



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 5 June 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 8 June – Friday 12 June	Week B
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#### School Re-Opening for Yr 10 and Yr 12 Students

Thank you for the feedback from parents and completion of the survey. We are currently finalising our planning for some face to face contact with students, following the latest government guidance and will be in contact with Yr 10 and Yr 12 parents in the coming days regarding arrangements.

Week commencing 15 June we will be open for selected Yr 10 and Yr 12 students by invitation only, and from week commencing 22 June there will be a specific timetable of lessons in school for Yr 10 and Yr 12, although this only be for 25% of the year group on each day as per the government guidelines. All Yr 10 and Yr 12 students will therefore be offered some face to face contact.

Parents, children and young people are encouraged to refer to the [safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

The Education Endowment Foundation has various resources for supporting parents during school closures. In particular they advocate secondary schools parents support their children to read independently and create study routines. <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/support-resources-to-share-with-parents/>

#### 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 please ensure that you email [office@cchsg.com](mailto: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.

The latest information for parents is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

#### 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 Examinations

The deadline for completing and submitting all the examinations will be the end of day on Monday 8 June.

#### Debate Club – Wednesday 10 June

The next Debate Club session will discuss the topic of the George Floyd protests in the USA on Wednesday 10 June at 12:30. The debate will revolve around the statement: systemic racism justifies protests but not rioting.

If students would like to join the debate group they should email Mr Paz so they can be added to the MicrosoftTeam.

#### The Kilt Editorial Team

Calling all budding writers and editors - The Kilt needs YOU! For students currently in Yr 12 and 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
Opinion	Sport	Break Time	History and Politics
General Editor	Culture	Problem Solving Polly	

Students should email their interest to Miss Bowdidge ([ebowdidge@cchsg.com](mailto: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.



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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](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.

### **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).

## **Enrichment Opportunities**

### **Reopening of Libraries**

Essex County Council announced its initial plans regarding the reopening of libraries earlier this week, full details can be found on their [website](#).

In the meantime their #LibrariesFromHome offer continues and links to their e-library, (for e-books, e-audio, e-comics and e-magazines), online learning course, online reference materials and online rhymetimes, storytimes and craft sessions can be found via their [library catalogue](#).

### **Oxford University Enrichment Opportunities - Physics Problem-Solving: An Online Course**

This online problem-solving course will help those interested in studying Physics, Engineering, material science or Mathematics take their thinking skills to the next level. Excellent preparation for university admissions tests and interviews, this course will explore different types of Physics and Mathematics problems, techniques for solving them and plenty of scope for practising.

The fortnightly online workshops will be led by [Dr Kathryn Boast](#), STEM Outreach Officer at Hertford and Access Officer for Oxford's Department of Physics, and will involve mini-lectures, discussions and small group work.

Applications are open until **15 June**, with the first workshop taking place at 15.45 – 17.00 on 29 June and running through to October. You can apply online by using the following address: [oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/physics-problem-solving-online-2020-application](https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/physics-problem-solving-online-2020-application). More ideas for super-curricular engagement are available on their [Hertford Challenge](#) webpage

### **Operation Bletchley - ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

Only codebreaking students and their families can help secure the safety of the nation by taking part in Operation Bletchley, the virtual codebreaking challenge, beginning on 1 July – can you help?

With levels to suit every age group, Junior, Codebreaker, or Cypher Expert, the challenge is suitable for students of all ages and abilities, to work together with their families and help the war effort. To find out more and receive full mission briefing go to: <https://operationbletchley.soldierscharity.org/>

### **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](mailto:competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk) with your name and your answers to the 3 questions found below. One correct entry will be chosen at random after the closing date (23.59 on Monday 8 June). Their decision is final!

### **Speakers for Schools – Virtual Talks for w/c 8 June**

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

**Monday 8 June** at 14.00: CeCe Sammy, Vocal Coach & Asher Knight, Singer/Songwriter, discuss how music has helped people overcome barriers and learn some singing techniques.

**Tuesday 9 June** at 10.00: Julian Jessop, Economist, will discuss 'Should the voting age be lowered to 16?'

**Tuesday 9 June** at 14.00: Dr Funke Abimbola, Solicitor, Business Leader and Diversity Campaigner, reflects on her journey to becoming a senior healthcare executive and lawyer.

**Wednesday 10 June** at 10.00: Charly Classen, Vice Chair, Special Olympics, a session on how sport has the ability to impact lives, careers and jobs available across the wider sports industry.

**Thursday 11 June** at 14.00: Maya Jama (tv and radio presenter) and DOM&INK (author) discuss what confidence means to them, the barriers to developing confidence and how we can build our own confidence.

**Friday 12 June** at 10.00: Sarah Gavron, Film Director, will be answering questions and discussing her career, future projects and influences.

## **Build a Thank-You-Bot Competition**

A reminder that the competition continues to run and will do for 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. To inspire creativity and imagination and say thank you to key workers, the competition requires you to use materials found around the house to build a robot that bears a thank you message.

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](mailto: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. Good luck everyone – have fun and stay safe and well.

## **University Information**

### **Yrs 11, 12 & 13: HE and Careers Support from UK University Search: Virtual Fair and Webinar Wednesdays**

University Search are hosting a Virtual University Fair on Wednesday 17 June, the fair will feature over 95 universities, colleges and training providers, including Cambridge, Warwick, Reading, Liverpool, Cardiff and the RAF. [For more information about our Virtual Fair click here.](#)

In addition, their [Webinar Wednesdays](#) are covering topics such as Personal Statements, Clearing and 2020 Freshers.

### **Oxford University Open Days – 1 and 2 July**

Hertford College is continuing to support students during the current lockdown. Their annual summer Open Days will be online giving anyone who wants to find out more about studying at Oxford the chance to speak to tutors and current students. There will be a programme of admissions talks running throughout the day and, just like normal, all the colleges and departments will be running events. There's no need to register in advance. The full timetable is not yet confirmed but check on the University website: [ox.ac.uk/opendays](http://ox.ac.uk/opendays)

### **Virtual Oxford Visits**

With inbound and outbound trips cancelled, they have put together some resources to introduce Oxford to students and to help explore beyond the curriculum. The videos can all be found on their YouTube channel.

### **University of Aberdeen - Summer Virtual Events and Updates**

The university are hosting numerous events this summer:

**Medicine Open Day** will take place online on **Saturday 13 June, 11.00 – 14.00**. Registration is now open [at this link](#).

The Medical Schools Council has produced information for prospective Medicine applicants. For students who may be concerned about sourcing relevant experience or shadowing, they have produced an informative document available [here](#)  
**Open Days for all subjects** will also be available in due course at [abdn.ac.uk/openday](http://abdn.ac.uk/openday).

A series of informative videos about choosing a course and university, writing your personal statement, and funding information are available [here](#). These videos can be viewed at any time and students can ask questions relating to any these talks at our June and July Unibuddy Live sessions, which are scheduled on our [Virtual Events page here](#).

**UK University Search Virtual Fair on Wednesday 17 June** – the University of Aberdeen will be attending and staff will be available throughout the day to answer questions from students. Details about this event and how to register for students/teachers [can be found here](#).

## **Careers Information**

### **Operation Wallacea - Work Experience Opportunities**

Are offering virtual, tutored work experience placements to replace direct visits to businesses suitable for ages 15 -18.

Their team of experts support work placements for students interested in Science, business, marketing, communications and project management and week-long projects completed by students with training in different aspects each day.

Students are provided with engaging projects that can be used to develop interests in other curriculum based projects (Internal Assessments, EPQ's etc).

**Science Internships** (multiple start dates from 6 July), suitable for students interested in natural sciences and data analysis

**Business Development and Marketing Internships** (multiple start dates from 10 August), suitable for students interested in sales, marketing, creative writing and design.

**Expedition Management Internships** (multiple start dates from 10 August), suitable for students interested in outdoor education, project management, logistics and safety.

[Click here for more information](#) The cost is £100 per student and bookings can be made [here](#), numbers are limited on each placement.



## CCHSG 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](mailto: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

Yrs 7 – 10: School Uniform and Waterproofs Letter  
Yr 8: Year 8 into Year 9 Transition Form Group Letter  
Yr 9: Revision Materials for GCSE Mathematics  
Yr 11: Hoodie Purchase

## 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 9	Revision Materials for GCSE Mathematics	Friday 19 June
Yr 11	Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Bursary Fund	Friday 18 September
Yr 11	Hoodie Purchase	Monday 15 June
Yr 12	Biology and Chemistry Textbook Purchase	Monday 8 June

## Word of the Week for w/c 8 June

Next week the word is: **SURMOUNT** – overcome (a difficulty or obstacle).



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### 1. PTFA Virtual Quiz Night – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all those who took part in our recent Virtual Quiz Night hosted by CCHSG parent, Julian Roper. We had a lovely time with 17 teams in the 6 rounds. As well as enjoying a fun event, we raised £245.52, £85 of which will be donated to NHS England.

Congratulations to the McHugh family (Team Rocket) that took the top prize of a company quiz to be hosted by Julian Roper and the PTFA Quiz Trophy. We will look into running further virtual quiz nights in the future.

### 2. Virtual Coffee & Chat for Parents

Unable to see your friends due to social distancing? A virtual coffee means that you can have everyone round your house, they could be at any postcode, in the next town, it does not matter as you will be able to chat virtually and it will be like you are all in the same room together.

Look out for our invitation for you to join us for a Virtual Coffee morning via Zoom which will be announced on Classlist soon. To ensure security, a Meeting ID and Password will be sent to those expressing an interest in attending.

### 3. Cloth Face Coverings – 50 donated

This week we have made our first delivery of 50 washable cloth face coverings, made by PTFA members, to the school. The PTFA would like to continue enlisting 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/>](#)

### 4. Yr 11 Uniform & Revision Books Donations

The PTFA will gratefully accept donations of uniform, in good condition as soon as the school begins to reopen to students. Please also consider donating revision books for 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Levels.

### 5. Easyfundraising

As we all continue to practise social distancing, more of our shopping is being done online. A really simple and FREE way to support the school 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/>

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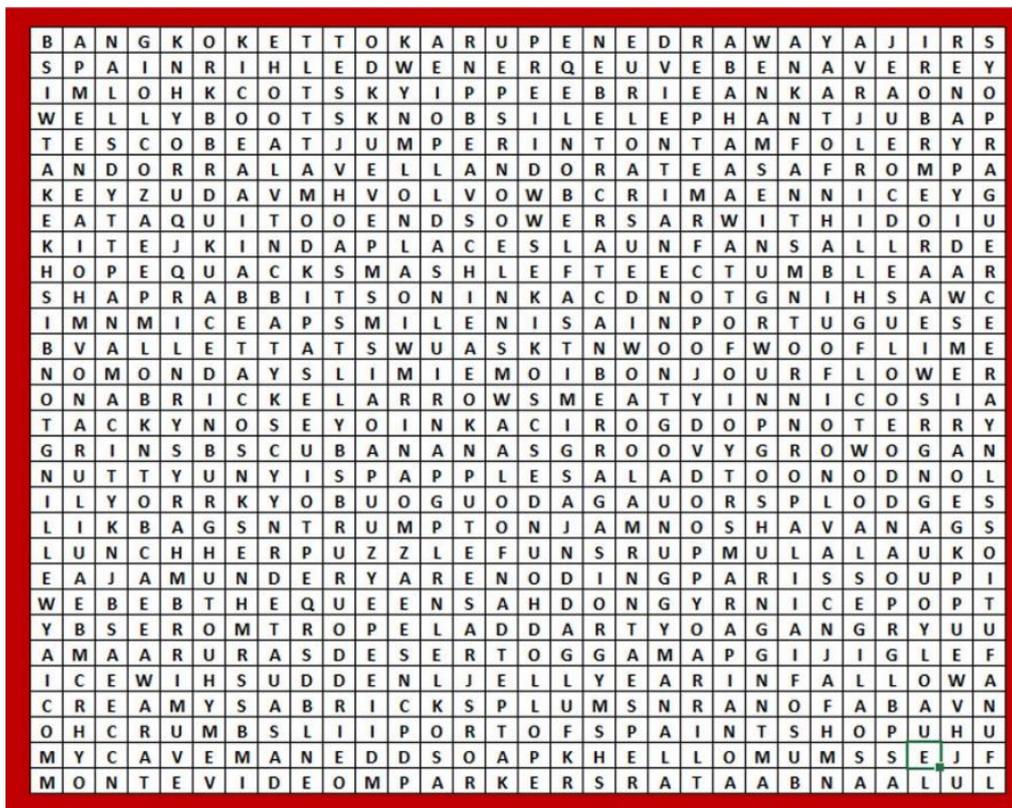
## Happy Puzzle Company Quiz – Capital Letters

Hidden in the wordsearch grid below are 60 different capital cities. Identify them and then answer the following three questions. You will only qualify for the prize draw if you get all three answers!

The wordsearch has been deliberately loaded with traps to confuse you. You can also click [HERE](#) for a larger, printable version.

Email [competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk](mailto:competitions@happypuzzle.co.uk) with your name and your answers.

1. Which capital city appears TWICE in the wordsearch?
2. If you place the sixty countries whose capital city appears into alphabetical order, which country comes last alphabetically?
3. The name of which capital city that appears in the grid, contains the same vowel five times?



### Last week's Radio Times Quiz Answers:

1. Starksy And Hunch
2. Cheeks
3. Da Supermarket Sleep
4. Different Strikes
5. Name That Tuna
6. Fawltly Towels
7. Dad's Arms
8. Crimewitch
9. Glue Peter
10. The Muppet Shop
11. Who Waits To Be A Millionaire?
12. Bergerat
13. Nappy Days
14. Grunge Hill
15. Coronation Streep
16. Haywatch
17. Blankadder
18. Miami Rice
19. Tinder
20. Swap Shot
21. The Great British Cake Off
22. Open All Tours
23. The Bombles
24. Screen Tent
25. Waddington
26. Name That Tube
27. Emmerdole
28. Bob's Full Horse
29. A Question Of Spork
30. Stan Trek
31. The X-Fines
32. Gove Island
33. The Pig Breakfast
34. Tame That Tune
35. The Crystal Waze
36. Thunderbards
37. Lather Ted
38. Top Of The Pope
39. Eartenders
40. Paintless
41. Watchdot
42. The Eurovision Tong Contest
43. Monty Pythons Frying Circus
44. Fasterchef
45. Antiques Toadshow
46. Mouse
47. Countdown
48. Sipping Point
49. Dr Why
50. Strictly Came Dancing