

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

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

All years	<p>Communication with the college: If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528</p> <p>You can also contact us regarding general queries: postroom@cdcollege.uk Please include the nature of your enquiry in the subject line of the email.</p> <p>You can contact us regarding absences: attendance@cdcollege.uk Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records.</p> <p>School Council Congratulations to all students who were elected to key leadership positions earlier this week. Year team meetings are due to commence w/b 7/10.</p> <p>Ambassador Celebrations Thanks once again to all our fabulous Open Evening Ambassadors, it was lovely to be able to celebrate with them on Wednesday (2/10).</p> <p>School Library donations We are working hard to revitalise our school library and would welcome donations of any good quality age-appropriate books or chess sets that you are no longer in need of. Please take donations to the library where they will be very gratefully received!</p>
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Satchel One homework platform

All pupils at the College have a Satchel One account that is accessed by logging in using their College email address and password. Please keep the assigned email address on Satchel One as your child's College email. If this is changed, your child will struggle to log in.

Careers Fair

Last week pupils from all years were given the opportunity to meet 6th form providers and other careers providers, such as the RAF, at our careers fair. The providers commented on how polite, engaged and thoughtful our pupils were throughout the day.

Netball competition

The PE Department are running an in-house netball competition after-school until 4:30 on Tuesday 8th October. Those who would like to take part should meet with Miss Mills in the gym at the start of Monday lunch. Arrangements for pupils to get home must be made by parents/carers and discussed with pupils. Thank you.

Launching Friends of CDC

Dear parents, family members and friends of Castle Donnington students. We are excited to announce the launch of **Friends of CDC** (the school's new parents, teachers and friend's association), and **WE NEED YOU!**

Friends of CDC aims to raise funds to boost opportunities for students and bring the school closer to the local community. And we aim to have a good time doing it.

Interested to get involved, share ideas, volunteer or just find out more? Come to our first AGM on Tuesday October 15th at 6pm at the College. We will be looking for people to fill roles, make suggestions and volunteer. Please contact Michelle Richey if you have any questions through postroom@cdcollege.uk with PTFA in the subject line. We look forward to seeing you there! "

PE KIT

The overall standard of PE kit has been good this term. Students should have their PE kit for every PE lesson even if they are ill or injured as they will still play an important role within the lesson.

We ask that students are 'PE READY' meaning they have full kit; hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed.

As the weather is starting to turn colder, we do advise (if possible) that students purchase the new fleece ¼ zip jumper, this can be purchased from our uniform providers.

	<p>Students can wear other appropriate items under their PE top (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) to help keep them warm. Thanks for your ongoing support.</p> <p>Next week</p> <p>MFL film club Every Thursday lunchtime in L3. We are currently watching Kleks Academy in Polish.</p>
Year 7	<p>‘Settling in’ Parents’ Evening We are looking forward to seeing parents of our year 7 students in college on Thursday 10th October. You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment with your child’s form teacher for the evening of 10th October. Please contact us if you have not received this letter.</p> <p>Pastoral Support Please contact your child’s Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mr Nelson) for any further support required in school. We would also like to hear of any success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support Huge thanks to all Year 7’s who contributed to last week’s cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.</p> <p>WhatsApp messages Year 7 have continued to make a brilliant start to the year and are settling in well in school. However, we have been made aware that WhatsApp groups are being used inappropriately by some students in year 7 outside of school. Please see below for some extra guidance on young people and WhatsApp use from the NSPCC, including tips on ensuring your child is safe online. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/</p> <p>PE Y7 Football tournament on Tuesday 8th October at Charnwood college. The Y7 team currently sit top of the league on games played so far.</p>
Year 8	<p>Pastoral Support Please contact your child’s Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mr Canavan) for any further support required in school. We would also like to hear of any success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support</p>

	<p>Huge thanks to all Year 8's who contributed to last week's cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.</p>
Year 9	<p>Pastoral Support Please contact your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mrs Danes) for any further support required in school. We would also like to hear of any success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support Huge thanks to all Year 9's who contributed to last week's cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.</p>
Year 10	<p>Pastoral Support Please contact your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mr Brown) for any further support required in school. We would also like to hear of any success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support Huge thanks to all Year 10's who contributed to last week's cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.</p> <p>GCSE Maths The Mathematics Department is giving the opportunity for pupils to purchase revision materials, maths equipment and a scientific calculator. A letter has been attached to Parent Pay.</p> <p>GCSE Spanish Monday lunch time</p> <p>GCSE History Berlin Trip passports to be in the office by 8th October.</p>
Year 11	<p>Pastoral Support Please contact your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mr Purkiss) for any further support required in school. We would also like to hear of any success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support Huge thanks to all Year 11's who contributed to last week's cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.</p> <p>GCSE Maths</p>

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GCSE Spanish

Foundation Wednesday lunch time and Higher during Friday lunch time

GCSE French

After school French revision on Wednesday. The focus this week will be on the general conversation part of the speaking exam and will be for **Higher Tier** pupils only. Please bring speaking booklets if attending.

Lunch time revision sessions on Wednesdays. All pupils will be allocated a slot. These will focus on feedback from the mock speaking exam.

GCSE Geography Fieldwork trip

The Nottingham trip is due to go ahead next week on Tuesday 8th October. Thank you to those who have brought back the letter and paid via Parent Pay. This is a compulsory trip for the GCSE and pupils will be asked questions in the exams about it. The weather will be changeable so sensible footwear, clothes and a pencil would be best for the day. Pupils will be given clipboards for their worksheets.

Any questions, feel free to email enelson@cdcollege.uk

GCSE PE

All Y11 GCSE students have been given 2 past papers to complete before October half term.

GCSE History

Berlin Trip passports to be in the office by **8th October**.

Examination Access Arrangement (EAA) Testing

Access Arrangements are pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and their normal way of working. Access Arrangements fall into two distinct categories:
Category 1: Exam Access Arrangements that can be approved by Castle Donington College

Category 2: Exam Access Arrangements that require approval from JCQ, (the awarding body). These must be assessed by a qualified EAA Assessor.

On Wednesday 9th October, an EAA Assessor will be testing a number of Year 11 students to determine if they are entitled to any Access Arrangements.

If you believe that your child may be entitled to an Exam Access Arrangement such as rest breaks, 25% extra time, reader, scribe, laptop, coloured paper, please click on this [link](#) and complete the form before **TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2024**

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Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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