



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

25 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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Sep	28	Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 8 Home Safety Talk – Period 3 Yr 11 GCSE History Webinar 16.00 – 17.00 Virtual PTFA AGM 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Sep	29	Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 12 SLT Breakfast – 12S
Wednesday	Sep	30	Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 10 Virtual Information Evening 19.00 Yr 12 Breakfast – 12T
Thursday	Oct	1	Yr 7 Baseline Testing
Friday	Oct	2	Yr 7 Baseline Testing

Student Medication Reminder

Students should not have ANY medication (including paracetamol, ibuprofen or any over-the-counter medications) on their person unless previously arranged with their Year Leader; any medication must be brought into school, clearly labelled, in a plastic bag with a completed medical consent form signed by parents. Emergency medication such as asthma inhalers and epi-pens should be carried by students.

Student illness and absence – Parent Information

If a student is unwell for any reason they should not be sent 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.

Parents are asked to keep in touch regarding testing and let the school know the results even if they are negative.

Students Accessing Work from Home

If a student is away from school they can access work via the school's Sharepoint system; a link to this can be found at the bottom of the school's website homepage. Students will be asked to log in, if they have issues logging in from home please contact the IT helpdesk on 01206 216285.

The work is split into subject folders and within each is a folder with their teacher's name; work for the day will be placed in there. However, it may only be the resources used and the teacher's PowerPoint and although every effort will be made to ensure resources are in the folder, it may not be placed there until the end of the day.

Where possible and practical some teachers are inviting self-isolating students in examination classes to join them for the lesson via Microsoft Teams.

We urge all students to try to stay on top of work as much as they can at home but if they are absent due to illness or unable to access Sharepoint there will be opportunities for them to seek help from classmates and the teacher when they return to school.

Outdoor Clothing

The weather is starting to change and winter is coming; students are reminded to wear sturdy shoes, waterproof coat and bring to school water proof trousers. Students will only remain inside if we have severe weather or a complete downpour. Screening has been constructed around the tennis courts to provide some protection from the elements. Staff will inform students when we have extreme conditions lunch arrangements on the day.

Student Code of Conduct

Students received via their school email account the CCHSG Covid-19 Student Code of Conduct (September 2020) at the start of term. If not already done so, students should read it carefully and then complete the acknowledgment form [HERE](#). Following the Code of Conduct will help to keep everyone in our community safe.

Follow us on Twitter: @CCHSG_
English & Drama Dept: @CCHSG_Eng_Drama
PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



For daily news updates follow CCHSG on
Facebook or Twitter @CCHSG_



The NHS App

The app is available for anyone aged 16 or over to download if they choose to do so.

Mobile phones should be on silent in school unless they are being used as a learning resource for students in Yrs 12 and 13. If students receive a notification from the app during the school day they must immediately inform a member of staff. To find out more about the NHS COVID-19 contact tracing app and to download it, go to <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>

Healthy Living Sessions

Students in will have a Healthy Living session with Miss Webb on a rotation basis:

Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3

Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 1 and 2

The lesson will be held with a small group of 8 students in the Healthy Living area to allow for social distancing and safe working.

Parents and students will be notified a week in advance of the session and the list of ingredients needed for the lesson will be emailed home. We hope they enjoy the Healthy Living session.

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.

Yr 10 Virtual Information Evening – Wednesday 30 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 12 SLT Breakfast

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

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.

Transport Information

Bike to School Week 2020 - 28 September to 2 October

Sustrans, who organise [National Bike to School Week](#), have provided [loads of free resources](#) for our school to help take part: posters to promote the week, educational projects for the class to do and a basic video showing how to check your bike to keep it safe.

There are also [guides for parents](#) about walking, scooting or cycling to school.

Wellbeing Information

Kooth and Mental Health Essex

A reminder that Kooth is a free, anonymous, confidential, safe online counselling and wellbeing commissioned by the CCG to support young people in Essex from aged 11 to 19. Counsellors are available 365 days a year, Monday – Friday 12.00 – 22.00 and Saturday and Sunday 18.00 – 22.00, assessable on mobile phone, laptop and tablet via www.kooth.com Their website also includes discussion boards, Kooth Magazine with help articles, journal and self-help tools.

Extra-Curricular information

Creative Writing Competition

Well done to the 73 students who entered into the *Missing* Young Writers creative writing competition over lockdown. All entries have been selected for publication which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students here at CCHSG. Miss Withers hopes those students who were published in previous competitions enjoyed receiving their purchased copies last week.

In the newest competition, students are required to write a 100 word story on the theme of 'Trapped', which can be interpreted in any way. Entry forms are available pinned to the English Office door and should be returned to students' English teacher by Monday 19 October.

Colchester Heritage Open Days Goes Digital: 11 September – 18 October

To celebrate England's largest festival of history and culture in 2020 Colchester Castle is offering 25% discount off day passes. For more information and for what's on in the castle please go to:

<https://colchester.cimuseums.org.uk/visit/colchester-castle/>



British Council Climate Challenge

The British Council climate challenge encourages students to build on their climate change learning by taking positive action through the completion of up to 20 challenges, which increase in difficulty as students progress. Full details of the challenges can be found on the attached interactive poster.

Students should submit any evidence of their completed challenges to Mr King [jking@cchsg.com](mailto:king@cchsg.com) by 14 November.

CCHSG History Society and History Ambassadors

The Society will officially launch on Thursday 1 October. All students are welcome and will receive an invitation via their school email inviting them to the Microsoft Teams page. There will be excellent opportunities for students to share a particular area of history they are passionate about on the Microsoft Teams platform. As well as this, both staff and guest speakers will be giving short videos and podcasts about exciting areas of history that we can reflect on as a group.

The History department are also looking for enthusiastic historians to act as History Ambassadors in the school and promote their passion for the subject at CCHSG. History ambassadors will not only help with the running of the History Society but also maintain and develop the display areas in the History department. A great way for students to display their love for the subject is the new loyalty scheme where students earn rewards by going that extra mile in History and developing their subject mastery. More information on the reward scheme can be provided by your History teacher. If you are interested in becoming a History Ambassador please email your History teacher to let them know you would like to be considered.

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's quick simple recipe to try from Healthy Living is a delicious blackberry and apple crumble. The recipe can be found on the Sharepoint via [blackberryandapplecrumblerecipe](#)

Blackberries contain a wide array of important nutrients including potassium, magnesium and calcium, as well as vitamins A, C, E and most of our B vitamins. They are also a rich source of anthocyanin's, powerful antioxidants that give blackberries their deep purple colour. Around 10 blackberries count towards one of your five-a-day.

Send pictures of your crumble to nwebb@cchsg.com to be rewarded (staff too!).

Careers Information

CCHSG Careers Information

The impartial careers advisor, Julie Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities on Wednesday, 30 September. Please email Soumi Mandal at smandal@cchsg.com, to request an appointment with Julie 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 28 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli-con-Carne with Rice	Wiltshire Plait with Carrots	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Breaded Chicken, Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Broccoli
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheese & Leek Pasta Bake	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Syrup Sponge Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Pancakes with Lemon & Sugar	Banoffee Cheesecake
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				



Correspondence Sent Out This Week

- All Yrs: Waterproof Reminder
- All Yrs: Letter from Mrs Marshall
- Yr 7: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
- Yr 9: GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase (Psychology students only)
- Yr 8: Healthy Living Session (selected students)
- Yr 12: Science Magazine Subscription (Science students only)
- Yr 12: A Level Psychology Textbook and Magazine Purchase (Psychology students only)
- Yr 13: A Level Psychology Resources (Psychology students only)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 9	GCSE Psychology Textbook Purchase	Thursday 1 October
Yr 10	GCSE English Set Texts Purchase	Monday 28 September
Yr 11	GCSE Mathematics Revision Materials	Wednesday 30 September
Yr 12	Admin Fee	Wednesday 30 September
Yr 12	Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5	
Yr 12	A Level Psychology Textbook and Magazine Purchase	Thursday 1 October
Yr 12	Science Magazine Subscription	Friday 2 October
Yr 13	Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5	
Yr 13	A Level Psychology Resources	Thursday 1 October

Word of the Week for w/c 28 September

Next week the word is: **CLANDESTINE** – characterised by or done in secret.



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1. 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 to attend including CCHSG Staff.

It is really easy to join the meeting and find out about the work of the PTFA. It will be hosted on Zoom. Just click the link below and follow the prompts.

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

Meeting ID: 896 1584 1843

Passcode: 374867

- **'Spooked' Virtual Quiz Night – 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 for the PTFA, free of charge, by our regular Quizmaster, parent Julian Roper who runs 'Corporate Quiz Hire' www.corporatequizhire.co.uk

Ticket hotline for CCHSG Staff: <https://events.classlist.com/#/events/view/777140800>

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

2. Cancellation of PTFA Christmas Market

With deep regret, the PTFA Committee has, after much consideration, decided that we have no choice other than to cancel our 2020 Christmas Market, our annual and most popular fundraising event of the year, which was planned for Saturday 28 November. We have held making a decision for as long as possible, but due to the ongoing situation and uncertainty with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic, it now seems that hosting such an event would not be feasible. The safety of our stall holders, visitors, students and staff is paramount.

Rest assured that all being well, our Christmas Market will be back next year on Saturday 27 November 2021 and we hope to get everyone involved then.

3. Classlist Sign-up - Parents of 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.

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

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 second hand uniform sales this term.

5. 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.

PTFA CONTACTS:

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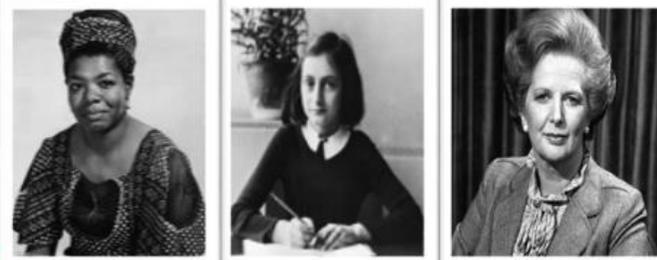
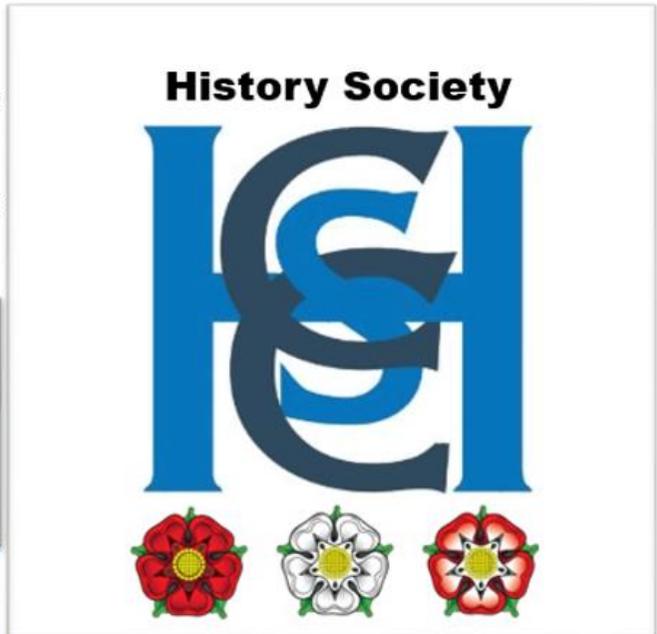
For all enquires related to the PTFA, email cchsgpta@gmail.com



The History department are launching our new History Society that welcomes students from all year groups to share their passion for history together.



The society will be on Microsoft Teams and students will be encouraged to share the areas of history they are most passionate about. It will be a fun and positive environment to be involved in.



If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for History please email your subject teacher with a short explanation of why you should be considered.



To become a History ambassador you will need to have a real love for history and promote the subject in your year group. The new reward scheme is also an excellent way to show your love and commitment for the subject. A link will be sent to all students when the Teams group is live and running.



The society will officially launch at the beginning of October. We are also looking for history ambassadors to represent their year groups as leading historians at the school. Badges will be provided ! We would also like them to take a leading role with the society itself.



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INVITE YOU TO

SPOOKED!

A HALLOWEEN THEMED VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020

7.00PM-9.30PM

**HOSTED BY: MR JULIAN ROPER
(CORPORATE QUIZ HIRE)**

ENTRY

£10.00 PER FAMILY

PURCHASE TICKET VIA CLASSLIST

LIMITED TO 40 TEAMS

ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL

YOU WILL NEED

NASTY NIBBLES & SPOOKTAILS

PEN & PAPER

JOKER FROM A PACK OF CARDS OR ONE PRINTED OFF

WOODEN SPOON

A HAT

(THE REASON FOR WHICH WILL BECOME CLEAR ON THE NIGHT)

Email: cchsgptfa@gmail.com