

Term Dates 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term

Thursday 6 September
Tuesday 18 December

Half Term

Monday 22 October
Friday 26 October

Spring Term

Thursday 3 January
Friday 5 April

Half Term

Monday 18 February
Friday 22 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April
Tuesday 23 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 6 May

Half Term

Monday 27 May
Monday 3 June

Non-Pupil Days

4 September 2018
5 September 2018
29 October 2018
19 December 2018
24 July 2019

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3 September 2019
Thursday 19 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
Wednesday 22 July

Bank Holiday

Monday 4 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 2019



Mrs Marshall, all staff and the Governors wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to our parents for your consistent support and the students for their hard work this term, have a restful break.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday Week A	Dec	17	End of term Assemblies, Periods 3, 4 & 5 Yr 11 GCSE Mock Examinations A Level (Levers) Certificate Tea 16.30 – 17.15
Tuesday	Dec	18	LAST DAY OF TERM Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Jumper) Yr 7 Film Trip Yrs 8 – 13 Cinema Trip
Wednesday	Dec	19	NON PUPIL DAY Yr 10 GCSE Art Portrait Class 09.00 – 15.00
Thursday Week A	Jan	3	FIRST DAY OF SPING TERM A Level (Levers) Certificate Tea 16.30 – 17.15
Friday	Jan	4	DofE Bronze Group B 15.45 – 17.30

We continue with Week A when we return on Thursday 3 January 2019

Student Safety Message

We have been informed about a recent student safety incident near to Stanway School where a female Stanway School student was approached by an Indian man in a silver Vectra car and asked if she wanted a lift. He was aged between 50-60 and had a goatee beard. Parents have informed the police. We remind our students about being vigilant and keeping themselves safe on the way home and to report anything suspicious to the police.

Non-Uniform Day Tuesday 18 December

11L are supporting Cancer Research UK for the Non-Uniform Day on Tuesday 18 December. Staff and students are asked to wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1 to the charity.

Uniform Reminder

We remind parents to check their daughter's skirt length before the return to school after the Christmas holiday. Skirts should be worn to the middle of the knee. Also a reminder that only one plain round gold or silver stud earring worn in each earlobe is allowed and hair colour should be natural or a natural combination only. Please see the student planner for details of the school uniform and Sixth Form dress code.

E-Newsletter

This half term's E-Newsletter is now available via the website on: <https://www.cchsg.com/index.php/about/newsletter> Items include the Sixth Form Open Evening, the winning student entries from the Essex Young Poet of the Year competition, our 100 Year Commemoration artwork, visiting authors, the Bio Bake off, the "Christmas Through the Ages" concert and much more.

PTFA Funding

We are grateful to the PTFA who are supporting the PE Department by funding the purchase of official CCHSG gymnastics leotards and netball dresses for competition use and a gazebo to provide shelter at outside sports events. The total donated for these items is £674.95.





A Level Law Online Independent Learning Opportunity – For Sixth Form Entry 2019

We have recently expanded our A Level provision in the Sixth Form for 2019 entry to include a distance learning opportunity in A Level Law. This is an exciting opportunity to combine a programme of traditional A Level learning with independent study. Please see the attached flyer for more details, if you would like any further information please contact Mrs Sanderson (ssanderson@cchsg.com).

Lost Property

Items of unnamed lost property from the Autumn Term will be available for you to claim at lunchtime on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January from the Foyer. Any items not claimed after this time will be disposed of. We remind and strongly advise you that all belongings brought into school should be clearly labelled with your name in order for anything lost to be returned. A number of water bottles, lunchboxes, school cardigans, skirts and PE clothing, all unnamed, have been handed in.

The Poppy Appeal 2018

A total of £187.53 was collected – thank you.

Deadline for Replies and Payments

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for replies
Yr 8	Progress Check 1	Friday 14 December
Yr 11	Poetry Live	Friday 4 January

A prompt response is greatly appreciated.




Cross Country Notice

All students in Yrs 7 – 10 will be taking part in Cross Country after the Christmas break; students will need to ensure they have suitable footwear (old trainers) for running around the course, but also have indoor trainers with them in case of bad weather when students will have indoor activities. They will also need to supply their own plastic bag for keeping their muddy trainers separate from their kit. The students also need to bring old trainers or boots if they are on football.

Extra-Curricular Information

Reading for Pleasure

Students are reminded about the importance of reading for pleasure regularly. Numerous studies report a link between amount of time reading for pleasure and academic attainment. Remember to speak to the Librarians, Mrs Cox and Mrs Craig, or your English teacher if you would like book recommendations. All students have the opportunity to drop everything and read once a week as part of their Form Time programme.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A reads:	Student B reads:	Student C reads:
• 20 minutes per day	• 5 minutes per day	• 1 minute per day
• 3600 minutes per school year	• 900 minutes per school year	• 180 minutes per school year
• 180000 words per year	• 282000 words per year	• 8000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardised tests	Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardised tests

Gone With The Wind: Twitter Readathon

From 1 January 2019, the English department will be reading one chapter a day of Margaret Mitchell's 'Gone With The Wind'. Mrs Davidson will be Tweeting updates on twitter.com/cchsg_eng_drama. Students and parents are encouraged to read along and share their views using the #GWReadathon tag. As the novel contains some adult themes, we recommend it to students in Yr 10 and above.

Yr 11 GCSE Physics Revision

Physics revision starts on Tuesday 8 January 15.45 - 16.45 in G1. The first topic covered will be Waves.

Yr 11 History Students (Mrs Sanderson's class)

A reminder for History students to check their emails to see what homework they need to complete over the Christmas holiday ready for their first lesson back. This will be sent by Tuesday 18 December.

History Film Club

The new film is Sophie Scholl: all GCSE History students are invited to attend (Yrs 9-11), to further their knowledge and understanding. Film Club is every Friday lunchtime in January, 12.45 – 13.15 in T20. Students will need to collect an early lunch pass from Mrs Sanderson.



Gym and Dance Show 2019

For those students performing in the Gym and Dance Show 2019, please see specified date for after the Christmas break (in register folders and on PE noticeboard) for when they need to show Miss Wiseman their completed dance.

Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsals

Thursday 3 January – Full cast (opening and Act 1) – Hall until 17.30.

Students are reminded that they need to source their costumes over the Christmas holiday. No scripts from 3 January, including song words. Students also need to start thinking about sourcing props etc.

There will be an increased number of rehearsals after the Christmas holiday and all cast members need to ensure that they are able to attend.

Community Information - We draw your attention to the following:

BBC Programme Opportunity

Label 1 are looking for some of Britain’s smartest families to go head to head in an exciting new competition for the BBC. Family teams need to be two adults and two players aged 9-17. To apply and for more information follow the link <http://label1.tv/apply>.

Letters sent out this Week

All Yrs: Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal Permission (performers only)

Yr 13: Internal Assessment



Lunchtime Arrangements for w/c 17 December & w/c 31 January

Priority for Yr 12 and 13, and lunchtime activity participants until 12.45.

Week A:

- 12.45 Yr 11 Lunchtime club participants must have a coloured ticket
- 12.55 Yr 9 & 10 To gain entrance to early lunch.
- 13.00 Yr 7 & 8

Menu for w/c 17 December & 31 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Lamb Curry with Rice		NON PUPIL DAY	Sausage & Tomato Pasta with Sweetcorn	Paella
Or			Or	
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad	PRE-ORDERED CHRISTMAS DINNER ONLY	NON PUPIL DAY	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Gnocchi in Tomato Sauce with Salad
			Main Meal £2.60	
Jam Sponge Pudding with Custard		NON PUPIL DAY	Apple Crumble with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard
			Pudding £1.10	
Soup of the Day (changes daily) £0.60 with Homemade Bread £0.40				

Weekly Brainteaser for w/c 17 December & 31 January

Calculate the numbers below in the order shown, do not change the order of the numbers.

Replace each question mark with a mathematical sign: plus, minus, multiply and divide can each be used once only.

What are the highest and lowest numbers you can possibly score?

7 ? 4 ? 9 ? 3 ? 8 =

Last Week’s Brainteaser Answer: 10 are learning to play the saxophone (the total Roman numeral values gave the number).

Word of the Week for w/c 17 December

Next week the word is: **SURREAL** – weirdly unfamiliar, distorted or disturbing, like experiences in a dream.

Word of the Week for w/c 31 December

INTRICATE – containing many details or small parts that are combined in a particularly complex or skilful way.

