



Castle Donington College

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Dear Parents and Carers

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Castle Donington College. I have seen some very good learning and I have enjoyed meeting with and talking to students.

I have been impressed with how students have responded to my instructions. I have asked for calm and purposeful corridors in lesson changeover and for there to be no disruption to learning so that teachers can really focus on teaching their subjects with expertise and passion. The vast majority of students have responded exceptionally well, and I thank you for your continued support with this from home.

Next week, I would like to see a continuation of these high standards. I would like to see students show me a real pride in their uniform and conduct. Mr Daly will be helping me with this, and he will be leading on assemblies to ensure that all students are clear about these expectations.

In lessons, I would like to see all students participating actively. This means that students take personal responsibility for their learning and that they show curiosity and inquisitiveness in their lessons. Mr Elks will be working with teachers and students to demonstrate how we will get to this point.

As always, some people will take a little longer to adjust to expectations. We will of course continue to work with this small group. Nonetheless, for the vast majority, I have been so impressed this week and I cannot wait to continue our work together.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes

Lisa Walton
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