



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 6 November 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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Music Dept: CCHSG\_Music



#### Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Nov	9	11+ Testing <b>School Open to Yr 11 &amp; Y13 Students</b>
Tuesday	Nov	10	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 11 Cross Country Competition, 12.40 Yr 13 Biology Fieldwork (13A/Bi) Periods 4 & 5 ABRSM Music Theory Examinations 16.30 – 20.30
Wednesday	Nov	11	Yr 9 Cross Country Competition, 12.45 Autumn Series GCSE Examinations
Thursday	Nov	12	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 7 Cross Country Competition, 12.45 Yr 13 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening 16.00 – 19.00
Friday	Nov	13	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Non-Uniform Day (110) Sixth Form Charity Day Yr 10 Cross Country Competition, 12.50 Yr 12 'Oxford Explained' Zoom Talk, 09.15 – 11.15

#### Updated Corona Virus Advice

Advice for parents can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

#### Student Absence Reminder

Parents are reminded of the need to call and leave a message on the absence line on each day of their child's absence. Please keep the school informed promptly regarding coronavirus symptoms or positive tests in the household.

#### School Opening on Monday 9 November

A reminder that the additional day for the 11+ tests on Monday 9 November. In order to accommodate the candidates across the rooms in the school only Yr 11 and Yr 13 students will be required to attend school on Monday 9 November. Students in Yrs 7-10 and Yr 12 will be set work by subject staff in advance via Sharepoint to be completed at home in their timetabled lessons on this day.

#### Arrangements for Monday 9 November

In order to maintain separate bubbles for Yr 11, Y13 and a bubble for the students taking the 11+ the one way system will be suspended **just for Monday 9 November**.

The Sixth Form should access all the floors from the Sixth Form staircase in the new block.

Yr 11 should access middle and ground floors from the middle staircase and should use the toilets by Reprographics.

The candidates for the 11+ tests will access designated floors from the staircase near G7.

Testing will be taking place in the Gym, Hall, Sports Hall and classrooms on the Top Floor and M School 08.45 – 14.45. Candidates will be kept totally separate from CCHSG students.

#### Lunch arrangements:

There will be sandwiches and panni available for pre-order only – please order via the usual links at the end of this Bulletin. No hot food will be available.

The pre-ordered food will be delivered to the Yr 11 Form Rooms and the Sixth Form Refectory. The Canteen and dining areas will not be open to students. Yr 11 should either remain in their Form Room or go to their marquee over lunchtime. The Gym will not be available.

#### Yr 13 Virtual Parent Consultation Evening – Thursday 12 November 16.00 – 19.00

A letter with full details for this event will be sent to parents early next week, following which parents will be able to book appointments.



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**Remembrance**

We will be observing the 2 minute silence at 11.00 on Wednesday 11 November, Remembrance Day. We are unable to sell poppies in school this year, however a poppy poster can be downloaded with a donation at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

**Non-Uniform Day – Friday 13 November**

11O are organising the day to support two charities: the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust and the Climate Coalition. The theme for day is ‘rainbow bright’. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing clothes appropriate to this theme and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay. However, as with all non-uniform days, students should **dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear**. Students must not wear ripped jeans, short skirts, shorts, cropped or low cut tops, and hair and jewellery rules still apply. If students have PE on this day they are required to wear clothing suitable for PE, e.g. tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers (no leggings or shorts) and remove loose accessories in order to safely carry out sporting activities.

**Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 13 November**

The Head Girl Team are organising the day. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay to wear more casual clothes for the day. **Students should dress appropriately for a working school day and wear suitable footwear.**

**Remember – no shorts, short skirts, bare midriff or ripped jeans. If students are in unacceptable clothing please send student to the Year Leader for alternative clothing to be provided.**

**Launch of CCHSG 500 Club**

We are seeking the support of our school community in a new way, with the launch of the CCHSG 500 Club. Membership will take the form of a one off payment of £40, which entitles participants to be entered into ten monthly draws, over the academic year, for prize money of up to £500. All the funds raised will go directly towards the provision of additional resources and equipment for students. Parents/carers/guardians, students (aged 16 & over) and staff of CCHSG can take part. A maximum of 500 numbered tickets can be included in the draw at any given time. Each participant can purchase up to 5 tickets at £40 each (a maximum of £200) per year. There is no limit to how many tickets can be purchased per household. Tickets are available via TryBooking via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=14370> A booking fee of £2 applies per ticket purchased.

Please consider supporting the school and purchase your tickets by Thursday 19 November. The first draw takes place on Friday 20 November.

**Yrs 7 & 8 Virtual Sports Hall Athletics Competition**

The PE Department have entered a Virtual Sports Hall Athletics competition for Yr 7 & 8 students to compete against other schools in Colchester. This will also be run as an inter-form competition for each Form Group to compete against each other in a series of activities. The Yr 7 competition will take place on Thursday 12 November and the Yr 8 competition will be Wednesday 11 November. Both competitions will take place during Lunch time. Students should organize their teams during Form time and return their entry form to Miss Cass by Tuesday 10 November. Competitors will need to meet outside the Sports Hall on their respective date at 12.40. Good Luck!

**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.

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**E-Safety Reminder**

Talk to your child about their online activity and staying safe. It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use
- Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support
- Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

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## Wellbeing Information

### **Essex Wellbeing Service**

The Essex Wellbeing Service offers free support with practical tasks, mental health, feelings of loneliness, debt, housing, employment, caring responsibilities and more.

Visit the [Essex Wellbeing Service](https://www.essexwellbeing.com) website or call 0300 303 9988.

### **Healthy Living – Focus on Food**

This week's recipe for **Cowboy Beans and Poached Egg** can be found on the Sharepoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#). An excellent comfort food dish to help focus on eating well and staying well!

Send pictures of your dish to [nwebb@cchsg.com](mailto:nwebb@cchsg.com).

## Extra-Curricular Information

### **Keep Britain Tidy Webinar**

We invite you to a joint [Tidy Britain](#) and [Ocean Conservation](#) All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) event to discuss the true solutions to the plastic pollution crisis, on **Wednesday 18 November via a Zoom Webinar**. This virtual session will feature an expert panel of leading industry representatives, politicians, academics, politicians and campaigners, being quizzed by youth activists on the actions we need now to stop plastic flowing into the natural environment

<https://keepbritaintidy.cmail20.com/t/i-l-mzdrl-d-ykjlqkrih-j/>

### **Speakers for Schools Live Virtual Broadcasts**

An opportunity to hear from TikToks's General Manager for the UK & IE, Rich Waterworth, he will share highlights from his career, why creativity really matters in this conversational interview with questions from viewers and across our social channels.

**Date:** Wednesday 11 November **Time:** 16.20

**Join link:** check the Twitter for the link: <https://twitter.com/speakrs4schools>

### **UK Parliament Week**

This is an annual celebration when people all over the United Kingdom take part in activities to explore the work and role of the UK Parliament and our democracy. Students have been encouraged learn about how the UK Parliament works, think critically and debate the issue that are important to them. Students have been sent a link to take part in **Make Your Mark**, an opportunity for 11-18 year olds across the UK to have their say and begin their democratic journey by voting on the policies they want to introduce or change. The issues they vote on as the most important will be debated by Members of Youth Parliament.

This is their opportunity to influence decision makers who can make a real difference on the issues that matter to young people. Make Your Mark is one of the most important and influential ways young people can take part in a democratic process. Make Your Mark is British Youth Council campaign, supported by the UK Parliament. Here is the link:

[https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/make-your-mark/?utm\\_source=UK+Parliament+Education&utm\\_campaign=4415122357-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_06\\_14\\_10\\_29\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_68f219c688-4415122357-103600809&mc\\_cid=4415122357&mc\\_eid=3ddaf645fe](https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/make-your-mark/?utm_source=UK+Parliament+Education&utm_campaign=4415122357-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_14_10_29_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_68f219c688-4415122357-103600809&mc_cid=4415122357&mc_eid=3ddaf645fe)

To commemorate Parliament Week, Debate Club will be hosting a session on Wednesday 11 November via Teams at 17.00, on UK politics. Students are encouraged to debate what issues they believe politicians should prioritise in Parliament and make a case for one of the UK political parties. Students interested can join the Debate Club on Teams or email Mr Paz if they have trouble finding the group.

Then on Friday a survey will be sent out for all students to cast their vote for a UK political party.

### **Historical Fiction Book Club**

The club will be having its meeting and talk with the author Laura Purcell on Tuesday 17 November 17 at 17.00 via Teams. If students would like to take part join the group on Teams or contact Mr Paz if they struggle in doing so.

## Careers and University Information

### **CCHSG Careers Information**

The impartial careers advisor, Mrs Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities on Wednesday 11 November. Please email Mrs Mandal at [smandal@cchsg.com](mailto:smandal@cchsg.com), to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.

## Goldman Sachs Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Programme

A four-year programme run in conjunction with Queen Mary University of London, apprentices will spend three days a week working as a software engineer at Goldman Sachs and two days a week studying for a BSc in Digital and Technology Solutions

- Entry requirements for the programme are BBB at A Level or equivalent (full entry requirements can be found [here](#))
- Further information on the programme can be found [here](#)
- Students should apply online at [www.gs.com/careers](http://www.gs.com/careers) with their CV and a 300 word motivational statement by Sunday 21 February 2021

## Community Information

### Colchester Remembrance Sunday at Home and Online – Sunday 8 November

Following Government restrictions to tackle coronavirus, Colchester's traditional Remembrance Sunday service and parade are unable to be held in the normal way this year. Instead, residents are being encouraged to observe their own Act of Remembrance on their doorsteps, instead of at the War Memorial, when a gun is fired at the Garrison, at 11.00, to signal a national Two Minute Silence.

To support the commemorations, Colchester Borough Council has also created an online resource to help residents remember the sacrifice and service of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth: [www.colchester.gov.uk/remembrance-sunday](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/remembrance-sunday), features resources to support Remembrance activities at home and commemorations being held nationwide.

You can also donate to the Royal British Legion's online <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/> and get an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that they can download, print, and display in their window.

Find out more about how to observe your own Act of Remembrance by visiting the council's dedicated webpage.

## 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

There will be no hot food available on Monday 9 November. Sandwiches, panini and pizza slices must be pre-ordered from the links below by 09.00.

[Student Breakfast](#)

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch](#)

## Menu for w/c 9 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partial School Closure, Limited Food Available	Lasagne with Salad	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Partial School Closure, Limited Food Available	Mediterranean Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheese & Tomato Frittata with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Partial School Closure, Limited Food Available	Devon Apple Cake	Chocolate Mousse	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	Bakewell Tart with Custard
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: PTFA Virtual Quiz

All Yrs: CCHSG 500 Club

Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)

Yr 9: AQA Level 2 Project Qualification (selected students)

Yr 11: GCSE Drama Devised Performance and Rehearsal (Drama students only)

Yr 13: Purchase of A Level Science Revision Guides (Biology, Chemistry and Physics students)

### Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs:	CCHSG 500 Club	Thursday 19 November
Yr 9	AQA Level 2 Project Qualification	
Yr 10	UCAT Preparation Scheme	Monday 16 November
Yr 11	UCAT Preparation Scheme	Monday 9 November
Yr 11	GCSE Drama Devised Performance and Rehearsal	
Yr 12	A Level Biology Field Course	Monday 30 November
Yr 13	Purchase of A Level Science Revision Guides	Friday 20 November

### Word of the Week for w/c 9 November

Next week the word is: **Benevolent** – characterised by or expressing goodwill or kindly feelings.



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## 6 November



Registered Charity No. 1110464

### 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](http://www.corporatequizhire.co.uk)

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

Please support us and get your ticket NOW!

### 2. Classlist Sign-up - All Year Groups

If you have not done so already, please sign up on Classlist via [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. 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.

### 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.

### 4. Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

As the coronavirus pandemic reduces the options for fundraising yet further, with one in four people on the planet facing some form of severe restriction on their movements, it's time for CCHSG PTFA to look for some more virtual fundraising ideas to replace the physical events which normally take place. If you have ideas that could help generate funds and/or create virtual social opportunities for the PTFA community, please email us at [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com).

Here are two simple ways that you can already 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](http://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. See the main Bulletin for details of the CCHSG 500 Club.

#### PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

[agnessobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:agnessobrien@hotmail.com)

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

For all enquires related to the PTFA, email [cchsgptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)

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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](mailto:cchsgptfa@gmail.com)**