



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

13 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

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Nov	16	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 10 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 10 RS Mock Examination Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting Sixth Form Cross Country Competition, 12.45
Tuesday	Nov	17	Virtual Assembly: Yr 10 Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 8 Cross Country Competition, 12.45 Yr 10 RE Mock Examination Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting
Wednesday	Nov	18	Virtual Assembly: Yrs 8 & 9 Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 8 'Introducing University' Zoom Talk, 09.15 Yr 9 Cross Country Competition, 12.45 Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting
Thursday	Nov	19	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 7 Cross Country Competition, 12.45 Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening 16.00 – 19.00 Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting
Friday	Nov	20	Autumn Series GCSE Examinations Yr 11 Mock Examinations Yr 12 Subject Staff Target Setting

A12 Road Closure

We have been made aware that the A12 weekend closures for resurfacing between Junctions 22 (Witham) and 24 (Kelvedon) have been extended to include Fridays and Mondays for the next three weekends during the lockdown period. The A12 northbound carriageway will be closed from Boreham, Chelmsford (J19) to Marks Tey (J25) from 20.00 on Thursdays to 06.00 on Tuesdays until 1 December, with a signposted diversion via Braintree.

First Bus have informed us that the 525, 570 and 71 services will be escorted through the road closure by traffic management. They have advised that both morning/afternoon drop-offs and pick-ups are likely to be delayed.

If we receive information from other bus providers we will of course pass this on to parents. Students arriving late on school buses should follow normal late procedures and go to lessons to be registered on arrival.

If travelling by car to drop off/pick up students at school please plan an alternative route or allow extra time to follow the diversion and increase in traffic on this route.

Launch of CCHSG 500 Club – First Draw Friday 20 November

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. Full terms and conditions are available on the CCHSG website. Please consider supporting the school and purchase your tickets by Thursday 19 November.

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PE Dept: @CchsgD
Music Dept: CCHSG_Music



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Non-Uniform Day

Please remember that £1 payment for participation in non-uniform day should be paid via ParentPay by Monday 16 November, in support of the following charities: Yrs 12 and 13 Beacon House Ministries. Yr 7s - 11 the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust and the Climate Coalition. Thank you.

Yr 10 and Yr 11 Mock Examinations

Yr 11 mock examinations begin on Monday 16 November and run until Monday 30 November. Yr 10 RE mock examination will be on Monday 16 November starting at 09.30 to allow for the issues with A12 closure. Students have been briefed and should make sure they are familiar with the examination guidance distributed by Mrs Mandal, Examinations Officer. We wish all students every success in their examinations. Examinations will take place in the Sports Hall, Gym, Dance Studio and classrooms on the F Floor (Yr 11 bubble), M2 and H3. We ask students to be considerate and silent in these areas.

Yr 7 Mathematics Groupings

From week commencing Monday 16 November Yr 7 will be in their new Mathematics groups. Students will be informed which group and classroom at the start of their next Mathematics lesson.

Yr 7 Parent Tutor Consultation Evening Thursday 19 November 16.00 – 19.00

Parents have been sent a letter inviting them to this event, along with guidance for booking appointments via SchoolCloud.

Yr 13: A Level Science Revision Guides Reminder

The deadline for the purchase of A Level Chemistry, Physics and Biology work books and revision guides is Friday 20 November. For further information please see the letter emailed out on Friday 6 November.

Yrs 10 & 11 Iceland Trip - Easter 2021

We are still very hopeful that this trip will be going ahead. Please can any outstanding balances be paid up to date. Due to changes after 1 January 2021, travel to Iceland will now require passports to have at least 6 months remaining, please ensure that this is checked and passports updated as necessary.

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.

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week’s recipe for **Coconut Dhal** can be found on the Sharepoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#). The creamy coconut milk and the chili spices give a warming kick to this dish. The lentils are a great source of protein and are really filling, fitting perfectly with the focus on alternative comfort foods to eat during lock down
Send pictures of your dish to nwebb@cchsg.com.

E-Safety: The internet – on the whole an inspiring and positive place

You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into 4 categories, we are sharing 2 with you this week and 2 next week:

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information
When using the internet, it is important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers. Discuss with your child the importance of reporting inappropriate conversations, messages, images and behaviours and how this can be done.

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children
Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It’s important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author’s permission.
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues>

Extra-Curricular Information

Yr 12: Enrichment Opportunity – Sutton Trust US Programme

The Sutton Trust US Programme is a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore what studying in the US is like. It will give students a taste of what it is like being an international student in the US and help them see if it could be the right fit for them. It is a fully-funded programme so all costs will be covered, including travel, residential events, accommodation and food.

Applications have just opened and will close on Monday 18 January 2021.

Please use the following link to read further information about the programme and instructions on how to apply:

<https://us.suttontrust.com/about/>. Please use Mrs Pigott as the teacher reference.

Yrs 7-9: Calling all Reading and Science Enthusiasts

CCHSG has been selected to take part in the Royal Society's Young People's Book prize 2020, we are 1 of 500 schools involved. This brings together Science and Literacy by reviewing 6 new STEM books. We are looking for at least 6 students to be involved, who can read the 6 books, write a short review and then meet (probably online) to decide on the winning Science book by 11 January 2021. We hope to create a video about the shortlisted books with a chance to win £500! Our judging panel will join the votes from the other UK schools to decide on the winning book, which is revealed in a special virtual awards ceremony in London in February. The books are very varied: astrophysics for young people in a hurry, cats react to science facts, the everyday journeys of ordinary things, gut garden, how to win a Nobel prize and In the key of code!

Any students who enjoy reading and would like to be involved in the review challenge should email imartin@cchsg.com or come and see Dr Martin in G18 by Wednesday 18 November. Books and other resources will then be issued so the reviewing can start! This is a great opportunity for students in Yrs 7 to 9.

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 by 18 November 2020.

MFL Department

We are relaunching all the language clubs on Teams. It is called the Language Leaders' Club. This year, we are hoping to offer French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Greek, Hindi and Japanese. Each club will operate on a weekly basis and there will be a timetable to inform students. Any students who would like to become a member, should email their German or French teacher as soon as possible; there is no requirement to know a foreign language. We value their commitment and ideas and regular contributors will receive a Language Leader Badge. Students who speak a foreign language fluently and would like to run their own club, should email Madame Ollite. The Chinese Club will be run separately, watch out for the advert.

All Yrs: Calling all CCHSG Chess Players

Any student from Yrs 7-13 wishing to represent the school in a Chess competition on Wednesday 18 November should email Mr Bartlett for further details. They will need to be available to play online from 17.30 onwards.

Careers and University Information

CCHSG Careers Information

The impartial careers advisor, Mrs Kee will be available on the telephone to discuss career opportunities on Monday 16 November. 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 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 panini
- 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 16 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Cajun Chicken with Potato Wedges & Broccoli	Fishcakes with Green Beans
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Gnocchi with Cheese & Tomato Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Blackberry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Pavlova	Lemon Meringue Pie	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

Yrs 7-11: Non-Uniform Day
 Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
 Yr 7: Parent Tutor Consultation
 Yr 7: BOYD Scheme
 Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
 Yrs 12 & 13: Sixth Form Charity Day
 Yr 13: Virtual Parent Consultation Evening

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs:	CCHSG 500 Club	Thursday 19 November
Yrs 7 – 11	Non-Uniform Day	Friday 13 November
Yr 9	AQA Level 2 Project Qualification	
Yr 10	UCAT Preparation Scheme	Monday 16 November
Yr 11	GCSE Drama Devised Performance and Rehearsal	
Yrs 12 & 13	Sixth Form Charity Day	Friday 13 November
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 16 November

Next week the word is: **RAPACIOUS** – inordinately greedy.



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1. Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books

We are very grateful for the many donations of uniform, including PE kits and revision books for 11+, SATs, GCSE and A Level being dropped off at the school. Families are looking at ways to save money and at this time of challenge when Coronavirus pandemic reduces the options for fundraising, your support is needed more than ever.

Following the success of our summer sales, we will be organising another sale in the Spring Term. 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. Please deposit items between Monday – Thursday only. This is to allow 72 hours for the clothes and books to become sterile and they will be collected and sorted by the PTFA every Monday morning. Thank you in advance for responding to this appeal.

Upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sale date:-

Date: Saturday 27 February
Time: 09.00 – 14.00
Venue: CCHSG Gym

Further details to follow. We regret that we cannot take advance reservations for items. Sales will be on a first come first served basis. Please note that this is likely to be the only sale in the Spring Term.

Volunteers Needed to Support Uniform Sales

We will need volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the sale. This includes preparation of items for the sale on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 February and on the sale day itself. An online volunteers sign-up form will be available nearer the time, so if you can spare between 2-4 hours any of these dates, please mark them in your diary.

2. 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 students' uniform including blazer at a very affordable price. Contact: Sal at 01206 211735 / 07542182552 or email sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com.

3. 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.

4. Help Raise Funds for CCHSG PTFA

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.

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 or the App. You will then be directed to AmazonSmile. Sign up to support Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA.

5. Diwali Greetings

We would like to wish all those celebrating Diwali, a Covid safe but enjoyable time with family in household bubbles only this weekend.

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

agnessobrien@hotmail.com

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



*Wishing you a Diwali that
brings happiness, prosperity
and joy to all your family*

Sincere greetings from

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