Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Bursary Fund	Friday 18 September
Yr 12	Report Acknowledgement	Monday 18 May
Yr 12	Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase	Monday 8 June

Word of the Week for w/c 18 May

Next week the word is: **SUMPTUOUS** – rich and superior in quality.



1. PTFA Fundraising for the remainder of 2019/2020 Calendar Year

It is heart-warming and inspiring to see the many positive ways in which our PTFA community are adapting to support the school and wider community: donating food to local food banks, offering your support to those who are self-isolating, helping to make scrubs for the NHS and care homes, sewing masks for vulnerable students and staff, and much more. You are amazing! Understandably, with so many other calls on the CCHSG community, we 'press pause' on traditional PTFA activities for a while. Following guidance from the CCHSG Senior Leadership Team based on the latest updates from the Department for Education and [Public Health England](#), we have cancelled or postponed all our PTFA events this academic year, or are moving them online.

For those of you that feel you want to and are able to carry on in some way, look out for information about our social and fundraising ideas for non-event activities.

2. 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 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 himself, 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 & paper, b) joker from pack of cards or one printed off, c) wooden spoon & 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)

3. 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 colour in keeping with the school's uniform colours.

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

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

4. Year 11 Uniform and Revision Books Donations

The PTFA will gratefully accept donations of uniform, in good condition, when we are able to notify you it is acceptable to return the books. Please also consider donating revision books for 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Levels.

5. 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/>

PTFA CONTACTS:

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agnessobrien@hotmail.com

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

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz – The Great British Game Show Marathon!

Below are sixty cryptic clues - the answer to each is a really well known British Game Show from the past or present. Solve all sixty and then email competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk with the name of the game show out of all of the answers which comes last alphabetically, ignoring any names that start with a number.

1. An enquiry seeking those who wish to encounter seven figured wealth
2. The solid or hollow shape contained by six equal squares
3. Two-option proposal aimed at creating a transactional conclusion
4. An over-the-top warmth protector for your cuppa, with absolutely no pattern
5. Can-do denary
6. Assuming each segment of a minute knows the number sequence
7. Command to prepare a rock-breaking tool
8. A bargain purchase not bettered in ten decades
9. Familiar quadrangle
10. Fortunate match lighting
11. Dirt removal by cloth from external windows
12. Superman's sun cream protection level
13. Enter the brooms at Waitrose
14. Spouse titles
15. Celebratory injection after fifty years
16. Related financial successes
17. Request for a hint from a group of people
18. Numerical declining by a large majority feline group
19. The acceptance of financial value
20. Raise your voice for personal deception
21. Au symbolised solid or hollow, spherical or egg shaped objects
22. Roman arena trained fighters
23. A home with no space moves up and down in the water
24. Divider examination
25. An sterling enquiry regarding 252.98221281347 to the power of two
26. Related people from across our land with the highest wattage
27. Contained for the purposes of victory
28. Pre-launch sequencing
29. Large fracture
30. Application document header
31. Complete haul of a champion
32. Not exceeding or falling short of a complete second-hand circuit
33. Carat coloured Olympic flag taken apart
34. Without any reason
35. Old-fashioned lavatorial flushers, mailed in envelopes
36. Gratuity mark
37. Dependents of screen time
38. 107 added to itself, then again, with digits split
39. Connector most worn
40. Higher education gauntlet thrown down
41. Quick circular walking
42. Brain containers soft-boiled
43. A quarter hour of minutes prior to 13.00 hours
44. Valuable tyre
45. Querying your intelligence against that of an almost teen
46. Join, but that is all
47. Cerebral wind-up
48. Mid-air expression grab
49. Generational question posing
50. Bovine optic
51. Melodic recall request
52. Choose between victory, defeat or art
53. Play with a trilateral or quadrilateral shape
54. Complete obliteration
55. Domestic animal success rewarded
56. Female equine animal in armour
57. Questioned by an angered Coldplay musician
58. C'est un coup de grâce à l'international
59. Pursue for the purpose of catching
60. Those who remove race starting points

The answers for last week's United Nations anagrams...

1. FRANCE/ITALY
2. UNITED KINGDOM/ISRAEL
3. PORTUGAL/CAMBODIA
4. AUSTRALIA/NORTH MACEDONIA
5. LATVIA/REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
6. ETHIOPIA/ICELAND
7. CYPRUS/HAITI
8. DENMARK/LUXEMBOURG
9. ARGENTINA/NETHERLANDS
10. ROMANIA/LITHUANIA
11. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC/CHAD
12. KAZAKHSTAN/KYRGYZSTAN
13. LAOS/SWITZERLAND
14. VANUATU/FINLAND
15. CROATIA/YEMEN
16. NEW ZEALAND/MALTA
17. ESTONIA/GERMANY
18. CUBA/CYPRUS
19. MEXICO/MYANMAR
20. COLOMBIA/LIECHTENSTEIN
21. EGYPT/TONGA
22. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/TUVALU
23. GEORGIA/EAST TIMOR
24. ISRAEL/SWEDEN
25. CANADA/TURKMENISTAN
26. AUSTRALIA/SOUTH SUDAN
27. MOLDOVA/SPAIN
28. SURINAME/FIJI
29. FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA/INDIA
30. BELGIUM/SPAIN
31. ALBANIA/NORWAY
32. ICELAND/INDONESIA
33. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO/JAPAN
34. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA/MEXICO
35. SLOVENIA/BRAZIL
36. PANAMA/NEW ZEALAND
37. AUSTRIA/THAILAND
38. SLOVAKIA/UNITED KINGDOM
39. TUNISIA/MALAWI
40. ETHIOPIA/AZERBAIJAN
41. INDONESIA/BULGARIA/SAN MARINO
42. FRANCE/NORWAY/UKRAINE
43. BARBADOS/BELARUS/JORDAN
44. CZECH REPUBLIC/MOZAMBIQUE/NORWAY
45. ANDORRA/ISRAEL/LITHUANIA
46. SINGAPORE/NIGERIA/GEORGIA
47. COSTA RICA/ITALY/CUBA
48. ALGERIA/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AFRICA
49. UNITED KINGDOM/REPUBLIC OF IRELAND/POLAND
50. RUSSIA/SERBIA/NORWAY

We listen. We support. We act.
Because no child should feel alone.



Online Activities

Starting on the 18 May 2020 via Microsoft Teams

You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



FOR
AGES 13-
19

To book your place, please contact Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk with:

- Full name and age
- What session, date and time of session/s you would like to attend. We will send you our confidentiality agreement which you will need to read and answer a few questions on. Let us know if you have had support from us before. Maximum of 8 young people per group.

Note: By booking a place, you are giving your consent to share any interactions you use during the online session with other participants, eg, Video streaming and audio content. You have the option of turning off your camera and microphone if you wish.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>10 AM</u>	Mindfulness and Relaxation 	Do You Know (Closed) 	Staying Active for Life 	Drug and Alcohol Awareness 	Building Communities Together
<u>12 PM</u>	Staying Safe in a Virtual World 	Friend or Foe 	One Community (Closed) 	All About Me 	Strong Resilience
<u>2 PM</u>	Goals and Obstacles 	Boys Rule 	Fun Activities To Do At Home 	Law and Disorder 	Fun Activities To Do At Home
<u>3 PM</u>	Staying Active for Life 	Girls Rule 	Staying Safe in a Virtual World 	Staying Active for Life 	Self-Care For You
<u>4 PM</u>	Creative Creations 	Let's Get Art 	Strong Resilience 	Quiz - Music 	Friday Dance Party

Staying safe in a virtual world – Looking at the online world and the issues you face.

Boys Rule – Discussion group for boys to talk about current issues for them.

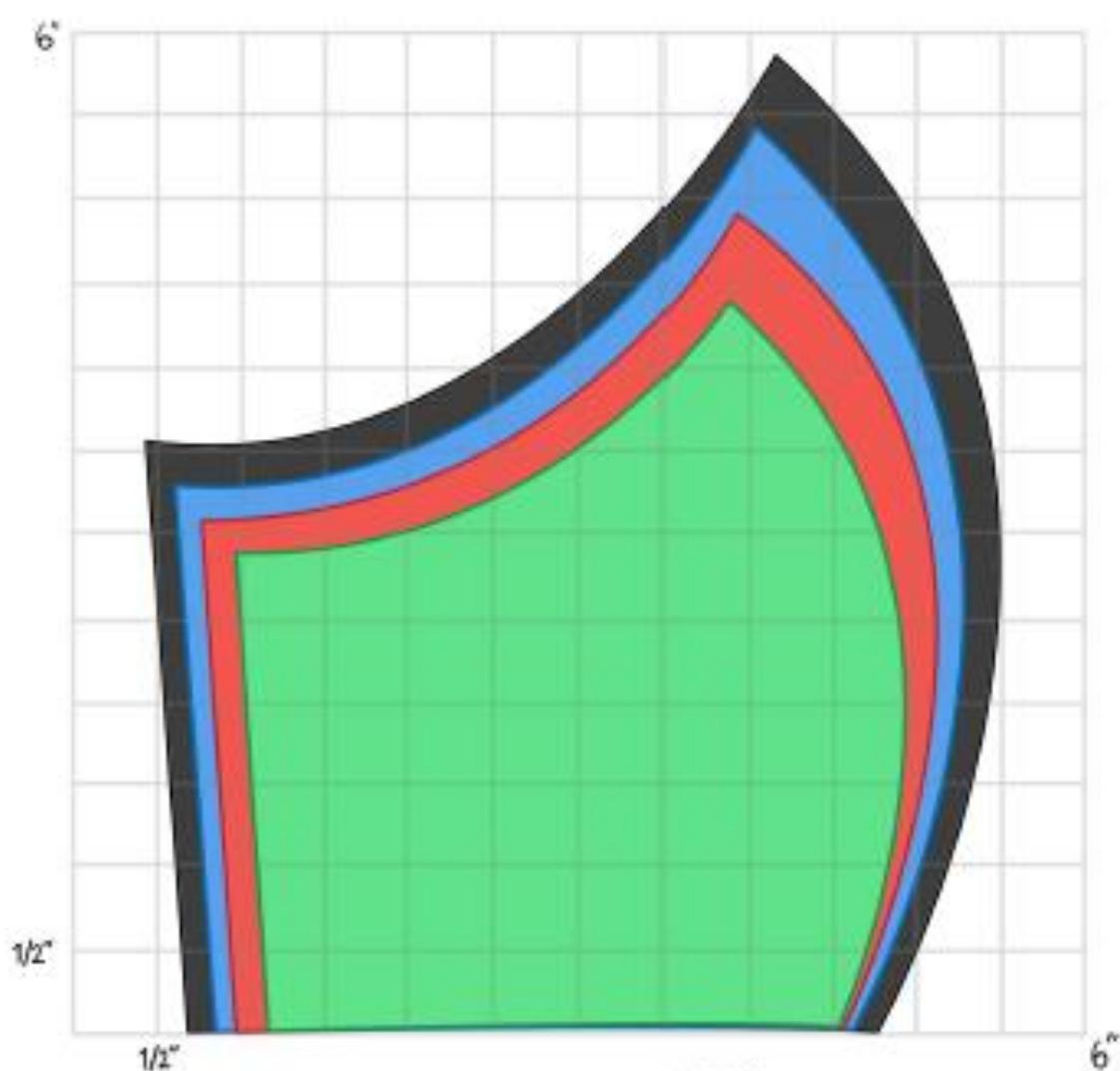
Girls Rule – Discussion group for girls to talk about current issues for them.

One Community – Discussion group for LGBTQ+ community to talk about current issues they face.

Strong Resilience – Building your resilience during difficult and challenging times.

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

*NOTE: PLEASE ADD 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE FOR ALL THE PATTERN

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Hosted by our regular Quizmaster
JULIAN ROPER

£15.00/FAMILY
INCLUDES
£5.00 DONATION
TO NHS ENGLAND

**MAXIMUM
25 TEAMS**
so book early to avoid
disappointment!

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2020 - 7.00PM

**FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR LIVING ROOM
ZOOM LOGIN FROM 6.45PM**

Tickets available on

