

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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29<sup>th</sup> November 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><b><u>Communication with the college</u></b></p> <p>If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528</p> <p>You can also contact us regarding <b>general queries</b>: <a href="mailto:postroom@cdcollege.uk">postroom@cdcollege.uk</a> Please include the nature of your enquiry in the subject line of the email.</p> <p>You can contact us regarding <b>absences</b>: <a href="mailto:attendance@cdcollege.uk">attendance@cdcollege.uk</a> Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records.</p> <p><b><u>Children in Need</u></b></p> <p>Thank you to all families who supported our recent non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Collectively we raised £406</p> <p><b><u>Admissions Consultation</u></b></p> <p>The School Admissions Code 2021 states that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years.</p> <p>As such, the Governing Body of Castle Donington College seeks views on its admission arrangements for 2026-2027.</p> <p>A copy of the draft admission arrangements can be viewed on our <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>If you wish to comment on the proposed policy, please complete this <a href="#">form</a> by Friday 27th December 2024.</p>
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### Satchel One Login Reminders

Pupils should log in to their Satchel One account via the “Office 365” function. Their username is their school email address and their password is the same one the user to access the school computers.

### Friends of CDC Quiz and Curry Night



The poster features a central image of a blue bowl filled with white rice and a rich, orange-colored curry, garnished with fresh green herbs. A red ribbon is tied around the bowl. The background is dark with a textured, orange-brown pattern. Text on the poster includes: 'Friends of CDC presents' at the top; 'Curry Tonight' in a cursive font next to the bowl; 'Quiz & Curry Night' in large, bold white letters with a yellow ampersand; '£12 per person' in the top right corner; '12th December' and 'Main Hall in Castle Donington College' in the center; '7pm - 10pm' below that; 'Tickets are £12 and can be purchased by using the QR code or at' followed by the URL 'https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EDFI'; a QR code in the bottom right; a yellow lightbulb icon with the word 'QUIZ' next to it; and 'All profits made will be going towards sensory items for CDC' at the bottom.

To book your ticket click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EDFI>

### First Aid

We have a first aid email address where you can send any new or updated medical information for your child. This is helpful to enable us to help manage your child. Email: [firstaid@cdcollege.uk](mailto:firstaid@cdcollege.uk)

### Data Collection Sheets

Please could you return any Data Collection Sheets as soon as possible. These have important information to keep our records up to date.

### **GCSE Exam Certificate Collection**

Students who sat their exams in the summer of 2024 will be able to collect their official GCSE certificates from Reception between 9:00am and 4:00pm from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Students will need to bring ID.

### **Advance Notice:**

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, the college will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils are invited to wear their favourite festive jumper instead of their college sweatshirt for the day. We would like pupils to bring £1 to college on 12<sup>th</sup> December as a donation. You can see more details about the appeal here: [Christmas Jumper Day 2024 | Save the Children UK](#)

#### **Last day of term**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** is our final day of term. Pupils can opt to wear non-uniform, although this should be appropriate for college. Donations of £1 will go to the Student Council Fund.

On the last day of term pupils will attend lessons 1 and 2 as usual, they will all take part in a Christmas Quiz competition during lesson 3 and they will have lunch at the earlier time of 12:30pm. Pupils will be dismissed from college at 1:30pm.

#### **Christmas Concert**

This is on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm**. Tickets are available through Parent Pay: £6 Adults, £4 for under 18s.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The English department are very excited that the Scholastic Book Fair will be in school w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December. Students will be able to explore the shelves and purchase books of their choosing. Please note, this event will be cash only; correct amounts would be appreciated. (Pupils are able to reserve books early in the week and then bring in the money required to take their choices home).



### Local Charity Fundraising Event

A 'Christmas Truck Run' is being held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024, starting at 3pm at the Red Lion in Kegworth. Donations will be in aid of Zephyr's a charity offering nurturing support to bereaved families. A flyer for the even can be found at the end of this week's bulletin

### Library Competitions:


For Non-Fiction November, the library is hosting two creative writing competitions that pupils are encouraged to get involved in:

1. Comic Book / Graphic Novel design competition
2. Non-Fiction Newspaper Article Competition

Please see Ms Radley in the library for more information on how to enter!

### MFL Christmas Card competition

Entries for the MFL Christmas card competition close this week. Winner will be announced the last week of term.

	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MFL Christmas Card Competition</b></p> <p>To enter all you need to do is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design a Christmas card that celebrates Christmas traditions around the world. (No bigger than A4)</li> <li>• Include seasonal greetings in a <b>foreign</b> language of <b>your choice</b>. (Entries in English will not be accepted).</li> <li>• Winner will be decided based on illustration, accuracy of language and content.</li> </ul> <p>Entries need to be submitted by the <b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> to <b>ANY MFL Teacher</b>.</p> <p>Any questions, please speak to a member of MFL.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amazing Prizes to be won!</b></p>
Year 7	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>English homework:</u></b></p> <p>Ms Jones is offering KS3 homework support in her classroom (E3) every Tuesday lunchtime. If you need help completing your homework booklet, or require a quiet space to complete your work in peace, just pop along!</p>
Year 8	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>English homework:</u></b></p> <p>Ms Jones is offering KS3 homework support in her classroom (E3) every Tuesday lunchtime. If you need help completing your homework booklet, or require a quiet space to complete your work in peace, just pop along!</p>
Year 9	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></p> <p>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</p>

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Year 10	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>Exam Access Arrangement Testing</u></b></p> <p>The Exam Access Arrangement Assessor will be back into Castle Donington College on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Assessor is making her way through the waiting list. Students to be assessed will be informed in advance of their allocated session.</p> <p><b><u>MFL Revision</u></b></p> <p>There will be <b>no</b> Year 10 Spanish revision sessions on Monday due to the Year 11 speaking exams.</p>
Year 11	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>Exam Access Arrangement Testing</u></b></p> <p>The Exam Access Arrangement Assessor will be back into Castle Donington College on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Assessor is making her way through the waiting list. Students to be assessed will be informed in advance of their allocated session.</p>

**MFL Speaking Exams**

Mock speaking exams are taking place this week for the MFL students. Any support that can be offered at home would be great, whether it is help with revision, practice or just encouragement.



**CHRISTMAS TRUCK RUN**

**STARTS 3PM  
14TH DECEMBER  
2024**

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