

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly bulletin, providing you with a range of general information and forthcoming events at the college for the week ahead.

All years

Communication with the college:

If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528

You can also contact us by email: postroom@cdcollege.uk Please include the nature of your enquiry in the subject line of the email.

Satchel One:

All pupils have been issued with Satchel One logins.

Your child's school email address is their username.

Your child's school password is also their Satchel One password.

When attempting to log in, it is important to use the "sign in with Office 365" option rather than the initial login section. This can sometimes appear lower down the screen when using a mobile device.

This is where they will enter the school-based email and their password. Please ensure that the email address is not changed from the school one as this will prevent your child from logging in.

With regards to logging in as a parent, this is something done via Satchel One rather than by us. The link below should help you with the process.

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/2912165-logging-in-as-a-parent>

Logging in as a parent | Satchel Help Center

How to sign up, reset your login details for your parent account or assist your child to log in

help.satchelone.com

PTA - Volunteers Welcome

We are delighted to be setting up a Parent Teacher's Association for the college. If you would like to get involved in helping with fundraising and building a strong community of parents of the college, please email postroom@cdcollege.uk with PTA in the subject line and we will be able to send you more information.

School Council

Congratulations to all students who have recently been elected to represent their Tutor Group on the School Council.

All School Council reps will engage in termly meetings to discuss issues raised by their Tutor Group, to help improve standards across the college.

The first full School Council meeting will take place on Monday 30 September, where Key Stage 4 students will have the opportunity to run for the following leadership positions:

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Publicity

Students wishing to apply for these positions must submit a written application to Mr Daly by Friday 27 September.

Macmillian Cake Sale: 27th September.

We are pleased to be able to hold our annual charity bake sale in school on Friday 26th September, raising funds for the nationwide Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Cakes and bakes will be available to all pupils during break time for a small donation. All of the proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. In addition, there will be 'Bake Off' style competition for all donated bakes and the most voted will be awarded prizes.

In order to make the bake sale a success we are kindly asking for donations of homemade or bought cakes, biscuits, and savouries from pupils and parents.

On the morning of Friday 27th September, please bring any cakes down to the English area and hand them to a member of the department. We will store them for you until the bake sale.

A full list of ingredients must be included with all donations so that we can label them for allergies and dietary requirements. We also ask that no nuts be included in any products.

We will also be running a Bake Off “Best in Show” for any home-made cakes that wish to take part.

HSBC Smart Money Award

The Maths department are celebrating success after winning the HSBC Smart Money Award for a second Year running.

This award is given for the support of financial education for young people. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Maths club – Every Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm in the Maths department. All pupils welcome.

MFL Film Club – Every Thursday in L3. Films are shown in a variety of languages with English subtitles. Perfect for film and/or languages lovers!

Year 7

European day of languages takes place this week (26th September) – we will be celebrating this by doing something slightly different in some of your language lessons.

PE - Thursday 26th September – Football tournament at Charnwood College.

Year 8

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Year 9	<p>European day of languages takes place this week (26th September) – we will be celebrating this by doing something slightly different in some of your language lessons.</p> <p>PE – October 3rd – Football tournament at Rawlins Academy.</p>
Year 10	<p>GCSE Spanish Students – optional lunch time revision on Monday, the focus this week is the present tense.</p> <p>“How to Revise” sessions on Monday lunch times with Mrs Eaton in E1. We will be focusing on English texts, but working through different revision strategies.</p> <p>GCSE PE - all GCSE students have been given their login details to an online PE platform called the Ever-Learner Guide It gives students access to exam board specific tutorials, thousands of self-marked questions, exam style questions and immediate feedback to help them understand which aspects of the course they understand and which they don't.</p> <p>All homework will for GCSE PE will be set through the Ever-Learner platform in the form of tutorials and questions. If students are absent from lessons, they can access the missed learning by logging onto their Ever-Learner account and watch the tutorial linked to the lesson they have missed. The PE teachers will be monitoring the students use of the platform and logging missed homework.</p> <p>We strongly believe that our students achieve greater success when parents/carers and schoolwork closely together so please support your child by encouraging them to access their PE work through this online platform. I have also attached a user guide if students are struggling to access the Ever-Learner platform.</p> <p>GCSE PE – Ever-learner help sessions in PE1 at Friday Lunchtime.</p>
Year 11	<p>GCSE Spanish Students – Optional lunch time revision on Wednesday, Foundation students this week. All students are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>GCSE Music Students – Composition Clinic on Thursday Evening.</p> <p>“How to Revise” sessions on Monday lunch times with Mrs Eaton in E1. We will be focusing on English texts but working through different revision strategies.</p> <p>GCSE French – lunch time revision sessions on Wednesdays. All pupils will be allocated a slot.</p>

A letter has been uploaded to ParentPay giving information about Mathematics in Year 11. The video link below explains how the department support Year 11 with their GCSE maths exams.

[Supporting Year 11 Pupils with GCSE Maths final \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

GCSE PE – Volleyball club has started every Wednesday lunchtime; this is to help prepare the students for their upcoming Volleyball assessment after October half term.

GCSE PE – Ever-learner help sessions in PE1 at Friday Lunchtime. All y11 students will be given a past exam paper to complete before October half term.