



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

22 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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PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



**WE WISH PARENTS AND STUDENTS A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE
CURRNT CIRCUMSTANCES**

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May		Half Term	
Monday Week A	June	1	Yr 9 Examinations
Tuesday	June	2	Yr 9 Examinations
Wednesday	June	3	Yr 9 Examinations
Thursday	June	4	Yr 9 Examinations
Friday	June	5	Yr 9 Examinations

Teaching staff will not be setting lessons during Half Term, but students can keep themselves busy with enrichment opportunities.

Please find attached a Coronavirus (Covid-19) update letter to Essex parents and carers, from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education at Essex County Council, regarding the phased reopening of schools.

School Open for Key Worker Children

The school remains open for key worker children. If you are a key worker who has not sent their child into school previously and would like your child to come into school from 1 June please ensure that you email office@cchsg.com marked for the attention of Mrs Pye. Key worker children in school follow their school timetable of online lessons with a scheduled break and lunchtime.

Yr 9 Examination Week - Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June

All examination information can be found in the 'AA Year 9 Examinations 2020' folder on SharePoint. In this folder students can access the following:

- Instructions for the examination week
- Top tips on how to revise
- A revision schedule exemplar
- Examination timetable
- The folders in which examinations will be uploaded to week commencing 1 June

If students have any questions regarding the examinations please do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher or Mr Williams.

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.

Yr 11 Bulletin

This Bulletin was emailed to parents and students today. In addition the Sixth Form Bulletin issue 2 was emailed directly to students.

Yr 11 Hoodie Purchase

The deadline for parental consent for the inclusion of students' names on the Yr 11 Hoodie, is today, **Friday 22 May**. Parents should complete the online form [here](#). Once uploaded the School Leavers Company will open an online shop, and will issue the school with a username and password that we will share with parents, who will then be able to log in and place their order, selecting size and delivery details. Payment will be made directly to the company, not the school. Hoodies will cost £18.70 each plus an additional £2 for postage and packaging.



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Head Student Application

All students who have applied for the position of Head Student should have received an email from Mr Gosling. If they have not, they should contact Mr Gosling via email as soon as possible.

CCHSG E-Newsletter Published

The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: <https://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter>
See how CCHSG staff and students have overcome some of the challenges of remote working.

Yrs 8 - 10: 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.

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. Closing date: 23.59 on Friday 31st July.

Wellbeing Support

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.

Safe in Essex Free Virtual Weekly Online Programme

The Children's Society have updated their online programme for next week. Please see end of Bulletin for the full programme and how to sign up.

Emerging Minds COVID-19 Webinar Series

Emerging Minds are sharing a webinar series in collaboration with the Mental Elf. All webinars are free to join and are conducted via Zoom.

Wednesday 27 May, 10.30 – 11.30: Teen sleep during COVID-19: what can research tell us?

With Dr Faith Orchard from the University of Reading and Dr Dimitri Gavriloff from the University of Oxford. This session is for parents, carers and anyone who supports young people and their families. Book your free place [here](#).

Thursday 28 May, 11.00 – 12.00: Let us play – children's mental health during COVID-19: what can research tell us?

With Dr Wendy Russell from the University of Gloucestershire and Professor Helen Dodd from the University of Reading. This session will be particularly helpful for those who work in schools but also parents, carers and those who support families and children. Book your free place [here](#).

Previous webinars in the series are available for catch up via **Past Webinars**

<https://emergingminds.org.uk/emerging-minds-covid-19-webinar-series/>

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 Burpees challenge.

Enrichment Opportunities

Firstsite: Art Is Where the Home Is

Firstsite has lots of different fun activities to get involved with like including this activity pack [Download now](#)

Be inspired by activities from artists Grayson Perry, Hurvin Anderson, Lucy Gunning, Zoe Beloff, Imran Qureshi, Eddie Peake and more - exclusive to Art Is Where the Home Is.

Create your own artwork, get the whole family involved and make something together. Anyone can have a go – with no specialist knowledge or materials required.

Operation Bletchley - ABF The Soldiers' Charity

Are holding a virtual codebreaking challenge Operation Bletchley, a mission which begins on Wednesday 1 July. The challenge combines physical and mental challenges within a historical context, a great way to bring the whole family together as it is designed to be inclusive for all ages and abilities - there are 3 levels of difficulty to choose from. Register ahead of the mission launch: operationbletchley.soldierscharity.org
For further information, visit their FAQ page here, or email events@soldierscharity.org

Online Resources

Resources which may be of use:

Home Learning Resources List for Schools and Families: <https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

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

Online courses and home learning for young people: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/online-courses-and-learning-for-children-and-teens/>

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>

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 25 May

These talks continue throughout Half Term, the complete schedule can be found [here](#), but next week you will be able to hear from:

Tuesday 26 May at 10.00: Baroness Mary Goudie, Life Peer & Campaigner, talking about her career and passion for tackling social injustices.

Wednesday 27 May at 10.00: Dr Wanda Wyporska Executive Director, The Equality Trust, will tell students her experience of being a young carer and how she got started in her career journey.

Friday 29 May at 10.00: Nick Boyle, CEO of Lightsource BP, will discuss his own career and motivations, and provide insights into low carbon businesses and technologies.

Yrs 10 – 13 UCL Summer 2020 Online Activities

Although all face-to-face activity at UCL is cancelled until the end of September 2020 they have opened applications for [Envision@UCL](#). They will also be opening applications shortly for our [Discover UCL Summer School for D/deaf and hard of hearing students](#).

Student Safety

Trespassing on Railway Lines

Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness in students across the UK by educating them about the dangers of train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

They have asked us to share a safety video via the link <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/> to help educate and protect students while away from school.

Open Water Safety – Stay Safe Stay Out

Deep lakes and quarry water is extremely cold and can kill although they can look inviting on a hot day. Sudden immersion in cold water can cause cold water shock which can drown even the strongest swimmers. Reduced coordination and general muscle weakness significantly impact the capabilities of swimmers and their ability to get out of trouble.

Be water aware, visit the following sites for more information and resources:

RNLI's Respect the water campaign: <https://rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water>

RLSS Water safety advice <https://www.rlss.org.uk/summer-water-safety>

Stay Safe Stay Out of Quarries <https://www.facebook.com/StaySafeStayOutOfQuarries/>

University Information

University of Suffolk

Are offering virtual information, advice and guidance for students and parents. They have made the following electronic booklets available: Personal Statements [View booklet](#), Student Finance [View booklet](#), Why go to University? [View booklet](#)

George Teaches: UCAS Made Easy

UCAS registration is now open, this [website](#) has been launched to help you get ready. Students can now find free resources [here](#), and links to Russell Group university advice and guidance [here](#).

Also: [STUDENT SIGN UP FOR FREE UCAS APPLICATION FORM COURSE](#)

Bangor University Virtual Open Day

Please follow the link for details of the [Bangor University - upcoming Virtual Open days](#).

Lancaster University

The university have produced a range of digital content to provide useful HE support.

- [live webinar schedule](#) open to all. This includes both general HE topics but also subject-specific sessions (Architecture, Medicine, Business etc)
- **Unibuddy live chat on Thursday 18 June**, giving students from the south the opportunity to chat with current students and staff.
- **Recorded versions of our presentations**. These are currently available in the following topics: 'Why Lancaster?', 'Studying in the North', 'Getting Started with Personal Statements', 'Choosing a Course and Place' and 'Student Finance/Budgeting'

For full information go to <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/>

Newcastle University

Are keen to support students who have or are looking to apply and have put together a comprehensive transition and induction programme, see [Read the FAQs](#)

Choosing the right degree for Yr 12 students to help choose the course that's right for them go to [5-step guide](#)

Virtual Open Days will now take place on 26 and 27 June: among the activities on offer will be virtual tours of the campus and city, plus subject talks with world-leading experts. Students will also have the opportunity to chat to careers advisors and support staff. [Sign up](#)

UCL Parent's Guide to University

For parents and carers who want to help and support their child so that they make the most of university see [A parent's guide to university study](#). This guide aims to answer some questions and help parents and carers to prepare their child for what is to come. This free publication is available to download from the [UCL website](#). Parents and carers can also visit their blog [top tips](#).

Yr 12 UCL Choices

Is an online series of free events, each focusing on different subject areas and introducing the wealth of options available for study at university, please see [UCL Choices](#)

They are running three UCL Choices events in June and each focuses on a different subject.

- Thursday 11 June – 11.00 - 12.30 (Sciences)
- Thursday 18 June – 11.00 - 12.30 (Arts and Humanities)
- Thursday 25 June – 11.00 - 12.30 (Medical and Healthcare Sciences)

Applications are open until [Sunday 31 May 2020](#).

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

All Yrs: Preparation for School Opening

Yr 11: Year 11 Bulletin and Sixth Form Bulletin

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	Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase	Monday 8 June

Word of the Week for w/c 1 June

Next week the word is: **PRODIGIOUS** – remarkably or impressively great in extent, size or degree.



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

As the Coronavirus pandemic reduces the options for fundraising, it's time to look at some virtual fundraising ideas in order for us to continue supporting the school. CCHSG PTFA is proud to have been able to fund the purchase of a wide variety of resources and equipment over the past few years and at this time of challenge our support is needed more than ever.

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. **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?

1. 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.
2. You will then be sent a Zoom link and password. Quizmaster Julian Roper, a CCHSG parent himself, will be the host for this session.
3. 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>
4. 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.
5. 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)

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 colour in keeping with the school's uniform colours. Masks [can be posted to the school or sent in when school reopens. We aim to have 500 masks.](#) For design and template of masks, go to <https://sewing.com/cloth-mask-diy/>

3. Yr 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.

4. Thank You Message

Everyone who remembers their own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. A teacher is the heart of the educational system. Thank you to all the staff at CCHSG for going over and above by connecting with the students and doing all you can to keep them motivated to carry on with school virtually. With appreciation from CCHSG PTFA.

5. Greetings for Eid

Eid Mubarak wishes from all of us at CCHSG PTFA to those in the Muslim community.

PTFA CONTACTS:

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

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Because no child should feel alone.



Online Activities

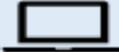
Starting on the 1st June 2020 via Microsoft Teams
You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



Ages
8-12 and
13-19.

To book your place, please contact Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk or 07725639571 with: Full name and age, Emergency contact details, 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 agree to the terms of. Let us know if you have had support from us before... You will need to use your camera and microphone to take part.

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
10 AM	Mindfulness and Relaxation 13-19 	Self-Care For You 13-19 	Staying Active for Life Mixed ages. 	Staying Safe in a Virtual World 8-12 	Building Communities Together 13-19 
12 PM	Staying Safe in a Virtual World 13-19 	Friend or Foe 13-19 	One Community (Closed) 13-19 	Drug and Alcohol Awareness 13-19 	Strong Resilience 8-12 
2 PM	Goals and Obstacles 13-19 	Boys Talk 13-19 	Fun Activities To Do At Home 8-12 	Staying Active for Life mixed ages 	Fun Activities To Do At Home 13-19 
3 PM	Staying Active for Life Mixed ages 	Quiz 8-12 	Strong Resilience 13-19 	Self-Care For You 8-12 	Girls Talk 13-19 
4 PM	Creative Creations 8-12 	Let's Get Arty 13-19 	Fun Activities To Do At Home 13-19 	Quiz 13-19 	Friday Dance Party Mixed ages 

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.

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VIRTUAL

QUIZ NIGHT

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



EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ALL APART



FOR CONTINUING TO TEACH WITH ALL OF YOUR

HEART!

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ALL YOU DO!

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Wishes 2020*

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