



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

18 September 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

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| Monday Week B | Sep | 21 | Yr 7 Home Safety Talk, Period 3 Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 11 Careers Talk by AIM Group, Period 3 Yrs 13 A Level History National Archive Online Visit 10.00 – 14.00 |
| Tuesday | Sep | 22 | Yr 7 Baseline Testing |
| Wednesday | Sep | 23 | Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 8 Target Grade |
| Thursday | Sep | 24 | Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 11 Virtual Information Evening 19.00 |
| Friday | Sep | 25 | Yr 7 Baseline Testing Year 12 SLT Breakfast – 12E |

Student illness and absence

The school is following government guidelines with regards to student illness and potential Covid-19 symptoms. If your child is unwell for any reason please do not send them in to school. Please contact the school via the school absence line, be specific about the nature of the illness, give the symptoms rather than just saying 'unwell', and state when the symptoms started if Covid related.

If your child has Covid-19 symptoms: high temperature; new continuous cough; loss of smell/taste, please keep them at home to self-isolate for at least 10 days and contact NHS 111 <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>. Although tests have become more difficult to access, please keep trying, and keep us informed.

Other members of the household need to self-isolate for 14 days unless the test for the person with symptoms is negative.

Please inform us if your child and other members of the family are self-isolating, and when from. Please keep in touch regarding testing and let us know the results even if they are negative.

Should any test be positive we will follow government and Health Authority advice, and only contact parents when advised to do so.

If we send your child home due to illness please keep them off for at least the following day if the reason is for other than coronavirus symptoms.

Link for further information and advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Teachers are placing work for students who are self-isolating on Sharepoint, and where possible and practical are inviting students in examination classes to join them for the lesson via Microsoft Teams.

Student Equipment

We are trying to reduce the number of people coming into school unnecessarily. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have all the appropriate equipment for the school day. Only in an emergency may parents be permitted to drop off items but must do so by placing items in a plastic bag with the student's name clearly marked on it, parents will be asked to leave the bag just inside the main gate for the student to collect from there. It will not be delivered to students and will be their responsibility to collect it. No student will go hungry; if they have forgotten their lunch, they will always be able to purchase a hot meal from the Dining Hall.

Replacement Student Planner and Year Group Badge

Students who have lost their planner or coloured year group badge should see their Year Leader in order for the payment to be added to their ParentPay account. Replacement planners cost £3 and the badge £1. Replacements can be ordered by making payment via ParentPay.

Instrument and Voice lessons

A reminder that, for the time being, we not hosting instrument and voice lessons in school. Any students wishing to continue their learning are encouraged to contact Essex Music Services directly for online lesson options.



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Student Voice Application Process

Students wishing to apply for a place on the Student Voice Team must email a formal statement of application to their Form Tutor by break time on **Monday 21 September** which covers the points below. In doing this they are explaining why they believe they will make a good member of the Student Voice Team (limited to one side of A4 please).

- their skills/experience as a leader
- their personal qualities
- the specific contributions they will make to the life of the school
- how they will promote themselves as a positive role model (for peers and younger students). Give specific examples of achievements which demonstrate these qualities.
- Outline their contributions to the school community which should include participation in extracurricular activities

Each Form Group will then vote for the one or two students they would like to put forward to represent them. Form Tutors will let Mrs Frost and the Year Leader know the name of the successful finalist(s). Successful students will be required to present their statement of application to Mrs Frost and the Year Leader during the w/c **28 September**. Suitable candidates will go forward to the final stage in the process, reading their statement at a special Teams meeting at the Student Voice Assembly w/c **5 October**. Voting will be via a Microsoft Form and will be verified by the Head Student Team. Good luck!

Yr 12 Virtual Information Evening & Tutor Meetings – Thursday 10 September

The recorded presentation can be viewed on our website via: [Yr12VirtualInformationEveningPresentation](#)

Yr 12 SLT Breakfast

Student and their Form Tutors have been invited to attend breakfast with SLT:

12E: 25 September 12S: 29 September 12T: 30 September

There is no charge for the breakfast items for this event but students need to pre-order their breakfast items by 09.00 on the day before via this link: [Yr12SLTBreakfastorder](#). We look forward to seeing Yr 12 students there.

Yr 11 Virtual Information Evening – Thursday 24 September 19.00

Parents have been invited to this virtual event; an email containing a link will be sent out to all parents prior to the event.

Yr 13 University Admissions Tests

The final school deadline is 14.00 on Friday 25 September. This is a final reminder for the registration of University Admissions Tests. If a student needs to register for the tests, they need to see Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer, as soon as possible

When meeting with Mrs Mandal students need to bring a pen and should ensure they have their 10-digit UCAS number to enter onto the form. Payment should be made via ParentPay prior to the meeting and statement printed to also bring with them.

Transport Information

Transport

The Norman Way/Lexden Road area is very congested at the start and end of the school day. Thank you to parents dropping off elsewhere and avoiding this area. Our priority is students leaving the school area, therefore parents may be delayed if parking in the visitor car park.

Parents are reminded to please be respectful of private residences when parking, especially in Park Road and other surrounding roads.

Students must leave the site and the school area promptly and should remain in their year bubbles, whenever possible, as they walk home and travel on trains and buses.

Walking in the Local Area

Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding the increase in littering in the surrounding area since schools have returned. Students are asked to be respectful and to dispose of litter responsibly.

Stop. Swap. GO!

The [Stop. Swap. GO!](#) website has information to help families avoid traffic chaos by walking, cycling or scooting to school. With helpful routes outlined for schools and 'Drive and Drop' zones to reduce congestion at the gates. Families who use ECC school transport services can also access information here.

Face Coverings on School Transport

Students over the age of 11 must wear face coverings on transport to and from school. The face covering needs to be in place as they board the vehicle and not be removed until they have completely left the vehicle. This is extremely important to ensure transport can remain in place at all schools and the risk of infection is minimised. Where students repeatedly fail to wear a covering and they are not medically exempt, names will be taken and school informed so this can be addressed.



Wellbeing Information

Inspire Suffolk - Wellbeing Service Supporting Young People aged 16-25 living in Suffolk and Essex

Their wellbeing service can offer weekly 30-minute distance counselling sessions with a BACP Accredited Counsellor; to explore choices within mental health, resilience and confidence within mental health. These sessions will aim to provide young people with the knowledge, tools and coping strategies to deal with their own mental health in a positive way during the coronavirus outbreak, lockdown and life in general. Full details are available on their website:

<https://inspiresuffolk.org.uk/courses/wellbeing-service/>

Extra-Curricular information

Yr 11 Fun Essay Club

The club will be starting again for Yr 11 students from Wednesday 23 September 15.45 - 16.45 in F7. Great opportunity to practise examination essays and get live feedback.

The Kilt

If students would like to contribute an article to the first edition of The Kilt for 2020, they should email their article to the relevant section editor by Monday 28 September.

The Historical Fiction Book Club

We will be continuing with "The Silent Companions" this term as we did not get a chance to have the meeting, and the author Laura Purcell will be joining us through Teams to talk about the book and answer questions closer to Halloween. If students would like to take part in the Book Club they can purchase this book for £6 by ordering via ParentPay, by Friday 25 September. The book will then be distributed to students in Form Time. There is no requirement on purchasing the book through us to take part in the Book Club.

University Information

University of Aberdeen

The university will be participating in or **hosting a series of virtual events** over the next few months:

Request a call: the opportunity for students living in the UK to request a call from the university to discuss their options or ask any questions before applying to the University of Aberdeen [Arrange a call here](#)

Further information regarding the 2021 entry process [Undergraduate Information Page](#)

They have also put together a collection of informative videos to help parents and students prepare for choosing a degree and coming to university [View video guides here](#)

Their Virtual Open Day is on Saturday 3 October Virtual Open Day [Register for Open Day here](#)

Study at Aberdeen Webinars are on Thursday 1 October, Monday 27 October and Tuesday 24 November to participate

[Sign up for events here](#)

Lancaster University

Online Open Day will be on Saturday 17 October, students can register [here](#).

More information, including upcoming webinars, can be found [here](#).

University of East Anglia - Student Webinars

They are holding regular [webinars](#) for students starting university in 2021 and 2022, on topics such as personal statements, studying medicine and other subject specific sessions. The webinars all include a Q&A session and some feature current UEA students.

Royal Holloway, University of London: Preparing You for University Webinar Series

Webinars suitable for Yr 13, all are at 16.00:

UCAS Uncovered - Discover the ins and outs of the UCAS admissions process: Tuesday 29 September, Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October, all at 16.00

Tackling Personal Statements - Where to start, what to include and how to finish an effective personal statement: Tuesday 13 October, Wednesday 14 October and Thursday 15 October, all at 16.00

Student Life - What to expect from your life as a university student: Tuesday 3 November, Wednesday 4 November and Thursday 5 November.

Money Matters – A guide to student finance: Tuesday 17 November, Wednesday 18 November and Thursday 19 November.

Successfully transitioning to university - Tips to set you on the path to a successful university experience: Tuesday 1 December, Wednesday 2 December and Thursday 3 December.

[Please register here for the Year 13 webinars listed above](#)

Webinars suitable for Yr 12:

Making the most of Year 12: Wednesday 7 October at 16.00

What can I do with my A Levels: Wednesday 21 October at 16.00

[Please register here for the Year 12 webinars listed above](#)



University of Warwick

Virtual Open Days are being held on Friday 9 October, Saturday 10 October, Saturday 24 October and Monday 26 October. Students can register [here](#).

In addition, they are hosting a virtual exhibition: Meet the Russell Group on Wednesday 7 October 12.00 – 18.00 [Find out more and book your place](#).

Careers Information

CCHSG Careers Information

The impartial careers advisor, Mrs Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities on Wednesday, 23 September. Please email Mrs Mandal at smandal@cchsg.com, to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.

Breakfast and Lunch Pre-Orders

Please pre-order using the links below (links change weekly). We ask you to be careful when selecting your pre-order to ensure the correct food is ordered.

- Breakfast needs to be pre-ordered by 10.30 on the previous day for collection from the canteen between 08.00 and 08.30.
- Salad pots are now available to order along with sandwiches and paninis for service at the outside server, these need to be pre-ordered by 09.00 on the day required.
- Hot food and other items will be available from the canteen at the allocated lunch time for each year group Yr 7 to Yr 11 and Yr 13.
- Yr 12 need to pre-order all food including hot food which will be served from the Sixth Form Refectory by 09.00 on the day required

[Student Breakfast](#)

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch \(includes hot food order\)](#)

Menu for w/c 21 September

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn | Lamb Fried Rice | Pizza, Chips & Salad | Spanish Chicken | Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Broccoli |
| Or | | | | |
| Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad | Mediterranean Pasta Salad | Macaroni Cheese with Peas | Cheesy Stack Wrap with Salad | Homity Pie with Salad |
| Main Meal £2.90 | | | | |
| Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce | Apple Crumble with Custard | Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce | Rice pudding with Jam | Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream |
| Pudding £1.20 | | | | |
| Panini £2.90 | | | | |
| Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40 | | | | |

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

Yrs 9 -13: JCQ Information

Yr 10: Information Evening

Yr 11: GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials

Yr 11: Virtual Information Evening

Yr 13: Sixth Form Information and Permissions Letter

Deadline for Replies and Payments

| Year Group | Trip or Event | Deadline for Response |
|------------|---|------------------------|
| Yr 10 | GCSE English Set Texts Purchase | Monday 28 September |
| Yr 11 | GCSE History Webinar | Monday 21 September |
| Yr 11 | GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials | Wednesday 30 September |
| Yr 12 | Admin Fee | Wednesday 30 September |
| Yr 12 | A Level Law Consent | Monday 21 September |
| Yr 12 | Art Equipment | Monday 21 September |
| Yr 12 | Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5 | |
| Yr 13 | Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5 | |

Word of the Week for w/c 21 September

Next week the word is: **DUBIOUS** – doubtful.



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1. Classlist Sign-up - All Year Groups

If you have not done so already, please sign up on Classlist via 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. Classlist offers a fully GDPR-compliant way for you to communicate directly with school families. It is the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

2. Diary Dates for Autumn Term

PTFA Annual General Meeting - Monday 28 September 19.30 – 21.00

Given the current government guidance with regard to Covid-19, the postponed AGM will take place virtually via Zoom. All are welcome. Agenda to follow.

CCHSG PTFA raises significant funds each year which are all channelled right back into funding much needed educational equipment and resources for various departments at the school. Over the years, members have formed great friendships and our events encourage parent involvement which contributes to the building of a vibrant and supportive school community. One of the fruits of the PTFA's many fundraising initiatives is the ongoing Second Hand Uniform Shop which has helped many families, especially during these uncertain times. Over 150 families purchased from the shop during recent sales. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel upcoming events but it has not stopped our hardworking PTFA from looking at alternative ways to carry on supporting the school. Our virtual events can still bring fun and fellowship to all.

Most of our existing Committee members have children in Years 10 and above. Therefore, we would like to encourage new members especially those in Years 7 and 8 to join our committee.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89615841843?pwd=MG4yUEJHOVhTYmtJYW1sbFZBekVudz09>

Meeting ID: 896 1584 1843

Passcode: 374867

'Spooked' Virtual Quiz Night – New date: Friday 13 November 19.00 – 21.30

Ever wondered if your family was the brainiest within the CCHSG network? Now is your time to find out! Save the date for this Virtual Quiz Night and take part from the comfort of your own living room, hosted free of charge for the PTFA by our regular Quizmaster, parent Julian Roper who runs 'Corporate Quiz Hire,' www.corporatequizhire.co.uk

Entry fee: £10 per family. Tickets available via Classlist for only 40 Teams so gets yours now to avoid disappointment.

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

We continue to welcome donations of uniform items and revision books for 11 Plus, SATs, GCSE and A Level throughout the year. 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. Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

Please note that due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we are not currently able to commit to further dates for sales this term.

4. Other Ways You Can Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

As we all continue to practise social distancing, more of our work and shopping is being done online. Here are a few simple ways to support the school during this difficult time.

Easyfundraising - Every time you do your online shopping via easyfundraising, retailers donate money to CCHSG PTA, completely free.

Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/>

AmazonSmile - You now need to search for amazon on www.easyfundraising.org.uk or the App. You will then be directed to AmazonSmile. Sign up to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA.

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