



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

4 December 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	Dec	7	Yr 8 Progress Check 1 to Parents Yr 13 Progress Check 1 to Parents
Tuesday	Dec	8	
Wednesday	Dec	9	Yr 11 Mathematics Paper 3 Assessment Periods 2 & 3 Yr 11 GCSE Drama NEA Performance, from Period 5
Thursday	Dec	10	Yr 11 Sixth Form Taster Day Yr 12 Forward Thinking Day
Friday	Dec	11	

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

Student Safety

We have been alerted by Stanway School to some suspicious activity on Thursday 3 December, around 15.30. A Yr 8 female student from Stanway School was followed along New Farm Road, Stanway, by 2 men, one wearing a bright green hoodie and jeans, average height, and the other in the black cagoule who was taller than the other man. They followed her through the park, across Collingwood Road and through the alley to Trafalgar Road, before heading off down Nelson Road. From her description, they both had hoods up and faces covered with black masks. No hair colour or distinguishing marks could be seen. Police have been informed. We kindly request that you talk to your child about keeping safe on the way home.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term for students will be on Thursday 17 December. The day will also be a non-uniform 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' with a minimum £1 contribution to charity organised by 11L and the Head Student Team.

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.

Yr 11 students will be experiencing a day in the life of a Sixth Former. They will need to come to school in smart non-uniform and will take part in 5 A Level classes that they have pre-selected for the day.

CCHSG 500 Club

Tickets are still available at £40. In the absence of our annual PTFA Christmas Market fundraiser this year, please consider supporting us by purchasing a ticket for the remaining 9 draws via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=14370> Full terms and conditions are on our website. The December draw will take place on Friday 18 December.

CCHSG Young Enterprise – WeFold Designs

Recently set up Young Enterprise business, WeFold Designs, are currently selling Origami Christmas cards. With two designs available you can send a card that includes a DIY origami present for the recipient to fold themselves. Further details including how to order can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

All cards are prepared following Covid-safe procedures. Please order promptly to allow items to be posted out.

Lost Property

If any student believes they have lost any belongings they should retrace their steps and thoroughly check each of their classrooms before coming to Reception to report it lost. Many items are being left behind in classrooms; students should take care of all their belongings and ensure all items brought to school are named, so that if they are misplaced they can be easily returned to their owner. Please encourage students to check for their belongings before they leave the classroom each lesson.

There are numerous coats left behind in M2; please ask students who may have lost a coat to check if one of the many coats there belong to them.



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E-Safety: Top 10 Tips for Mobile Phone Safety

1. Remember if you are being bullied it isn't your fault and there is nothing so awful that you can't speak to someone about it. Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school.
 2. Do not reply to any nasty messages you receive.
 3. Do not reply to a text from someone you do not know.
 4. Keep the messages you have been sent so you can show them to a trusted adult and make a note of the time and date of the messages or calls you receive.
 5. Do not answer calls from withheld numbers or numbers you do not recognise, let it go to voicemail.
 6. Block numbers from people who are sending you nasty messages.
 7. If you are bullied repeatedly can change your number.
 8. Do not give your mobile number to someone you do not know.
 9. Do not send pictures to someone you do not know.
 10. If the problem is serious you can report it to the police, Cyber Mentors, or Childline.
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Healthy Living Sessions

Students 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

Active Essex: State of Life Survey

Active Essex are conducting a survey for everyone in Essex, of every age, to find out how everyone is doing during the period of Covid. This will be an important guide for both the county and district councils on how they plan for emerging on the other side of the pandemic.

The survey should take no longer than 8 minutes and can be accessed via [the survey link](#)

Healthy Living – Focus on Food

This week's recipe for **Stuffed Peppers with Savoury Rice** can be found on the SharePoint with all the other recipes so far via [Focus on Food](#). Another quick, easy and nutritious meal; peppers are a great vegetable and red, orange, and yellow bell peppers are full of great health benefits, packed with vitamins and low in calories. An excellent source of vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium, bell peppers also contain a healthy dose of fibre, folate, and iron.

Send pictures of your dish to nwebb@cchsg.com.

Extra-Curricular Information

Historical Fiction Book Club

For those who enjoy History and love reading, the club will be reading *The Foundling* by Stacey Halls next term. Available to order through the school at a cost of £7 via ParentPay by Wednesday 16 December or from local bookshop, Red Lion Books.

This book has been flagged to contain short references to some more mature content and for students in Yrs 7-9 not allowed to read 'white label' books then we advise you to not purchase this book.

Mr Paz will be re-sending out a link to the Book Club Teams via email by next week. If students want to take part in future discussions and a chance to take part in a Q & A with the author Stacey Halls then please do join!

Nostalgia Reads

A Book Club via Teams for everyone who enjoys reading. Students should ask their English teacher to add them to the group and email Mrs Davidson via adavidson@cchsg.com (NOT Miss Davison!). The idea is to read a chapter a day, Mrs Davidson will add a commentary on the daily chapter on Teams; students can post their own views to build a discussion. There will be a weekly follow-up, on Saturdays at 12 noon for 10 minutes via Teams, for those interested in discussing further.

The first book will be *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (available free online). Highly recommended for students in Yrs 12 and 13; a great nineteenth century background for Oxbridge English and History students and Feminists.

Sign-up now ready for the club starting as soon as school resumes in January.



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 7 November and Wednesday 9 December. Please email Mrs Mandal at smandal@cchsg.com, to request an appointment with Mrs Kee.

Day of the Dentist Workshop – London, Sunday 13 December

A one-day workshop for students seeking further insight into the world of dentistry. The workshop will include lectures from dental specialists and the opportunity to place fillings, take impressions, scale teeth and stitch all upon our prosthetic jaw models.

The deadline for booking is Tuesday 8 December, for more information please visit www.thewisdomtooth.co.uk/dod

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 7 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Spouts & Carrots	Sausage, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Artichoke & Bean Burger with Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice	Mediterranean Pasta Salad
Main Meal £2.90				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Christmas Pudding with Cream	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Pancakes with Lemon & Sugar	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

- Yr 7: Voice Recording (7C only)
- Yr 7: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
- Yr 8: Risk Avert Programme
- Yr 8: Healthy Living Rotation (selected students)
- Yr 9: Viewing of *A Streetcar Named Desire*
- Yr 12: *The Economist* Subscription (Economy students only)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 12	<i>The Economist</i> Subscription	Tuesday 15 December
Yrs 12 & 13	Geography Review Subscription	Friday 4 December

This Week's Brainteaser

Last week's answer: Cava

The reference numbers for books are as follows. What number is Coffee Friends?

- Castle View - 156
- The Secret Meeting - 1101
- Lazy Days - 550
- Luxury Love - 115
- Coffee Friends - ?

Word of the Week for w/c 7 December

Next week the word is: **PRECOCIOUS** – unusually advanced or mature in development.



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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.

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 / 07542 182552 or email 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. Here are some 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
- **STIKINS® by Label Planet** – Multipurpose name labels for all school items. CCHSG PTFA earns up to 30% commission on all sales. Name labels are essential for busy parents and schools who do not have time to deal with lost property. Stikins are an easy self-adhesive solution with no sewing needed. CCHSG PTFA have been allocated a unique code 35809 for parents to use. Visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk> to order online
- **Ink Cartridges Recycling In Support of CCHSG PTFA**
With home schooling and many parents working from home at the moment, you can help raise funds simply by recycling your ink cartridges via the Recycle4Charity programme. For each inkjet cartridge recycled via the programme we will receive a £1 donation. Cartridge brands accepted include HP, Dell, Canon, Kodak, Frama, Pitney Bowes and Neopost. Full list here <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>
For your convenience, FREEPOST envelopes can also be sent to your home address so you can send cartridges directly via freepost. To do this please register at: <http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C95556>

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ORIGAMI CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have 2 amazing Christmas card designs available for ordering now! If you are interested, please email us at wefolddesigns@gmail.com, or find us on the social media platforms below. All of our packing is done with sanitised hands and whilst wearing face masks. We are pleased to be able to offer postage to your home address for just £1.50

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October 2020

On the roads of Essex



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PEOPLE KILLED
IN TRAFFIC
COLLISIONS



52

SERIOUS
CASUALTIES



45

MOBILE
PHONE
OFFENCES



121

DRINK
DRIVE
ARRESTS



130

DRUG
DRIVE
ARRESTS



429

SEATBELT
OFFENCES



369

VEHICLES
SEIZED NO
INSURANCE



161

CARELESS
DRIVING
OFFENCES
PROSECUTED



80

ROADS
POLICING
TOTAL
ARRESTS



6,240

PEOPLE WHO
RECEIVED AN
EDUCATIONAL
COURSE



102

EXTRA EYES
SUBMISSIONS