



Colchester County High School for Girls

Parent Weekly Bulletin

7 January 2022



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 for CCHSG

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Jan	10	
Tuesday	Jan	11	Yr 9 Geography/ History Matrix Day Yr 10 DofE Bronze Group B Session 15.45 – 17.30 Yr 11 Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday	Jan	12	Fair Access STEM Day
Thursday	Jan	13	Yr 8 MADE Training Yr 10 MADE Training Yr 11 Reports to HoDs Parent MADE Training Workshop
Friday	Jan	14	Yr 9 DofE Group A Session 15.45 – 17.30 Sixth Form Application Deadline

Student Home Testing

We encourage all students to continue testing twice weekly. Please register the results via www.testregister.co.uk/login and www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Students are requested to wear face masks in both classes and communal areas.

Severe Weather

We remind parents of the arrangements should the decision be made to have a later start or close the school in the event of bad weather or an emergency. Parents will be informed by text message to the primary contact of a 'late start' or closure. Please ensure that we are kept up to date with any changes to mobile telephone numbers.

A message will be placed on the home page of the school's website www.cchsg.com and school closure lists will be available on the Essex County Council website via the link <https://www.essex.gov.uk/emergency-school-closures>

For full information please refer to the letter sent to parents in November.

Yr 9 Geography/History Matrix Day – Tuesday 11 January

Yr 9 will be off timetable for the day as part of the matrix enrichment days. Students who study History will all be in the Geography department and those who normally study Geography will be in History department, students will need to bring their pencil cases (and booklet for History) for the day. Those who study both subjects will be with the Geography department. We hope they enjoy the day.

Yr 11 Application to join CCHSG Sixth Form

A reminder that the deadline to apply to CCHSG's Sixth Form is Friday 14 January. Applications can be made via [Sixth Form Application - Internal](#)

Yr 12 Biology Field Trip

A final reminder that the initial deposit for the Biology field trip to Dorset in September should have been paid by 4 January. We will be confirming with the provider the number of places on 12 January; if parents have not paid the deposit, completed the online consent form and returned the signed code of conduct but wish for their child to attend the trip please do so by this date.

Music Celebration and News

We congratulate students for their achievements:

A student in 7L – Grade 2 Piano (Merit) and Grade 2 Singing (Distinction)

A student in 8H – Successful audition and place awarded with the National Children's Orchestra

A student in 9L – Grade 1 Guitar (Merit)

A student in 10E – Silver Award in the Cello/Bass Contemporary 14 years and under class at Southend Musical Festival

Please do send and share your musical successes to Mrs Jefferies e.g. examination and competition results.



Healthy Living Rotations

Yrs 7 & 8 students should have been notified by their Form Tutor which Healthy Living Rotation they will be on and noted the dates in their planner. Parents will be sent a reminder email the week before your child is due to have their rotation. Rotations with Mrs Webb will be:

Yr 7 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week B

Yr 8 on Monday Periods 4 and 5 or Tuesday Periods 2 and 3 – Week A

Students can access the initial recipes to check ingredients via: SharePoint. We hope they enjoy their Healthy Living sessions.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment Activities

PE Clubs and Practices for the Spring Term 2022

The PE Clubs and Practices Timetable for the Spring Term can be found below. PE Clubs are run on a 'turn up and play' basis. There is no need to sign up to any clubs and there is no limit as to how many clubs students can attend. If they are attending a Swimming club, they will need a plain navy or black swimming costume and a swimming hat of any colour. Goggles are optional.

Trampoline Trials

On Wednesday 12 January trampoline trials are being held after school in the Sports Hall. We are looking to fill spaces in both our U14 and U16 squads. Trampolinists must be able to confidently perform a ten-bounce routine to attend trials. There is no need to sign up before attendance.

Drawing Club

Starting on Friday 7 January in G27, Miss Allard-Austin will be holding a drawing club for any student who wishes to attend or improve their drawing skills. This will start at 12.45, they are welcome to bring along packed lunch to eat during this session. Open to all year groups (will not go ahead if there is wet lunch).

CCHSG Book of the Month

January's book is The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman, please see poster below for more information about the book. In addition, students are encouraged to write a review of the book and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by Friday 28 January.

Music Lessons

All 1-2-1 instrumental music lessons will resume from Monday 10 January. Students should check the Music notice boards carefully for days and times.

Physics Club – Starting Friday 14 January

Physics club will be returning to G2 next Friday. We will be looking at Spectroscopy and what it can tell us about life, the universe, and everything.

Wellbeing Information

Any student who feels they need wellbeing support, should contact any of the following:

EWMHS: 0800 953 0222

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/>

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 after Half Term.

Community Information

Essex Libraries – Everyone's Library Service 2022 – 2026 Draft Plan

Essex residents are urged to have your say on the draft plan intended to transform the Library service over the next four years, by completing an online survey. Please see <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/everyoneslibrary/> for full details and the survey via <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/libraries-survey/>. Deadline to complete the survey is 21 January 2022.

Catherine Bullen Foundation Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Catherine Bullen Foundation can be found via [Catherine Bullen Foundation Winter 2021](#). Catherine was a former student of CCHSG, a fifth-year medical student at Bristol University who tragically died whilst travelling in Namibia, the Catherine Bullen Foundation was launched in her memory to relieve poverty, sickness and distress in rural Namibia.

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 12.35 – 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.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30 Please ensure your child’s ParentPay meal account is in credit.

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Sixth Form Lunch Order](#)

Menu for w/c 10 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lamb Fried Rice	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Sticky Chinese Chicken with Rice & Sweetcorn	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté Potatoes & Broccoli
Or				
Vegetable Curry with Rice	Goats Cheese & Onion Tart with Salad	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Cheesy Bean Burger with Salad	Homity Pie with Salad
Main Meal £3				
Syrup Sponge with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Lemon Meringue Pie	Apple & Blueberry Danish with Cream
Pudding £1.20				
Panini £3				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Vegetable	Minestrone	Leek & Potato	Tomato & Basil	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato

Correspondence Sent out this Week:

All Yrs: Arrangements for Start of Term

Deadline for Replies and Payments

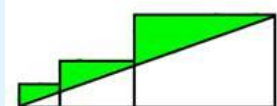
Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
Yr 7	Bushcraft Residential Programme	Friday 28 January

Mr Williams’ Weekly Mathematics Conundrum

Well done to everyone who entered last term.

This week’s Conundrum:

Three rectangles are lined up horizontally as shown. The first rectangle has a width of 2cm and length of 4cm. The second rectangle has a width of 4cm and length of 8cm. The third rectangle has a width of 8cm and length of 16cm. A straight line joins the bottom left corner to the top right corner. Find the area of the shaded region.



Students should click the link to submit their answer – best of luck! [Mr Williams’ Weekly Mathematics Conundrum](#)

Brainteaser Answer from Weekly Bulletin on 17 December

Anna has £12 and Jodie has £24.

Word of the Week for w/c 10 January

Next week the word is: **PLATEAU** – a land area with a relatively level surface considerably raised above adjoining land on at least one side and often cut by deep canyons.



1. Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- PTFA Meeting: Monday 31 January, 1930-2100
- Second Hand Uniform & Book Sale: Saturday 19 March, 09.00-13.00
Please note that second hand uniform sales cannot take place outside published dates.
- Welcome Party for Year 7 Students and Parents: Friday 25 March, 19.00-21.00
TBC (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)
- PTFA Meeting: Monday 28 March, 19.30-21.00
- Quiz & Curry Night: Friday 22 April, 19.00-21.30, TBC (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)
Note: All planned PTFA events are continually reviewed and where necessary changes will be made in response to the latest government guidance.

2. PTFA Fundraising Autumn Term 2021 (£10,597.50 raised)

Despite the ongoing situation with the pandemic, CCHSG PTFA found alternative ways to raise a significant amount of money for the school over the autumn term.

- **Second Hand Uniform Sale**
A total of raised £1,812.00 was raised through a one day uniform sale on Saturday 27 November.
- **Curry Puffs for Minibus**
With the cancellation of various fundraising events over the past 20 months, PTFA Chair Agness O'Brien teamed up with Vice Chair Anni Cullen and together they decided to make Malaysian Curry Puffs to raise funds via their network of friends and family. Any monies raised would go towards the purchase of the minibus for the school. The goal was to raise £300-£400. Word got round about the now famous Curry Puffs, and no less than 7,000 Curry Puffs were made between early October and the end of November with a whopping £5,750 raised. A further £1,000 donation with £250 in gift aid was received from a parent who wanted to support the fundraiser, taking the total up to £6,800. £6,000 from this initiative was added to the previously allocated £10,000 for the minibus. We are pleased to say that the minibus has now been ordered!
- **Grand Raffle Draw & Scratch Cards**
In the absence of our usual well attended Christmas Market, we decided to have an online Grand Raffle Draw. This raised a total of £1,615.00. The Christmas themed Scratch cards raised a further £370.50.

The total PTFA fundraising total between 1 October and 16 December 2021 was £10,597.50. This has been the most successful term in the history of the PTFA's fundraising.

Massive thanks to all those who supported the above-mentioned initiatives through donations and their time. The PTFA and school in particular, are hugely grateful for your support.

3. Raise FREE donations this for CCHSG PTFA via Easyfundraising & AmazonSmile (over £5,000 raised since April 20126)

Please continue to use Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile for all your essential home, business and travel purchases.

You can sign up and help us by choosing Colchester County High School for Girls PTFA on the AmazonSmile website and Easyfundraising at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colchestercountygirlspta/>

Or scan the QR code:



PTFA CONTACTS:

























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

PE Clubs and Practices (Spring Term 2022)
Monday 10 January – Friday 4 February 2022
Interform Dodgeball Week Commencing 7 February

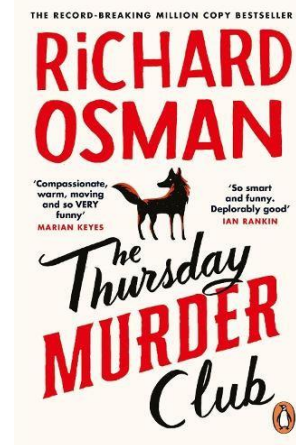
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08.00 – 08.30	Morning SwimFit Years 7-9 (PCA) 	Badminton Sports Hall All Years (OTH) 	Netball Team Training (NWI, OTH) 	Morning SwimFit Years 10-13 (PCA & NWI) 	
Lunch- time 12.40 – 13.05	GCSE Netball Support (NWI)  Yoga All Years – Gym (OTH)  Badminton – Sports Hall All Years (PCA & SBA)  Tag Rugby All Years- (DWI & JWA) 	Football All Years (DWI & LDY)  Fun Swim All Years (NWI)  Indoor Cricket Sports Hall All Years (PCA) 	GCSE and A Level Theory Support (OTH & Student Mentors)  Basketball Sports Hall All Years (JWA)  Table Tennis All Years - Gym (PCA) 	Sports Leaders (PCA)  Cross Country All Years (OTH, SBA, LDY)  Beginners Swimming (NWI and student helpers) 	Friday Fun Day All Years (ALL STAFF) 
After school 15.45 – 16.45	SCHOOL MEETINGS	FIXTURES EVENING  Netball Team Training (NWI, OTH, PCA) 	FIXTURES EVENING  Trampolining Club (OTH, NWI, PCA) 	FIXTURES EVENING 	STAFF SPORT 

The CCHSG Book Of The Month - January

The Thursday Murder Club

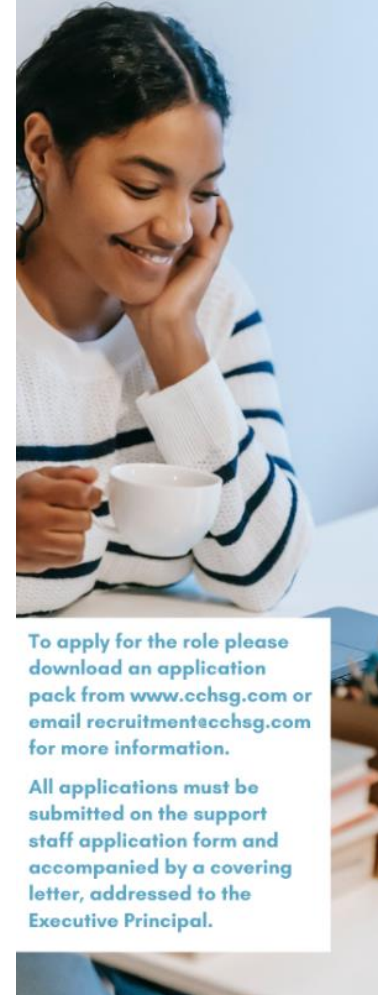
by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?



In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxson ccroxson@cchsg.com by the last Friday of each month .

Prizes for the best reviews



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The successful candidate will need to keep up with latest technology and developments in marketing and public relations strategy.

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To apply for the role please download an application pack from www.cchsg.com or email recruitment@cchsg.com for more information.

All applications must be submitted on the support staff application form and accompanied by a covering letter, addressed to the Executive Principal.

