



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

24 September 2021



Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term

Wednesday 1 September
Friday 17 December

Half Term

Monday 25 October
Friday 29 October

Spring Term

Tuesday 4 January
Friday 1 April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3 January

Half Term

Monday 14 February
Friday 18 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April
Monday 18 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 18 April
Monday 2 May

Half Term

Monday 30 May
Friday 3 June

Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 1 September
Thursday 2 September
Thursday 21 October
Friday 22 October
Friday 17 December
Tuesday 4 January
Tuesday 19 July
Wednesday 20 July
Thursday 21 July

Prov Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term

Thursday 1 September
Tuesday 20 December

Half Term

Monday 24 October
Friday 28 October

Spring Term

Thursday 5 January
Friday 31 March

Half Term

Monday 13 February
Friday 17 February

Summer Term

Monday 17 April
Friday 21 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 1 May

Half Term

Monday 29 May
Friday 2 June

Non-Pupil Days TBC

Safeguarding: Never Acceptable

to report a concern:

[Click Here to make an Anonymous Report](#)

Link to Whisper an anonymous third-party service

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday	Sep	25	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit
Sunday	Sep	26	Yr 13 Biology Field Visit
Monday Week B	Sep	27	Assembly: Yr 12 Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 13 Biology Field Visit returning 18.30 PTFA AGM and Meeting 19.30 – 21.00
Tuesday	Sep	28	Assembly: Yrs 10 & 11 11+ Alternative Test Day Yr 7 Baseline Testing
Wednesday	Sep	29	Assembly: Yrs 7 & 8 Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 9 Virtual Information Evening
Thursday	Sep	30	Assembly: Yr 9 Yr 7 Baseline Testing Yr 13 Information Evening
Friday	Oct	1	Yr 7 Baseline Testing

Student Home Testing

We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Results should be recorded via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Please note that test kits issued from 6 September are nasal swab only. Please follow the instructions provided with the test kit.

Term Dates

Due to the additional bank holiday on 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there is a change to the term dates in July as recompense for this day.

The Summer Term for students will now finish on Monday 18 July 2022.

Travel Advice Leaflet

For information, please find attached the updated advice leaflet for students travelling to school.

We remind parents to consider dropping students off a little further from the school and allowing them to walk a short distance to the school to ease congestion in the Norman Way area.

Students are also reminded to be aware of their surroundings when walking to the school, not to be distracted by their phones or by using headphones in traffic.

A reminder to parents to please complete the Colchester School Streets Survey via the link <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/sustainable-travel-planning-team/colchester-school-streets-survey> by 3 October.

School Chaplaincy Drop-In

Rev Greenland, the School Chaplain, continues to be available to all students to support their emotional and spiritual wellbeing in F11 on Monday lunchtime.

Nut Free School

Due to the number of students with severe nut allergies at school we request that all students and staff do not bring in any nut products to school.

The canteen does not use nuts or nut products in cooking, but if any student with allergies wishes to know the ingredients of any dish they should ask a member of canteen staff.

Asthma Inhalers or Pumps for PE

If students use an inhaler or asthma pump, they should always make sure they have one with their PE kit. Students should not be leaving inhalers in lockers, and should bring them out to their PE lessons in case it is needed. Thank you.



School Photographs

Photographs taken last week by company Carmel Jane Photography are now live. For those parents/carers who have pre-registered should now have received an email with a unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>
All photographs will be sent straight to home address with free postage and time limited discounts available for the first 14 days. Any enquiries please contact info@carmeljane.co.uk

CCHSG 500 Club for 2021/2022 Academic Year

Please consider supporting the school through the CCHSG 500 Club in 2021/2022 academic year. Membership takes 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 our students.

You can buy tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/BDQU>

Please make your purchase before 16.00 on Tuesday 19 October ahead of the first draw of ten which takes place on Wednesday 20 October. Terms and condition apply, full details are available on the school website.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

MFL Department

The Languages Clubs are back. We currently have French, German, Italian, Spanish and Chinese. If students are fluent in a language and would like to run a club at lunchtime, they should contact Madame Ollite, Head of French, kollite@cchsg.com by Friday 1 October. We would be delighted to discover other languages and cultures.

School Production: “Schools will Rock You”

Students wishing to audition for lead roles in the upcoming production will need to check the Drama and Music notice board carefully for full details. Thank you.

English Beyond A Level

These super-league English/English for obsessives activities/clubs will all start in early October. Although all texts are chosen to reflect the interests of Oxbridge candidates for English Literature, Classics, ASNAC or History, any student of any age is welcome to join any group who is prepared to do the reading.

Paradise Lost: Wednesdays – 17.30 – 18.30 via Teams.

Shakespeare Club: Saturdays – 10.00 – 12.00 via Teams; one play will be covered each session.

Classic Novels: Chapter-a-Day daily reading with comments and monthly discussion via Teams, starting with *Gulliver's Travels*

For more details for any of these, please email adavidson@cchsg.com

Dungeons and Dragons Club Returns to CCHSG

D&D Club is relaunching soon as an after-school club offering a space for beginners and veterans to travel on imaginative adventures. Starting soon on Wednesdays in the Library from 15.40, D&D Club is open to all years by pre-registration ONLY. To register their interest students should see the link on the Student Bulletin.

Art Competition

Students can create a piece of art that represents them, in any medium e.g. paint, pencils, watercolours, digital art or sculpture, however all 2D work needs to be A4 in size.

With the help of Mrs Saunders, the Art Ambassadors will choose some of the artworks to be displayed in the Art department. All entries should be submitted via email if digital art or taken to the Art department by 30 September, please see end of Bulletin for full details.

Yrs 7 & 8 Art Club

Art Club sessions will be on Thursdays Week A and Wednesdays Week B at lunchtime from 12.45 – 13.15.

To start, the focus will be on the technique of 'continual line drawing' so students should bring a pen or pencils to draw with. Numbers will be limited so those interested need to write their name, Form and which day they would like to attend on the sign-up sheet on the notice board outside G26. Full details can be found below.

Friday Fun Day PE Club

Due to the high amount of numbers attending the club this lunchtime, there has been a change to the days year groups attend:

Thursday Fun Day – Yrs 9-11

Friday Fun Day – Yrs 7-8

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
28.09.2021	16.00 – 17.15	Netball Essex Cup	Honywood	Home	Yrs 8 & 9

Students should also check the noticeboard in PE regularly for any updates or changes.

Wellbeing Information

Any student who feels they need wellbeing support should contact their Year Leader who can advise and signposts suitable resources and support organisations.

Sexual abuse or harassment can also be reported to neveracceptable@cchsg.com or see the anonymous reporting link on the front of the Bulletin.

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

The School Nurse and School Counsellor are available for student appointments.

E-Safety Information – Improve your Online Security

From banking to shopping, and streaming to social media, people are spending more time than ever online.

This means more opportunities for hackers to carry out cyber-attacks. They often do this by targeting people and businesses using:

- email and website scams
- malware - software that can damage your device or let a hacker in
- If hackers get into your device or accounts, they could access your money, your personal information, or information about your business

You can improve your cyber security by taking six actions:

1. Use a strong and separate password for your email
2. Create strong passwords using 3 random words
3. Save your passwords in your browser
4. Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA)
5. Update your devices
6. Back up your data

For more information and guidance on the above, and online tools designed to help you improve your cyber-security visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

Careers & University Information

UCL STEM and Medicine Career Experiences for Students aged 12 – 18

This term UCL are offering immersive weekend experiences in thirteen different STEM and Medicine-related careers. Students can learn from top doctors, engineers, psychologists, investment bankers and more, attending in-person at UCL or online. For further information please see [here](#)

Dining Room Arrangements

Breakfast – ‘to go’ served between 08.00 – 08.35, accessed via the Dining Hall Extension Doors outside the servery.

Breaktime – Yrs 7-11 need to go to the allocated outside area to eat. Break service ‘to go’ in Dining Hall.

Lunchtime – hot food in Dining Hall at allocated time for each Year Group, cold food and pre-ordered panini/sandwiches

available from outside servery 12.20 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.

There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared. The school field is open to all but there is no eating on field.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30

Please ensure your child’s meal account is in credit.

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Sixth Form Lunch Order](#)

Menu for w/c 27 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese with Sweetcorn	Pork, Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll with Salad	Sausages, Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishcakes with Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Tart with Salad	Vegetable Lasagne with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad
Main Meal £3				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Pancakes	Cheesecake
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Broccoli & Stilton	Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash	Vegetable	Carrot & Coriander	Tomato & Basil

Correspondence Sent out this Week:

All Yrs: Parental Feedback on Colchester School Streets Survey
 Yr 7: PTFA Year 7 Welcome Party
 Yrs 7, 8 & 9: Buy Your Own Device Scheme
 Yrs 7-11: Covid-19 Vaccination (selected Yr 7 students)
 Yr 8: Advice to All Parents/Carers – Positive Case in School 20 September
 Yr 10: Virtual Information Evening
 Yr 11: Information Booklet
 Yr 11: Virtual Information Evening
 Yr 12: Consent for A Level Law

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Gifted and Talented in Sport	Friday 24 September
Yr 7	PTFA Welcome Party	Friday 1 October
Yrs 7, 8 & 9	Buy Your Own Device Scheme	Sunday 10 October
Yr 12	Art Kits	Thursday 30 September
Yr 12	Consent for A Level Law	Monday 27 September
Yrs 12 & 13	Science Magazine Subscriptions	Friday 1 October

Word of the Week for w/c 27 September

Next week the word is: **PROCURE** – to obtain or get by care, effort or the use of special means.



1. Diary Dates for Autumn Term (2021/2022 Academic Year)

- **PTFA Annual General Meeting - Monday 27 September 19.30 – 21.00**
Subject to government guidance with regard to Covid-19, the Annual General Meeting take place at the CCHSG's Main Hall. The AGM will be followed by an Ordinary PTFA Committee Meeting. All are welcome.
If you intend to attend the AGM, kindly RSVP via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/P3ThY2F1y3>
- **Welcome Party for New Year 7 students (Sept 2021 intake) - Friday 8 October 19.00 – 21.00**
Tickets for this event can be purchased via Classlist.
- **Annual Christmas Market - Saturday 27 November 12.00 – 15.00**
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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's the perfect way to connect parents easily and safely, because users have full control over what data they would like to share.

4. Beresfords Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market

This year, once again, we are delighted to have our Christmas Market advertised by Beresfords Estate Agents. We will be back in touch with all those parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses in Colchester to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. This time, we are pleased that the advertising will also cover Chelmsford. If you own a property in Colchester or Chelmsford which is in a prominent location with public access or visibility and would like to volunteer your address, please let us know. Boards are installed no more than 3 weeks before the event and removed during the week afterwards. Family and friends can also volunteer.

Contact: Agness O'Brien on Classlist or email cchsgptfa@gmail.com with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details.

5. Second Uniform & Good Quality Revision Books & General Interest Reading (Child or Adult) Donations

The next Second Hand Uniform Sale will take place during the Annual Christmas Market on Saturday 27 November. The PTFA will also be running a bookstall at the Christmas Market. Please donate good quality revision materials or fiction and non-fiction books, which are suitable for resale. Items for donation can be deposited in the dedicated wheelie bins for collection as usual.

6. PTFA Virtual Market

CCHSG PTFA now has a Virtual Market on Facebook. We are delighted to offer this new opportunity, during these challenging times, for local business and individuals to promote their products and services, for a nominal fee, in our Virtual Market Place. Facebook Business Pages and Individual Members can apply to be Registered Advertisers with this Group. Membership is subject to Admin approval.

To register as an advertiser, complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/3E63TnD5oCXxdh9i8>

The Group's Rules can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cchsgptfa/about>

Every penny raised through membership fees goes directly to support the school. Why not invite your friends and acquaintances to join the group?

PTFA CONTACTS:

Chair: Agness O'Brien

agnessobrien@hotmail.com

Tel. 01376 573694 or 07951 511653

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

Art competition reminder

Create a piece of art that represents you!

It could be inspired by:

- view from your bedroom window
 - your pet
- your favorite place, season or memory
 - your family or yourself

It can be in any medium e.g. paint, pencils, watercolours, digital art or sculpture.

All 2D work needs to be A4 in size.

With the help of Mrs Saunders, the Art Ambassadors will choose some of the artworks to be displayed in the art department.

The deadline is now extended to 30 September.

Get creative and good luck!

Please hand in all entries via email if digital art or put in the art department.



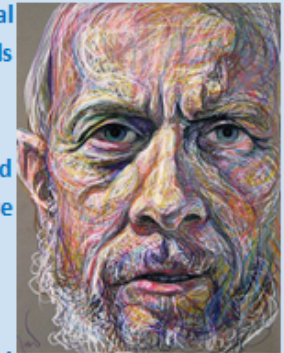
Introducing Art Club!

The Art Ambassadors are starting an Art Club for Years 7—8!

Our first sessions will be on Thursday 23 September (week A) and Wednesday 29 September (Week B) during lunchtime from 12:45 to 13:15.

We will be focusing on the technique of 'continual line drawing' so please bring along a pen or pencils to draw with.

We would like to explore different techniques and mediums in this club in the future so if you have any ideas please come talk to us!



We have limited numbers so if you are interested please write your name, form and which day you would like to attend on the sheet on the notice board outside G26.



We hope to see you there!



Art club timetable



**Wednesday 29 September
(Week B)**

Artistic Storytelling!

**Thursday 7 October
(Week A)**

**Celebrating black history
month in collaboration
with Afro-Caribbean
Society!**

**Wednesday 13 October
(Week B)**

Autumn celebration!

**Thursday 4 November
(Week B)
(After half-term!)**

**Fireworks and bonfire
night!**

From 12:45-13:15.

Please eat lunch before hand.

**If possible, please bring your own pencils- all other
materials will be provided.**

Years 7&8 in G27

Years 9&10 in G26