



# Colchester County High School for Girls

## Parent Weekly Bulletin

### 27 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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#### Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Nov	30	Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Tuesday	Dec	1	Yr 11 GCSE Art Portfolio Day Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Wednesday	Dec	2	Yr 11 GCSE Art Portfolio Day Y13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Thursday	Dec	3	Yr 9 Re-Arranged History/Geography Matrix Day Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Performance Dress Rehearsal, Period 5 and After School Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Friday	Dec	4	Yr 9 Re-Arranged History/Geography Matrix Day Yr 13 Subject Staff Target Setting
Saturday	Dec	5	Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Technical Rehearsal

**We urge students to continue their efforts in our fight against the Covid-19 virus: follow the one way system, wash hands and keep their distance. Thank you.**

#### Car Park Safety

Please could we ask parents who are dropping off or collecting students from the visitors' car park to be mindful of students walking to cars in this area and to observe the 10mph speed limit on the access road. Our priority is the safety of students and they will always be given the right of way at the car park crossings, therefore we ask for your patience when using this area at busy times and follow directions from duty staff. Thank you.

#### Student Attendance

All students should continue to attend until the end of term. Government guidelines indicate that children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school. Absence relating to non-attendance may not be authorised. Further information can be found via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

#### A12 Closure Reminder

The road will be closed southbound between J22 and J24 will be closed from 20.00 on Thursday 26 November to 06.00 on Tuesday 1 December, with diversion via Braintree. Please allow extra time for your journey if you take this route.

#### Yrs 7 – 11 School Uniform

In the colder weather we recommend that students wear a base layer under their uniform and always bring a coat to school for wearing outside and when moving around the school. For PE lessons long PE trousers should be worn with shorts underneath, and both a short sleeved and long sleeved PE top.  
Face masks rather than bandanas or scarves should be worn, ideally in black, blue or grey and certainly with no inappropriate graphics. When students forget their mask they should go to Reception where 2 disposable masks will be issued and a charge of £1 made via ParentPay.

#### Yrs 7 – 11 Jewellery

A reminder that only a watch (not smartwatch/fitbit) and a single pair of plain silver/gold studs, one in each ear lobe, are permitted.

#### Yr 9 Re-Arranged History/Geography Matrix Days – Thursday 3 and Friday 4 December

Students will be off timetable, based in their Form Rooms, for the two days. We hope they find the days rewarding.

#### Yr 11 Sixth Form Taster Day and Yr 12 Forward Thinking Day

These are scheduled to take place on Thursday 10 December. More information will be given to students shortly.



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## Yr 12 A Level Biology Field Visit to Dorset – September 2021

A reminder that the deposit of £50 for the Field Visit is due on Monday 30 November, when we need to confirm numbers with the provider. In addition, students should ensure the electronic consent form is complete and return the signed code of conduct to their Biology teacher.

## MFL Spelling Bee

The Languages Department wishes to extend its congratulations to students involved in the MFL Spelling Bee for their exceptional achievements in the Regional Spelling Bee Competition. The students have shown incredible resilience and commitment during incredibly difficult circumstances. We wish them every success in the National Final.

## Lost Property

A reminder for students and parents to ensure all items brought to school are named, so that if they are miss-placed they can be easily returned to their owner.

This week we have had the following handed in, these items are in quarantine and can be claimed from Reception.

- Blue coat, with blue & white stripe lining
- Glasses in a black KYUCA case
- Black metal water bottle
- Silver metal water bottle with black lid

Unnamed items not claimed by the end of term will be disposed of.

## 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

### Covid- 19 Support for Essex Residents

Advice and support on accessing food, information on key community contacts and mental health support services can be found in the [Support for Communities](#) section of Colchester Borough Council's website, along with their [Community Response Pack](#).

For local advice and support or to volunteer during the pandemic (especially for those who are self-isolating), contact Community 360 by email [information@community360.org.uk](mailto:information@community360.org.uk) or call 012016 505250.

### Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's recipe for **Healthier Enchiladas** can be found on the SharePoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#). This week's dish is both hearty and warming with a chili punch, so this dish is great for when the weather is cold. Send pictures of your dish to [nwebb@cchsg.com](mailto:nwebb@cchsg.com).

## Extra-Curricular Information

### 'Trapped' Young Writers Competition

Well done to the 52 students who won the opportunity to be published in the latest 'Trapped' Young Writers competition. They will receive a letter from the company requesting parental permission – this should be returned to the **address on the letter** as soon as possible if they would like to be published. Unfortunately, a small number of students were not selected. If they do not receive a letter and would like feedback on their story they should see Miss Withers.

The next Young Writer's poetry competition 'Imagine' is currently open for submissions – students should ask their English teacher for an entry form. There are no requirements of poetic form or rhyme scheme so there is the freedom to express themselves and experiment. Any entries should be returned by **Monday 14 December**. Good luck!

### Yrs 12 and 13 NCS Opportunity for Students

Following the NCS Keep Doing Good project in the summer and the NCS Autumn half term experience, they are offering a [NCS Murder Mystery Weekender](#), to help students gain confidence with integrating sessions on topics including wellbeing and political engagement to developing resilience and improved communication skills.

The programme is free and will run on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December in their local youth centres.

### Dead Poetry Society Relaunch!

The Dead Poetry Society makes its return from today. Students can check Microsoft Teams and join the group/society. Here they can watch the Poetry Podcast videocasts that will be regularly posted. If they would like to contribute, as well as watch, they should email Mr Doyle via [mdoyle@cchsg.com](mailto:mdoyle@cchsg.com) for further information on how to be a Poetry Prefect, add their own videos/readings of their favourite poems, etc. Despite the name, the poets no longer have to be dead! Mr Doyle.



## 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 30 November and Wednesday 2 December. Please email Mrs Mandal at [smandal@cchsg.com](mailto:smandal@cchsg.com), to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.

## Community Information

### **Shaikly Netball Club**

The club, based at TLA School, Monkwick Avenue Colchester, are looking for new players for 2021. They meet every Wednesday 19.00 – 20.30. For more information email [shakilynetball@gmail.com](mailto:shakilynetball@gmail.com) or visit [www.shaiklynetball.com](http://www.shaiklynetball.com)

### **Young Essex Assembly**

Essex County Council Youth Service are currently reviewing their core age range and are undertaking a research project to capture the views of the wider community as they seek to understand the services and provisions available to help children make the transition into their teenage years. The Youth Service currently work with a core age of 13-19 and up to 25 for young people with SEND.

They are looking to capture peoples' thoughts on earlier help, establish what services already exist and what could be improved. The information gained from this survey will help build an understanding of current needs and inform any proposed changes to how the youth service operates in the future. Please follow this link to complete the survey:

Parent survey - <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/youth-service/9e09fed7>

Young person aged 12+ survey - <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/youth-service/49538b34>

Young person aged 10-11 survey - <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/youth-service/b5076be6>

### **This Week's Brainteaser**

On each row place a letter that can be substituted for the fourth letter of the words either side, to give another word in each case. When completed, a type of drink will be read downwards. What is it?

**SPADE \_ THINK**  
**CHERP \_ GREET**  
**LEASE \_ CURLY**  
**SQUID \_ LOCK**

The answer will be published next week.

### **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
- Salad pots are 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. Yr 12 who forget to pre-order can obtain lunch at 13.05 in the Dining Hall
  - New on pre-order menu is a Vegetable Samosa for £1.20
  - For a limited time we are offering a Christmas Panini; Turkey, Bacon, Brie & Cranberry for £2.90
  - New Salad box next week is Greek Salad Noodle box
  - Dairy free Chocolate or Strawberry Shake now on sale for £1.60

### **Christmas Community Meal**

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to hold our Christmas community meal on the last day of term this year. Therefore Christmas dinner will be served as the main meal on each Tuesday in December for students to purchase.

[Student Lunch](#)

[Year 12 Lunch](#)



**Menu for w/c 30 November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Spouts & Carrots	Pizza, Curly Fries & Salad	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Breaded Cod with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Artichoke & Bean Burger with Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.90				
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard	Christmas Pudding with Cream	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Rice Pudding with Jam	Raspberry Panacotta
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: Severe Weather Advice
- Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
- Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)

**Deadline for Replies and Payments**

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yrs 12 & 13	Geography Review Subscription	Friday 4 December
Yrs 12 & 13	A Level and AS Level Mathematics Revision Guides	Thursday 3 December
Yr 12	A Level Biology Field Course	Monday 30 November

**Word of the Week for w/c 30 November**

Next week the word is: **ABSTEMIOUS** – restraining behaviour or appetite.



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### 1. Second Hand Uniform and Revision Books

Following the success of our summer sales, we will be organising another sale in the Spring term. Your donations can be left in wheelie bins, which are both clearly marked and situated to the left of the Reception entrance at the school. Please deposit items from Monday – Thursday only. This is to allow 72 hours for the clothes and books to become sterile. 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 2021

Time: 09.00 – 15.00

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 for the foreseeable future.

#### 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 student's uniform, including blazer, at a very affordable price. Contact: Sal at 01206 211735 / 07542182552 OR email [sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannwilliams1965@gmail.com).

### 3. 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](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.

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