



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

16 October 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	Oct	19	Autumn Series GCE Examinations Yr 11 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 12 Public Speaking Competition (via Zoom) 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Oct	20	Autumn Series GCE Examinations Yr 12 Public Speaking Competition (via Zoom) 19.30 – 21.00
Wednesday	Oct	21	Autumn Series GCE Examinations Yr 11 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening 16.15 – 19.15
Thursday	Oct	22	Non-Pupil Day – School Development Planning Day Autumn Series GCE Examinations
Friday	Oct	23	Non-Pupil Day Autumn Series GCE Examinations

A reminder that school is closed to students on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October for staff training.

Head Students Foodbank Collection

Due to the current circumstances the Head Student Team are organising the school's annual collection and donation to the local foodbank a little differently this year with an added competition:

Instead of bringing donations into school, students are asked to take them to your local collection point (this could be any major supermarket which have a collection point by the door. Or, they can be donated directly to the local Foodbank:

Colchester Foodbank, 33 Moorside Business Park, Moorside, Colchester, CO1 2ZF

Take a photo of yourself putting your donation into the collection box or just a picture of your donation!

Send photographs to the Head Student Team by email, include your name and form (@AA-Headgirls), as part of a competition to see which Form Group has the largest number of donations. From this the winner for each year will be selected, and then the winner from the whole school. The closing date for submissions is Monday 2 November. Prizes will be awarded for the winning Form Groups

Please see the end of the Bulletin for details of what the Foodbank need at this time.

Given the current pandemic, these donations are needed more than ever, so please do consider giving generously.

Yr 8 and Yr 12 Target Grades

These will be distributed to students on Monday 19 October.

Student Devices Survey

Parents were emailed a quick survey regarding student access to devices at home, in order to help us to build a picture of access to online learning across our school community. If you have not already done so please follow the link: [Devices Survey](#). Please complete the survey by Monday 19 October. Thank you.

Textbook Return

The Library are still waiting for textbooks to be returned from last academic year.

Students with any outstanding books issued to them have been contacted; these should be deposited in the wheelie bin outside Reception marked 'textbooks' so they can be processed and removed from students' library record.

Student Survey

Can you spare a minute to help a student in Yr 13?

As part of their A Level Art personal study the student is exploring the viewer's experience of paintings by Monet and two contemporary artists (Erin Gregory and Kate Burns); how various elements such as abstraction, layering and mixed media can contribute to one's enjoyment of a painting. Please consider helping by taking a couple of minutes to complete the survey: <https://app.involve.me/httpswwwcchsgcom/viewer-experience-monetcontemporary-art>. Thank you.



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

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

Parents are notified a week in advance of the session, in addition students can find the recipe and ingredients via SharePoint.

We hope they enjoy the Healthy Living session.

Wellbeing Information

Mind - Support

The charity Mind have information and support for anyone feeling worried about coronavirus (Covid-19) and how it could affect your life. Please go to <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

A simple dish that is not only healthy but packed full with nutrients. You can put what you like into it and is a great way use up those odd bits of vegetables and cheeses that are not enough to do much with - you can adapt it in so many ways, it can please everyone! A great way to have fun experimenting.

This week's recipe for **Anything goes Frittata** can be found on the Sharepoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#). Send pictures of your curry to nwebb@cchsg.com.

Careers Information

CCHSG Careers Information

The impartial careers advisor, Mrs Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities on Wednesday 21 October. Please email Mrs Mandal at smandal@cchsg.com, to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.

Morgan Sindall Construction: Apprentice Information

Morgan Sindall as **have** Virtual WEx placements available in Essex this academic year with the company.

For their careers website please visit: <https://construction.morgansindall.com/careers-0>

For an apprenticeship video: <https://youtu.be/1ZSUX6dxo5c>

For apprenticeship vacancies please go to: <https://ats.morgansindallgroup.com/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=71232>

Pathway CTM Events

To hear from employers about opportunities and for the chance to ask questions, the following events are available:

For students:

Virtual Employability Skills Day, Tuesday 27 October 10.00 – 15.00 register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/121052281633>

Get into Tech! Virtual Event with Pathway CTM, Tuesday 20 October 18.00 Sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/121155394045>

For parents:

Possibilities for their Future: Parent Event with PwC, Dyson and Experian, Thursday 22 October at 18.00

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/123037082225>

Community Information

RSE Session for Parents

Following the success of recent online parent RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) sessions, Brook have been commissioned to deliver another series over the coming academic year. The first two sessions, for primary school parents on Wednesday 21 October and for secondary school parents in Thursday 22 October, will be delivered online via Zoom as part of the Online Exploitation Campaign. For further details and to book please see the information at the end of the Bulletin.

Colchester Future Transport Challenge

Colchester Borough Council are launching a competition about the future of transport in Colchester and ways in which this can be more sustainable, in particular encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school. Please see the end of the Bulletin for more details.

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 service from 08.00 to 08.30 without the need to pre-order: toast, porridge pots, fruit juice, bacon rolls, hash browns. Hot drinks – coffee and hot chocolate will also be available
- Breakfast can still 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
- New line now available: pizza portions
- 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. Yr 12 who forget to pre-order can obtain lunch at 13.05 in the Dining Hall

[Student Breakfast](#)

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch](#)

Menu for w/c 2 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Steak with Roast Potato & Cabbage	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Non-Pupil Day	Non-Pupil Day
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas		
Main Meal £2.90				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Roulade		
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: Student Devices Survey
- All Yrs: Important Information for Parents
- 7L: Important Information for Parents (selected students)
- 7E: Important Information for Parents (selected students)
- Yrs 7-10 & 12: School Opening on Monday 9 November
- Yr 8: Spelling Bee (selected students)
- Yr 11: Parent Consultation Evening
- Yrs 11 & 13: School Opening on Monday 9 November

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Student Devices Survey	Monday 19 October
Yr 12	ESU Public Speaking Competition	
Yr 12	A Level Mathematics Textbooks Purchase	Wednesday 21 October
Yr 13	Permission Form for Leaving the Site at Lunch for Period 4 and or 5	
Yr 13	A Level Mathematics Textbooks Purchase	Wednesday 21 October

Word of the Week for w/c 2 November

Next week the word is: **FRENETIC** – frantic; frenzied.



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1. '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 chance to find out! Book tickets for this Virtual Quiz Night and take part from the comfort of your own living room. The event is hosted for the PTFA, free of charge, 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 purchase now to avoid disappointment.

2. 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's the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

3. PTFA Committee Vacancy - Secretary

We currently have a vacancy for a Committee Secretary and would welcome enquiries from anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the role.

Job function: The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and between the PTFA and the school. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the PTFA receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly.

Main duties:

- Deal with correspondence
- Prepare and distribute agendas for meetings
- Take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them
- Ensure that enough committee members are present to make the meeting quorate
- Write the annual report with the Chair

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.

5. CCHSG Fundraising – coming soon an opportunity to join the 500 Club.

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

agnessobrien@hotmail.com

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

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



Foodbank

What you can donate....

- ▶ SMALL BAGS OF RICE
- ▶ LONGLIFE MILK
- ▶ LONGLIFE JUICE
- ▶ SHAMPOO
- ▶ CARRIER BAGS/ REUSEABLE BAGS
- ▶ SQUASH
- ▶ TINNED FRUIT
- ▶ DEODORANTS
- ▶ TINNED POTATOES
- ▶ TINNED PUDDINGS
- ▶ TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD
- ▶ JAM
- ▶ PEANUT BUTTER
- ▶ TOOTH BRUSH/ TOOTH PASTE
- ▶ RAZORS
- ▶ SHOWER GEL
- ▶ SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- ▶ SMALL WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- ▶ SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (PENGUIN/CLUB/TWIX)
- ▶ TINNED TOMATOES



Colchester Future Transport Challenge

Do you fancy yourself as a future entrepreneur, have an interest in transport or perhaps just like the idea of being in with a chance to win a prize?

Essex Highways has launched the Colchester Future Transport Challenge and is asking secondary pupils in Colchester to come up with ideas for a new project or initiative to encourage and enable people travelling to and from their school to reduce their car use and consider other sustainable alternatives instead.

The high number of cars on the road in Colchester, many only making short journeys within the town, result in congestion and delays, as well as having a negative impact on air quality and our health.

Around 40% of all car journeys in the borough are 5kms or less and 20% are 2kms or less.

Almost 150,000 car journeys could be removed from Colchester's busy roads each week if everyone travelling by car switched to walking, cycling or other transport just two days a week.

So how do we go about tackling this issue and what are the barriers stopping us from walking or cycling? Is there an innovation, a road scheme or a school initiative that could be implemented?

No idea is too big or too small for the Colchester Future Transport Challenge and you can present your ideas in any way you like, individually or a team.

Entries should be emailed to colchesterfuturetransport@essexhighways.org by Friday 27 November. Please also include your name and the name of your school when sending your entry by post or email.

Essex Highways will select its favourite three and those pupils will be invited to safely present their ideas to a panel of experts later this year, with prizes on offer for the selected winner.

For more information on the Colchester Future Transport Strategy please visit www.essexhighways.org/ColchesterFutureTransport.

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A Parents Guide to Relationship and Sex Education- ONLINE

New online training dates available

Primary school parents: Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 13:00-14:00 [CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Secondary school parents: Thursday 22 October 2020 at 13:00-14:00 [CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore how the new legislation will impact on your child and-

- What it means for primary and secondary school students,
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

For more info contact: essex.education@brook.org.uk or head to our [Facebook page](#)

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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