Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
6 September 2019

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term
First Day of Term for Students:
Wednesday 4 September 2019
Last Day of Term for Students
Wednesday 18 December

Half Term
Monday 28 October
Friday 1 November

Spring Term
Monday 6 January
Friday 3 April

Half Term
Monday 17 February
Friday 21 February

Summer Term
Monday 20 April
Last Day of Term for Students
Tuesday 21 July

Bank Holiday
Friday 8 May

Half Term
Monday 25 May
Friday 29 May

Non-Pupil Days
Tuesday 3 September 2019
Thursday 24 October 2019
Friday 25 October 2019
Thursday 19 December 2019
Wednesday 22 July 2020

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Welcome back to all of our Students, Staff and Parents

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week B	Sep	9	
Tuesday	Sep	10	School Photographs Yr 13 Biology Field Trip Information Evening 18:30
Wednesday	Sep	11	Yr 12 SLT Lunch (12C, 12O & 12L)
Thursday	Sep	12	Yr 8 HPV1 Vaccination Yr 12 SLT Lunch (12H, 12E & 12S) Yr 12 Information Evening & Tutors Meeting 16:30 – 19:00
Friday	Sep	13	Yr 11 Biology Trip to Fingringhoe (11AA, 11BB, 11CC) 09: 00 – 15:35 Yr 12 Roadster Day

Changes to address, telephone numbers or email address: please ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information by informing the school in writing of any changes.

Review of Examination
The internal deadline for Post Results Services for Summer 2019 is 12 September at 14:00. Those wishing to make an application should liaise with the relevant Head of Department for further guidance.

Sixth Form EFSA Bursary
The Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Bursary Fund aims to support students who face the greatest financial barriers to continuing in education post-16. The deadline for applications is Friday 20 September and applicants will need to provide evidence for eligibility of a bursary (see below). Decisions with regard to the allocation of the Bursary Fund will be made by Friday 11 October. Please hand in applications to the Main Office, additional letters are available from here also.

Green Recycling Boxes
The green boxes in classrooms and other areas are for waste paper only. Please do not contaminate with other waste. Thank you.

BakeSale Items
Please ensure that all items for BakeSales are accompanied by an ingredients list and avoid using nuts. Thank you.

Whole School Photographs – Tuesday 10 September
These will take place for all students in the Hall throughout the day.

Yr 13 Biology Field Trip
A reminder the Information Evening for the field trip is on Tuesday 10 September at 18:30 in the Dining Room Extension

Yr 12 Information Evening & Tutors Meeting 16:30 – 19:00
The evening is sub-divided into two components; a presentation explaining the structure and expectations of the Sixth Form and a meeting with your daughter's Tutor, who will be available throughout the evening by appointment and a 45 minute information presentation will take place at 17:00 and be repeated at 18:00 allowing you to choose the most convenient time to attend. Students need to arrange a suitable appointment time with their Tutor.

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Yr 11 Biology Fieldwork Trip to Fingringhoe Nature Reserve
Students will be attending this visit across two days:
Groups 11AA, 11BB, 11CC on **Friday 13 September**
Groups 11DD, 11EE, 11FF on **Tuesday 17 September**
Students should wear suitable clothing and footwear, such as trainers or hiking boots for the nature reserve, in line with the weather at this time of the year. In addition they should bring a notebook, pen, a clipboard (if possible) and a packed lunch, including a water bottle.

Yr 8 HPV1 Vaccinations – Thursday 12 September
Students have received a vaccination consent form and should have returned these by today. Any outstanding forms should be returned to Reception by 09:00 Monday 9 September.

Yrs 7 & 8 Homework Timetable
Please find attached the Homework Timetable for Yrs 7 and 8.

Extra-Curricular Information

Drama Department Information: Drama Club Thursdays 15.45 – 16.30
Drama Club resumes next week with Registration and information for our next production of Return to the Forbidden Planet. All Yrs welcome including those interested in assisting back stage. Students should check the Drama board in the M School for further details and information.

French Department Information
Evening of Languages – Friday 18 October
Rehearsals start w/c 9 September. All participants should check the notice board outside G7.
French Play: First rehearsal is on Wednesday 11 October 16:00 – 17:00.
MFL's Got Talent Show: First rehearsal is on Thursday 12 October 16:00 – 14.00.
French Support Classes for Yrs 10 & 11 start w/c 9 September at lunchtime. Students should check the noticeboard outside G7.
Sign Language Club starts Wednesday 11 October in T13 at 13.00.

Geography Essay competition with the Financial Times
Students are reminded that the deadline for our School Essay Competition in conjunction with the Financial Times is **25 September**. We are seeking thoughtful and well-argued responses from Geography students to the question: **Is it better for the world to be wealthier or to be more equal?** Students should see their Geography Teacher for more information.

Music Department Information
Music Ensembles begin week commencing 9 September – students should check the timetable and information board near M2 and come along with their instrument.
Yr 7 Instrument Lessons – Students who have registered to take Instrument/Voice lessons in school must make payment via ParentPay this week in order to enroll on lessons. Students should check the board in the Music Department for the lesson timetable and raise in queries with Mr Ulph immediately.
Yr 8-13 Instrument Lessons – any students who have not confirmed they are continuing with instrument lessons must do so as soon as possible with Mr Ulph. Payment should be made via ParentPay in order for students to receive the full amount of lessons in time. If no payment is received by Friday 13 September, students will unfortunately not be enrolled on lessons this term.

PE Department Information
Please find attached the PE Clubs and Practices Timetable – clubs will commence from Monday 16 September.
Netball Trials:
Yr 7s: 9 -13 September at lunchtime. Students should get changed at breaktime, pre-order hot lunches or bring their own lunch. Sessions will run promptly at 12.40 – 13.10.
Yrs 10, 11, 12 & 13: Wednesday 11 September 15.45 – 17.00
Yrs 8 & 9: Thursday 12 September 15.45 – 17.00
Please ensure all kit has been named before starting PE lessons.

Psychology Clubs
Clubs start week commencing 9 September as follows:
Mondays 12.40 – 13.10: PsychSoc (Yrs 9-12) in H2 with Ms McKenna and Yr 13 Revision in H3 with Mrs Philips.
Tuesdays 12.40 – 13.10: Week A –: CrimSoc (Yrs 9-13) in H3 with Ms McKenna. Week B –FemSoc (all Yrs) in H2 with Ms McKenna. In addition, 15.35 - 16.35: Yr 11 Revision in H2 with Ms McKenna.
Thursdays 12.40-13.10: Issues and Debates Club (aka: I&D club) Yr 13 only, in H3 with Ms McKenna.

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Enrichment Opportunity

Colchester Heritage Open Days 13 – 22 September 2019
Many properties which are not normally open to the public are hosting special events, tours and talks that will give a special insight into the town's unique history. Follow this link for more information: https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days.aspx

Letters sent out this Week
Yr 12: Sixth Form Learning Agreement

Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 9 September
Priority for Yrs 12 & 13 and lunchtime activity participants until 12.45.

Week B:		Lunchtime club participants must have a coloured ticket
12.45	Yr 11	
12.55	Yr 7 & 8	to gain entrance to early lunch, available in advance from staff
13.05	Yr 9 & 10	running the club.

Menu for w/c 9 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie with Sweetcorn	Lasagne with Salad	Pizza, Chips & Salad	Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles	Pan Fried Salmon with Sauté potatoes & Green Beans
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Pasta Salad	Ratatouille with Cheesy Bread
Main Meal £2.90				
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Rice Pudding with Jam	Cornflake Tart with Custard
Pudding £1.20				
Panini of the Week: Cheese & Bacon £2.90				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Students are reminded that if they are unsure about the ingredients (e.g. vegan, gluten free or allergy specific) they need to ask a member of the canteen staff.

Word of the Week for w/c 9 September
Next week the word is: **OBDURATE** – extremely determined to act in a particular way and not to change despite what anyone says.

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PTFA
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Diary Dates for Autumn Term

- **PTFA Meeting - Monday 16 September**

Planning for the Yr 7 Welcome Party and Christmas Market. All PTFA Meetings are held in the School Dining Room at 19.30 unless otherwise notified.

- **New Year 7 Welcome Party and Parent Reception - Friday 4 October**

Yr 7 parents and students – save the evening. New Yr 7 students will shortly receive information about this PTFA hosted event to which we also invite our new parents.

- **Annual Christmas Market 2019 - Saturday 30 November, 12.00 – 15.00**

Our most popular fundraiser of the year. We rely on the support of a large team of PTFA members to ensure a well organised and enjoyable afternoon for everyone. This event is open to the school and local community. If you have ideas to contribute, please drop us a line at cchsgptfa@gmail.com or attend the above-mentioned PTFA meeting. We are almost at full capacity for stalls. **Cost:** Single stalls £25, double £40. For further details and a copy of the booking form please email cchsgptfa@gmail.com or contact Agness O'Brien.

2. Classlist - Current Yr 7, 8 & 9 Sign-up

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for Classlist at www.classlist.com, search for our school and sign up. You can also download the Classlist app on iOs and Android. See our separate communication.

3. Second Hand Uniform Donations

If you have purchased new uniform or PE kit over the summer holidays, please do consider donating any outgrown items still in sale worthy condition to the PTFA. We are very grateful to receive donations via the school Reception during term time throughout the year. Dates of sales for the Autumn Term will shortly be publicised via this Bulletin.

4. Beresfords - Estate Agent's advertising boards to promote the Christmas Market (90 addresses to date)

This year, we are delighted to have the Christmas Market sponsored by Beresfords. We will be back in touch with all those parents, grandparents and friends who previously registered their addresses to confirm that they are happy to host a board again this year. If you would like to volunteer and have an address within the **CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6 & CO7** postcodes 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 with your full address, preferred email and contact telephone details.

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