



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

29 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 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

We strongly recommend students establish the routine of a normal school day and following their school lesson timetable when lessons resume on 1 June.

Re-Opening Attendance by Yrs 10 & 12

Following the publication of the potential re-opening plans to parents on 22 May, we are asking parents of Yr 10 and Yr 12 students to complete an initial survey to ascertain the numbers of students who would be attending from Yrs 10 and 12 to aid our planning. This is not binding, and we are aware that factors which determine whether a student attends school or not may change.

The link to the Yr 10 survey is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=la3pq0GH7kuhsVbSrAP_KgkqPLFGxhtDnsR3sw_iaZFUNTFUFCVUFBNzIYRUUQ1WVFNidMVEdMMI4u

The link for the Yr 12 survey is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=la3pq0GH7kuhsVbSrAP_KgkqPLFGxhtDnsR3sw_iaZFUNJE4NTg2UjNPNEw2QkIxU01WSOdUTDIKOS4u

Please complete the survey via the links by Wednesday 3 June. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey.

Consultation on an Additional GCSE, AS and A Level Examination Series in Autumn 2020

Ofqual are consulting on proposed arrangements for an additional GCSE, AS and A Level examination series to take place in autumn 2020. The exceptional examination series was announced by the government when it cancelled the summer 2020 examinations series as part of its response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The consultation closes at 23.45 on 8 June 2020 and can be found [here](#).

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.

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.

Yrs 9 & 10: I Can, I Am Resilience Programme

During the final half of the Summer Term, all students in Yrs 9 and 10 will be completing the I Can, I Am Resilience Programme during their allocated PSHCE lessons. The Programme has been designed by SLQ (Sports Leaders Qualification) to help learners build their confidence and resilience through the Covid-19 crisis and to provide young people with the inspiration needed to play a key role in overcoming the current situation and rebuilding their communities in the future.

How the programme works:

- Learners complete 10 individual challenges
- Each one covers a different area and develops a specific skill – teamwork, communication, self-management, problem solving and self-belief
- The programme culminates in learners making a pledge for how they will take action after the current crisis to help rebuild their community
- After completing all 10 challenges, learners can receive certification and a 'Community Builder Award'



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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.

The Kilt Editorial Team

Calling all budding writers and editors - The Kilt needs YOU! For students currently in Yr 12 and would be interested in forming part of The Kilt editorial team next year, there are a wide variety of sections that they can take responsibility for including:

Current Affairs	World News	Lifestyle	Science	Culture
Opinion	Sport	Break Time	History and Politics	Problem Solving Polly
General Editor				

Students should email their interest to Miss Bowdidge (ebowdidge@cchsg.com) with a brief explanation about why they are interested in being an editor, which section they would like to edit and what makes them a good candidate for the role by Wednesday 1 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.

Sport England NEETSA COVID 19 Resources

Please follow the link for the fourth video in the series from OM training. It is directed at students but all may find it useful. This edition is about setting routines and staying healthy in mind and body.

<https://youtu.be/NBWfK16SAMY>

Enrichment Opportunities

Online Resources

Resources which may be of use:

A free information book explaining the coronavirus to children is available at: <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler>

Educational apps and websites to help with homeschooling: <https://www.hellomagazine.com/healthandbeauty/mother-and-baby/2020032286679/educational-apps-websites-homeschooling-coronavirus/>

Virtual Viewing of the Essex Summer of Art

For the past ten years, the [Essex Summer of Art](#) has supported over 160 art trail and open studio events throughout the county. This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Explore Essex are hosting the first ever Essex [Summer of Art Virtual event](#) to support the county's artists.

With over fifty artists involved, the [Essex Summer of Art gallery](#) will showcase artworks ranging from visual art to sculptures and jewellery. As a virtual visitor you can explore the collections on the [Explore Essex website](#), discovering beautiful Essex-inspired landscapes, still lifes, and even pieces inspired by the current lockdown.

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 1 June

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

Monday 1 June at 10.00: Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chair, Mastercard, talking about her top tips and advice for young people in preparing for their future careers.

Monday 1 June at 14.00: Kev O'Sullivan, Creative Director, Fleishman Hillard Fishburn, talking about what does it mean to work in the creative industries?

Tuesday 2 June at 14.00: Philippe Sands, Lawyer, his VTalk will discuss how he came across the story of his book and podcast, The Ratline.

Wednesday 3 June at 10.00: Gisela Abbam, Chair, British Science Association, will discuss why it public health so important and how students can pursue careers in the health sector.

Wednesday 3 June at 14.00: Dan Connolly, Sports Marketing Executive, VTalk about how he turned his passion into a career.

Thursday 4 June at 10.00: Elif Shafak, Author and Afua Hirsch, Writer, Journalist and Broadcaster, discuss the widening inequalities across the world how we can challenge them.

Friday 5 June at 10.00: John Vary, Futurologist, John Lewis Partnership, will discuss his own career journey and developing resilience.



The Stephen Spender Prize 2020, in association with *The Guardian*

The Stephen Spender Prize for poetry in translation, in association with *The Guardian*, is now open for entries. This annual competition, with a top prize of £1,000, is the ideal activity for remote learning, and this year, there are many virtual resources to make it fully accessible from home. Translate into English any poem from any language – ranging from Arabic to Uzbek, from Danish to Somali.

Categories are 18 and under, 16 and under, 14 and under, and Open (adult). All winning entries will be published in a booklet with a special 'Spotlight' prize for translation from Polish.

The closing date is 17 July 2020, and full details are available on the SST website [here](#).

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz Competition

Please see the end of the Bulletin for this week's puzzle. To win this week's competition and a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher, email competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk with your name and which of the 50 TV shows' original name comes last alphabetically. One correct entry will be chosen at random after the closing date (23.59 on Monday 1 June). Their decision is final!

Colchester Museums - Museum from Home

The team from Colchester Museums are sharing a variety of activities to help educate and entertain. Inspired by the collections across Colchester and Ipswich, from art to nature, archaeology to social history, they hope to bring the museum to you! Go to <https://cimuseums.org.uk/museumfromhome/>

Your Stories: Colchester Museums are also looking for your help: they are searching for volunteers to help record the Covid-19 pandemic for future generations, how has life changed, what are you thinking and what objects would you show people to explain how you lived through this time? Find out more about the project on the [Colchester + Ipswich Museums website](#)

Careers Information

Chickenshed – Theatre Changing Lives

Chickenshed have opened their applications for September 2020. Working alongside their professional team of actors, musicians, choreographers, dancers, writers and directors, Chickenshed students have the opportunity to learn and perform in a working theatre both onstage and behind the scenes. They offer three courses: BTEC Level 3 (Equivalent to 3 A Levels), Foundation Degree (2 Year Course) and BA (HONS) (1 year course – completes the full Degree). Find out more <https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/why-study-at-chickenshed>

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.

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.

Happy Puzzle Company Quiz – Radio Times

Below are a series of 50 descriptions of TV shows from down the years... which have been renamed, by changing ONE letter from show's original name. Use the clues to work out what the new name of the show would be with the changed letter.

e.g: Nightly amphibian current affairs programme on BBC1 – The Ten O'Clock Newt...

To win this week's prize, work out which of these 50 TV shows' ORIGINAL NAME comes last alphabetically. 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 1 June) and will win a £25 Happy Puzzle voucher. Our decision is final!

1. American cop show with two detectives, one who works entirely by intuition.
2. Long-running sitcom with a quirky cast of backside-focussed regulars in a bar in Boston.
3. Dale Winton hosts the game show in which contestants spend the night under a duvet in Tesco.
4. Two African American children are adopted by a benevolent white union organiser who takes them with him to various picket lines.
5. Tom O'Conner-hosted quiz show in which contestants try to identify canned fish by listening to the tin.
6. John Cleese and Connie Booth's creation about a hotel, where the guests find that their en-suite bathrooms are poorly equipped.
7. Captain Mainwaring shows his fellow soldiers what his father uses to carry things.
8. Law-breaking sorceress has her misdemeanours re-enacted.
9. Long running children's show in which the likes of John Noakes and Valerie Singleton show how things get stuck together.
10. Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy decide to open a store.
11. Chris Tarrant's gameshow, which seeks contestants who are willing to be patient in their quest to earn a fortune.
12. John Nettles stars in this prime-time detective series about an infestation of rodents on the island of Jersey.
13. Prequel to the popular 1950s-set sitcom, set in the 1930s when Fonzie was a baby.
14. Gritty 90's school drama set in Seattle. Episode 58 – 3rd years Zammo Vedder and Gripper Cobain are called in to see Mrs McClusky.
15. Long-running ITV soap about a three-time Oscar-winning actress who runs a Lancashire pub.
16. Gorgeous people in swimming costumes run in slow motion to muck out the stables and feed the horses.
17. Rowan Atkinson's period comedy series featuring snakes with patternless skins.
18. Classic '80s cop show, set in Florida, where the two lead characters go undercover to break up a powerful sushi ingredient-smuggling operation.
19. The new adventures of Arthur Daly and Terry McCann as they try online dating.
20. Noel Edmonds' 1980's kids' Saturday morning show, in which goalkeepers exchange footballs, to change the way that penalties are taken.
21. Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith discover that the cream in their Victoria sponge has turned sour.
22. Ronnie Barker's little corner shop begins specialising in sightseeing.
23. Children's show about an adorable group of furry terrorists collecting parts for incendiary devices under Wimbledon Common.
24. Children's quiz where two teams answer movie-related questions about camping.
25. Delightful kids show about an immigrant bear from darkest Peru first discovered in a board game factory.
26. Tom O'Connor-hosted quiz show where celebrity contestants try to identify London Underground trains by their sound.
27. Soap opera in which Yorkshire farmers get to sign on, after being made unemployed.
28. In tonight's episode of this popular gameshow, Mr Monkhouse is having a total 'mare!
29. David Coleman tests team captains Bill Beaumont and Willie Carson on their specialist knowledge of unusual cutlery.
30. Follow Captain Collymore, First Officer Laurel and Lieutenant Lee on their five-year mission to boldly go to Central Asia and interact with the Kazakhs, the Uzbeks and the Turkmens.
31. Mulder and Scully investigate another series of spooky fixed penalty notices for parking offences.
32. Buff young men and women spend the summer in paradise, competing for the affections of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
33. Anarchic Channel 4 show, where every morning Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin consume a huge amount of bacon.
34. Tom O'Connor-hosted quiz show in which contestants must make music more domesticated.
35. Richard O'Brien leads a group of contestants in overalls in a series of tests, which can only be completed using crowd-source satellite navigation.
36. International Rescue jet off in search of multiple Shakespeare's.
37. Priestly Irish comedy about a minister who loves soaping up his loofa.
38. Musical show in which hit paraders wear the pontiff's cap.
39. In tonight's edition, somebody screams 'Oi! Get out of my pub or I will show kindness to your hearing tools!'
40. It's another episode of everyone's favourite emulsion-free quiz.
41. Consumer champions staring at full stops.
42. Bucks Fizz triumph against 19 other countries after using barbecue tools to rip the skirts off Cheryl Baker and Jay Aston.
43. Messers Cleese, Gilliam, Palin et al, walk the tightrope whilst cooking chips.
44. Competition for those who cook at increasing speeds.
45. Old performing amphibious relics get valued.
46. John Thaw stars as a rodent detective.
47. Richard Whitely and Carol Vorderman play with numbers and letters until the sun starts to rise.
48. Ben Shepherd asks contestants to gauge the perfect temperature before drinking their tea with a giant arcade machine.
49. Tardis travelling timelord questions her existence.
50. The BBC's celebrity dance competition is fondly remembered in the future.