Colchester County High School for Girls
Parent Weekly Bulletin
9 December 2022

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
Thursday 1 September
Friday 2 September
Thursday 20 October
Friday 21 October
Monday 19 December
Tuesday 20 December
Wednesday 19 July
Thursday 20 July
Friday 21 July

Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term
Monday 4 September
Wednesday 20 December

Half Term
Monday 23 October
Friday 27 October

Spring Term
Thursday 4 January
Thursday 28 March
Bank Holiday
Friday 29 March

Half Term
Monday 19 February
Friday 23 February

Summer Term
Monday 15 April
Tuesday 23 July
Bank Holiday
Monday 6 May

Half Term
Monday 27 May
Friday 31 May

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**	Dec	12	Assembly: Yr 12 in the Hall Technical and Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert
Tuesday	Dec	13	Assembly: Yr 10 in the Hall Winter Concert 19.00
Wednesday	Dec	14	Assembly: Yr 8 in the Hall Sixth Form Application Deadline Winter Concert 19.00
Thursday	Dec	15	End of Term Assemblies GCSE Certificate Tea
Friday	Dec	16	Last Day of Term End of Term Cinema Visit and Christmas Lunch Non-Uniform Day (11L) Sixth Form Charity Day

Nut Free School
We ask everyone to ensure no nuts or nut products are brought into school. This includes during travel to and from school via public or shared transport. Thank you.

Votes for Schools
This week's topic was: *Do we underestimate the impact of food banks?*

Christmas Lunch 2022
A reminder that the canteen will not be serving any other food on this day, students who have not ordered Christmas dinner should bring their own packed lunch to eat with their Form Group.

Winter Concert – Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December
Tickets are available via TryBooking - CCHSG Winter Concert at a cost of £8. The event starts at 19.00 and there will be one 20-minute interval. A licensed bar and refreshments for purchase, kindly organised by the PTFA, will be available before the show and during the interval. Please purchase your tickets by midday on Tuesday 13 December, when the booking site will close. We hope to see you there!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 16 December
11L are organising the day and they have chosen to support the charities Centrepoint and the Marfan Trust. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing a Christmas jumper and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay.

Sixth Form Charity Day – Friday 16 December
The Head Student Team are organising the day to also support their chosen charity, Colchester Emergency Night Shelter. Students are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 via ParentPay to wear more casual clothes for the day.

As students are walking to the cinema, they should dress appropriately and wear suitable footwear.

Remember – no shorts, short skirts, bare midriff or ripped jeans. If students are in unacceptable clothing they will be sent to their Year Leader for alternative clothing to be provided.

Healthy Living Sessions for w/c Monday 12 December
Yr 7: 7Y Rotation 3 will have their second session on Monday 12 December during Periods 4 & 5
Yr 8: 8Y Rotation 3 will have their second session on Tuesday 13 December during Period 3
Students would have discussed the recipe and ingredients required with Miss Webb in their previous session.

For regular updates on CCHSG activities you can follow us on Facebook @colchestergirls or Twitter @CCHSG_ For PE Department news see @CchsgD

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Lost Property
We urge all belongings to be clearly named.
Any unnamed lost property that has been handed in can be collected from Reception and will be kept for two school weeks before being disposed of.

RSC Chemistry Mastermind Competition Success
Congratulation to 4 students for winning the RSC Chemistry Mastermind Competition for Essex. They came first out of a total of 38 schools in Essex and were a credit to the school. They approached all tasks enthusiastically and worked excellently as a team.
Next year, they will go on to compete nationally representing Essex in the Chemistry Mastermind competition - a huge well done to them all!

Yr 8 Victorian Christmas Cards
The Art department wish to praise 8E for producing beautiful handmade Christmas cards from their own unique designs. They learnt about Victorian Christmases and the symbols used in that era, along with the first Christmas card ever made which was designed and sent by John Callcott Horsely in 1843. They have done a really lovely job at producing cards to celebrate the season – please see the end of the Bulletin for a selection of their designs.

Music Examination Success
Congratulations to a student in 7S who achieved Merit in the recent ABRSM Grade 8 Piano examination.

Bebras Computing Challenge
The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. Each participant answers questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. Massive congratulations to the students from CCHSG that finished top of their respective classes.
Also to the 133 other students who have been invited to compete in the Oxford University Computing Competition in January due to their exceptional performance in Bebras.

Curricular and Enrichment Activities

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Students are encouraged to attend extra-curricular clubs, signing-up via SchoolCloud has closed, but students are welcome to attend even if they did not sign-up.

PE Fixtures

Date	Time	Event	Against	Location	Year(s)
12.12.2022	15.45 – 17.00	Netball	St Benedicts	Away	Yr 11
13.12.2022	15.45 – 17.30	Netball	The Gilberd	Away	Yr 11
14.12.2022	15.15 – 16.30	Essex Cup Netball	Davenant School	CCHSG	Yr 7
15.12.2022	12.45 – 17.30	Essex Cup Netball	Redden Court	Away	U14

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

Interform Christmas Volleyball W/C Monday 5 December
Monday 12 December - Yr 12 and 13 Christmas Volleyball
Tuesday 13 December - Winners from all Year Groups v Teachers Christmas Volleyball

MMI Workshop – Wednesday, 12.50 in the Lecture Theatre
The final MMI workshop for Yr 13 students will take place on Wednesday. We will be looking at hot topics. Students should eat their lunch before they come.

Yr 11 GCSE Biology Revision – Monday 12.45 – 13.15 in F13
We will be looking at the enzyme topic and doing some examination questions, the last part of topic 1. Students should bring their booklets from last Monday.

Physics Club
In January we would like to enter the Reimagine 2023 Competition. This will involve creating a short animation/video about tackling climate change. The top 3 teams will have the opportunity to attend the final awards ceremony at the Science Museum in London. Students who are interested in graphic design, animation, or climate change, please come to G2 at 12.45 on Monday 12 December to find out more.

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CCHSG Book of the Month
December's book is *You Are A Champion* by Marcus Rashford, please see poster below for more details 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 16 December.

Christmas Bunting Competition
The Art Ambassadors are calling all festive artists to part in their competition to design a pennant for their festive bunting. All entries will be displayed and judged in the Hall on Friday 16 December.
Students should see the poster on the Student Bulletin for further details and the bunting template.

Careers Information
Careers Lead – Mr Gosling

Students can make appointments with our impartial careers adviser via the sign-up sheet outside of Mrs Tarrier's office.

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.

Dining Room Arrangements
Breakfast – 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 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 the Snack Shack 12.35 – 13.00. Yrs 12&13 pre-ordered food in Sixth Form Refectory from 12.15.
Yrs 7-9 can eat their packed lunches in the Main Hall.
Panini and salad pots can be eaten in the Dining Room Extension. Merchandise from the vending machine is also available to purchase in the Snack Shack at Break and Lunchtime.
There must be no eating in classrooms except if wet lunch is declared.

Dining Arrangements students to Dining Hall for Lunch:

Week A		**Week B**	
12.35	Yr 13	**12.35**	Yr 13
12.45	Yr 11	**12.45**	Yr 11
12.50	Yr 8 & 7	**12.50**	Yr 9 & 10
13.00	Yr 9 & 10	**13.00**	Yr 7 & 8

Students should arrive promptly for their slot.

Pre-orders must be made by 08.30 via the Civica Eats APP
Please ensure your child's ParentPay meal account is in credit.

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Menu for w/c 12 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli con Carne with Rice	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Beefburger, Chips & Salad	Lasagne with Salad	Pre-Ordered Christmas Dinner
Or				
Cheese & Tomato Pasta with Salad	Mediterranean Pasta with Salad (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese with Peas	Vegetable Curry with Rice (Vegan)	Pre-Ordered Christmas Dinner
Main Meal £3.30				
Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard	White Chocolate Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard	Pre-Ordered Christmas Dinner
Pudding £1.30				
Panini £3.30				
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				
Leek & Potato (Vegan)	Vegetable (Vegan)	Tomato & Lentil (Vegan)	Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato (Vegan)	

Correspondence Sent out this Week
All Yrs: Severe Weather Information
Yr 9: Curriculum Intent and Yr 9 Matrix Information
Yr 11: Sixth Form and Yr 11 Disneyland Paris Trip - Expression of Interest
Yr 12: EPQ Project (selected students)

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for Response
All Yrs	Music Instrumental Lessons for Spring Term	Friday 9 December
Yr 7	Bushcraft Residential Trip	Friday 9 December
Yr 11	Sixth Form and Yr 11 Disneyland Paris Trip - Expression of Interest	Monday 12 December

MENSA Brainteasers
Which four letter word goes after all the following words?
NEW BRAIN LONG HEAT SOUND SHOCK

Word of the Week for w/c 12 December
Next week the word is: **EXPENDABLE** – considered to be not worth keeping or maintaining.

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PTFA
Registered Charity No. 1110464

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

1. Autumn and Spring Term Dates for Your Diary

- **Winter Concert:** Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December
- **PTFA Meeting:** Monday 30 January 2023, 19.00 - 20.30
- **School Production *Les Misérables*:** Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 February,
- **Nearly New Uniform Sale:** Saturday 4 March
- **Year 7 Welcome Party:** Friday 10 March (details to follow)

2. CCHSG PTFA Christmas Grand Raffle Draw 2022

A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the CCHSG Grand Raffle Draw 2022. Congratulations to all the winners, who will all be contacted today. Please ensure that all non-monetary prizes are collected from the School Office by the end of the school day on Friday 16 December.

3. Winter Concert: Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December

The PTFA will be providing refreshments and a licensed bar at the Christmas Concert, before the performance and during the interval.

4. Easyfundraising & Amazon Prime

Why not raise FREE donations this Christmas for CCHSG PTFA via Easyfundraising & AmazonSmile when you do your Christmas shopping (over £5,000 raised since 2016).
Please 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:

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

8E Victorian Christmas Cards









The CCHSG Book Of The Month- December

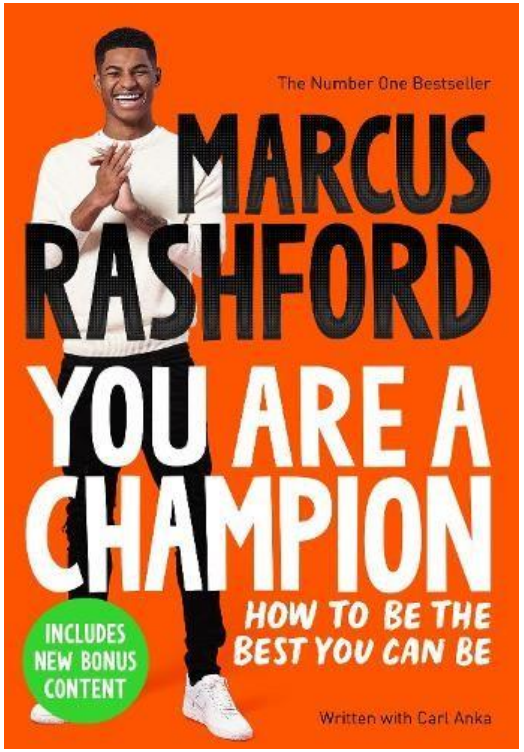
You Are a Champion

Marcus Rashford

Marcus Rashford MBE is recognised worldwide for his journey both on and - off the pitch – but how did a boy from the South of Manchester become not only an International footballer but also one of the leading activist voices in the UK? In this inspiring, positive and practical guide, Marcus gives YOU the tools you need to reach your full potential and will show you that your possibilities really can be endless.

In *You Are a Champion: Unlock Your Potential, Find Your Voice and Be the BEST You Can Be*, Marcus Rashford MBE draws on stories from his own life to show you that success is all about the mindset. You'll find out how positive thinking can change your life, build mental resilience, learn how to navigate adversity and discover the unstoppable power of your own voice. You already have the tools you need to achieve your dreams; you just might not know it yet.

Full of practical advice and engaging illustrations and infographics, this is the empowering and life changing first children's book from Marcus Rashford MBE, written in collaboration with journalist Carl Anka and featuring top tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner.



In addition to this, you are encouraged to write a review and email it to Mrs Croxsonccroxson@cchsg.comby the **last Friday of each month** .