



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 17 July 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 30 October

**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 B	July	20	
Tuesday	July	21	Celebration Assemblies & Cabaret Yr 12: 09.00 & P1 Yrs 7&8 : Period 2-3 Yrs 9&10: Period 4-5
Wednesday	July	22	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday	July	23	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale 11+ Access Summer School
Friday	July	24	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale 11+ Access Summer School
Saturday	July	25	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale

#### Letter to Parents from Essex Local Authority

Please find attached a letter to parents from Claire Kershaw, Director of Education and Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health, for your information.

#### ParentPay School Meal Account

Please ensure your child's school meal account is in credit for the end of term.

#### End of Term Arrangements

Teachers will be organizing end of term activities, e.g. quizzes for lessons on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July. Each year group will have a virtual end of term Assembly as above. We hope that all students will be able to join the relevant Assembly via Microsoft Teams.

#### Parental Survey

Parents of students in Yrs 7-10 & 12 have been asked to complete a parental survey via [Parental Survey Form](#). We value parents' opinion on the provision of learning at CCHSG as we have endeavoured to provide both a safe and high quality educational experience in difficult circumstances using the resources we have. Over the course of the lockdown period we have developed and refined our provision and blended the delivery of learning. and ask for parents to complete this survey together with their child and would like feedback in order to inform and improve further in the Autumn Term.

#### Charity Cabaret

We are delighted to announce the 2020 Cabaret For Compassion is once again going ahead. Featuring a range of talent from across the school, this show-stopping extravaganza will be broadcast via Teams on the 21 July only, shortly after the End of Year Assembly for each year group. The standard ticket price has been £4 for previous shows, but any and all donations will be appreciated and can be paid via ParentPay (suggested minimum £2 donation). All proceeds will be donated to Compassion, a Suffolk-based charity which aims to raise awareness for, and help people living with, the impact of abusive relationships. For further information, their website can be found here: <https://www.compass-ion.org/>

#### Final E-Newsletter Of The Academic Year Published

The E-Newsletter for this half term is now available via the website at: <https://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter>

Find out about what students have been doing during lockdown and how the school has adapted to different ways of working.

#### Advice for Parents Supporting the Home Learning

Government advice to help students organise their time, mental health and wellbeing and other useful information:

[Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

#### School Uniform September 2020

You are reminded that students will need waterproofs and something suitable to sit on outside from September. Coes are now open for school uniform sales either by online order, or in store in Ipswich by appointment only

<https://www.coes.co.uk/pages/backtoschool#appointments> Please see attached for more details.



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG\_

## PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale

We are very grateful for the many donations of uniform and revision books that are being dropped off at the school and will welcome donations until 12 noon, Wednesday 22 July ahead of the sale.

CCHSG PTFA has organised 3 days of Second Hand Uniform Sale from Thursday 23 - Saturday 25 July. In order to ensure social distancing and to prioritise the safety of all involved, appointments are required to attend these sales. All 3 sale dates are now open for booking for the whole school community. Please note that this is likely to be the only sale for the foreseeable future, so please book your appointment to purchase items that you may need later in the year.

Appointments can only be made through this online booking system: <https://form.jotform.com/cchsgptfa/ptfa-second-hand-uniform-shop>

Volunteers are still needed to support with Uniform Sales over the 3 days specified above. Please sign up to volunteer via <https://volunteersignup.org/DY3BF>

## A Level and GCSE Results Day Arrangements

We will write to parents and students nearer the time with further collection details taking into account current guidance with regard to social distancing. Students should bring their own pen in order to sign for their results.

Qualification	Year	Date	Time/Location
GCSE	Yr 11	Thursday 20 August	<b>Hall</b> 09.00 A-C, 09.20 Co-F, 09.40 G-K
			<b>Gym</b> 09.00 L-O, 09.20 P-S, 09.40 T-Z
GCSE - RE	Yr 10	Thursday 20 August	<b>Hall</b> 11.00 A-C, 11.20 D-G, 11.40 H-K
			<b>Gym</b> 11.00 L-Pe, 11.20 Po-St, 11.40 Su-Z
L2 Higher Project	Yr 9	Thursday 20 August	<b>Hall</b> 13.00-13.30
A Level	Yr 13	Thursday 13 August	08.00-09.30 <b>Hall</b> A-E, <b>Gym</b> F-N, <b>m-School</b> O-Z
EPQ	Yr 12	Thursday 13 August	<b>Hall</b> 11.00 A-F, 11.15 G-Z

Student's results cannot be released to anyone else, unless they have informed Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer, via email at [smandal@cchsg.com](mailto:smandal@cchsg.com) by **Monday 20 July**. The person authorised should carry photo ID.

We are unable to release results over the telephone or by email. Please see the recent communication sent home for further details.

## DofE Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

The Summer break is a great opportunity for students to complete their remaining DofE sections. By finishing the Physical, Volunteering and Skills sections, students will be awarded a "certificate of achievement" by DofE. This is in recognition of completing the three sections in these difficult times. It will also enable them to complete the award fully, immediately after completing the Expedition section.

A progress report will be emailed to individual participants before the break. Mr Embleton will be available via email over the Summer break to give advice, help find an assessor and answer any queries regarding the DofE scheme.

## 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	Culture
Opinion	Sport	Break Time	History and Politics	Problem Solving Polly
General Editor				

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.

## 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.

For further advice and guidance over the summer break, please visit their [Covid-19 Pandemic Resource Hub](#).

## **E-Safety Information**

As well as updating our E-Safety information available on the school website, including some guides on the latest and most frequently used social media platforms, we would like to direct you all to the updated resources from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command – CEOP. CEOP offer a range of excellent resources for young people, parents/carers and professionals. Available to support young people and their parents navigate safely the risks of being online, are resources such as videos with discussion points, lesson plans and presentations. The links below offer lots of different types of support from general advice and FAQs to reporting specific incidents.

As the summer holiday approaches and all students will likely be spending more time online and using social media, we would advise parents to spend some time with their children making sure they are up-to-date on their e-safety knowledge and are aware of how to manage the risks they might face. The following CEOP resources will be useful:

Resources for 11-13 year olds - [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_13/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/)

Resources for 14+ year olds - [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14\\_plus/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/)

Resources for parents - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## **Enrichment Opportunities**

### **Yr 8 Latin Summer Story Writing Competition**

The Latin Department are running a competition over the summer holidays for anyone in Yr 8. This is to create a new story along the lines of the Percy Jackson series, including classical myths and spells in Latin. All details are on the Yr 8 Latin area of Sharepoint. Deadline for entries: 31 August via email to [bhodgkinson@cchsg.com](mailto:bhodgkinson@cchsg.com)

### **CCHSG Summer Reading Challenge**

All students can take part in Summer Reading Bingo, by printing the bingo card from the SharePoint <https://colchestergirlssexschuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/Student%20Resources/Library/Summer%20Reading%20Bingo.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=59oj0t> crossing off the tasks as they complete them. Students should bring their card into school in September and all completed cards will be put into a draw for a book token. All Yrs can take part, students just need to remember to email their reviews and photographs to the Librarians. We urge all students to have a go, they might find something they did not know they liked!

### **Bio Bake Off 2020 is Back!**

Have students been practising their baking skills while at home? Well this is their chance to win a national competition and a Kitchenaid food processor from the Physiological Society with their annual Bio Bake off competition. Six years ago a student from CCHSG was the overall winner so it could be them, but only if they bake and enter!

**Entry rules:** any bake - cake, cupcake, pastry, sugar craft etc that is based on human biology (physiology) that has been created eg the brain, muscles, lungs, the heart, blood vessels, kidney, head, pancreas, a foot etc, the limit is their creativity!

**How to enter:** submit a photograph of the baked good representing physiology, along with an explanation of how it shows how the body works and the hashtag #BioBakes. Entries can be submitted via Twitter (@ThePhySoc), Instagram (@thephysoc) or using the form on their website

**The deadline** for submission is **Friday 28 August**, the public judge and the national winner will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The Biology department also want to see any entries and will be judging the best CCHSG entry with a special prize, so students can send images of their submission (or as Bake off says 'Show us your bakes') to us via Teams or by email to a Biology teacher. We will announce our school winner on the first Friday back at school in September. **Get Baking!**

Full details here: <https://www.physoc.org/supporting-you/public-engagement/biobakes/>

### **Good Schools Guide - Summer Holiday Recourses**

An article with ideas and activities for the summer break: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/digital-media/blog/covid-summer-holidays>

### **Yrs 11-13 UCL Online Resources**

UCL have published free online information and guidance for young people during this time. [Resources for young people in Year 11](#) [Free directory of subject-specific learning resources from UCL for students in Years 12 and 13](#)

### **All Yrs: UCL Medical Sciences Lecture Series – Friday 24 July at 11.15**

Designed to inspire students with the world of Medical Science UCL have [UCL Medical Sciences Lecture](#) Students can [register now](#) for a lecture and Q&A on 'Treatment for Covid-19: getting out of the pandemic' with Professor David Lomas, he will talk about the treatments available for Covid-19 patients, medical strategies that could help us out of the pandemic, and answer any questions.

## **University Information**

### **UCAS - Results Day Webinars**

To support students on results day, a range of universities from across the UK are offering a series of Results Day Webinars, all of which are free of charge. Different universities will be featured every day with advice for students about predicted grades, Results Day and Clearing. Each webinar will also feature a live Q&A session for students to ask questions directly to universities and receive a response.

Monday 10 August: Predicted Grades - Everything you Need to Know [Register Now >](#)



## University of Essex - Parent Information Session: Monday 20 July 10.00 and 17.00

To help with the transition to university, particularly with the uncertainty COVID-19 has caused, this session will provide information, advice and guidance on a number of topics, from preparing for results day, accommodation, student finance and more detail on what to expect in Autumn 2020, and will specifically cover COVID-19 planning. To join [Click here](#) to register your place.

## Royal Holloway, University of London – Clearing Information

To support students in the clearing process they have produced several resources which can all be accessed by clicking on [Clearing Webpage 2020](#) or on the links below:

<a href="#">Clearing webinar, Thursday 6 August, 11 am</a>
Including: what is clearing and adjustment; how to prepare beforehand; what will likely happen when you call a university; how to make the right choice for you
<a href="#">Super quick video guide to clearing</a>
A fun and quick guide for your students to <a href="#">watch on YouTube</a>
<a href="#">Clearing top tips</a>
Advice about clearing as well as guidance on how learning at university in 2020/21 could look
<a href="#">Parents guide to results day</a>
Our easy to read guide for parents which can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>

## UCL: Information and Resources

UCL have opportunities and virtual activities. Applications are open until this Sunday for [UCL Choices](#) and students can register now for a [free UCL lecture on medical sciences](#).

They have launched [UCL Study Prep](#) for your students in Yrs 12 & 13 and we have [A Parent's Guide to University Study](#) available to download from their website.

## UEA Clearing and Adjustment Information

Students can register now for clearing updates, to receive information and advice about how to prepare for clearing: [www.uea.ac.uk/clearing/2020](http://www.uea.ac.uk/clearing/2020)

In addition they have a series of Clearing webinars, for details, visit [www.uea.ac.uk/study/webinars](http://www.uea.ac.uk/study/webinars)

Wednesday 22 July: Teachers and advisers

Thursday 23 July: Parents and carers

Thursday 6 August: Students

## Careers Information

### Yrs 11 – 13 What Career Live & What University Live Virtual Events

[What Career Live?](#) & [What University Live?](#) will be taking place as a **virtual event** on 7 and 8 August, full of advice, talks, workshops and the opportunity to speak to universities and companies to get all the information needed to make a decision about students' future. Students can register via [bit.ly/WNVirtual](https://bit.ly/WNVirtual) by Friday 31 July.

### FREE Live Webinar for All Budding Doctors – Thursday 30 July at 18.00

[Discover Courses](#) are holding a free Live webinar for students looking to apply to Medicine. It will be run by a final year medical student from Barts Medical School, London.

The webinar will go through all the top tips on medical school applications including personal statement, interviews and the UCAT and BMAT.

To sign up students should complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/dtnwrq4ZwQuW55mW6>

There are limited spaces available and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## Letters and Communications sent out this Week

Yrs 7-10 & 12: Parental Survey

Yr 9: Results Day Information (AQA Level 2 students only)

Yr 10: Results Day Information

Yr 11: GCSE Results Day Information

Yr 12: Results Day Information (AQA Level 3 students only)

Yr 13: A Level Results Day Information

## Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 11	Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Bursary Fund	Friday 18 September

## Word of the Week for w/c 20 July

Next week the word is: **REPRIEVE** – a (temporary) relief from harm or discomfort.



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### 1. Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books Collection - KEEP THEM COMING!

Less than 1 week to go before our largest ever Second Hand Uniform Sale takes place here at CCHSG. A huge thank you to our dedicated PTFA volunteers who have spent the past 2 weeks preparing for this sale. We now have 16 clothes rails full and ready for the sale. There is definitely plenty of stock to choose from.

We are very grateful for the many donations of uniform that are being dropped off at the school and will welcome donations until 12 noon, Wednesday 22 July ahead of the sale. In line with guidelines relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, your donations can be deposited in wheelie bins, which are both clearly marked and situated to the left of the Reception entrance at the school. We particularly hope that Year 11 parents will donate the uniform that their daughters no longer need as they progress on to Sixth Form.

We are also grateful for donations of 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Level revision books.

Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

### 2. Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sale dates - FINAL CALL FOR APPOINTMENT BOOKING

Thursday 23 July (14.00 – 20.00)

Friday 24 July (14.00 – 20.00)

Saturday 25 July (10.00 – 14.00)

Venue: CCHSG Gymnasium

In order to ensure social distancing and to prioritise the safety of all involved, appointments are required to attend these sales. All 3 sale dates are now open for booking for the whole school community. Please note that this is likely to be the only sale for the foreseeable future, so please book your appointment to purchase items that you may need later in the year.

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A strict in and out system will be in place and only 3 sets of ONE parent & ONE child will be admitted for each 20 minute time slot. Siblings are not allowed unless they are also from the school and need to get uniform. Families must stay together at all times. We regret that we cannot take advance reservations for items. Sales will be on a first come first served basis.

### 3. Volunteers Needed to Support with Uniform Sales

We are still in need of volunteers to help ensure the smooth running of the sales over the 3 days specified above. Please sign up to volunteer via : <https://volunteersignup.org/DY3BF>

### 4. Seamstress Available for Uniform Alterations

We are pleased to be collaborating with Mrs Sally (Sal) Williams of Copford, Colchester who will be able to do alterations to your child's uniform including blazer at a very affordable price. Contact: Sal at 01206 211735 / 07542182552 or email [sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com).

### 5. Classlist - Current Year 7-10 Sign-up

If you have not done so already, please sign up for Classlist at [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com), search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOS and Android. Current Year 7 parents will particularly find Classlist very useful to connect with other parents from your child's Form and Year Group.

CCHSG PTFA would like to thank all our school and parent community for their support throughout this academic year and wish you a safe and restful summer break. We will see you again in September 2020.

#### PTFA CONTACTS:

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