

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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13<sup>th</sup> December 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>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> <p><b><u>Satchel One Login Reminders</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
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### **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)

### **Attendance**

Thank you for your continued support with your child's regular attendance to school.

Regularly attending school has a positive impact on children and young people - academically, socially and emotionally. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best examination results.

Percentage Attendance	Number of Days Absence	Learning Missed in 1 Year	Learning Missed over 5 Years
100%	0 Days	0 Lessons	0 Lessons
97%	6 Days	30 Lessons	150 Lessons
95%	9.5 Days	48 Lessons	240 Lessons
93%	13 Days	65 Lessons	325 Lessons
90%	19 Days	95 Lessons	475 Lessons

### **Advance Notice:**

#### **Celebration Assemblies**

Our Autumn term Celebration Assemblies will be taking place next week, providing an ideal opportunity to congratulate all students for working hard, taking responsibility and being kind.

As always, we wish to thank all families for their continued support, helping ensure students fulfil their true potential.

#### **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.



### **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!

Year 7

### **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><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 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 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>History Support</u></b></p> <p>Mr Hicken is now offering support for Year 10 students for GCSE History. Sessions will be in H1 from 1:40 on Tuesdays.</p> <p><b><u>Spanish</u></b></p> <p>Revision sessions are back on this week in L1 during Monday lunch time. Students can bring their lunch to eat.</p>

Year 11

**Maths**

Following the Year 11 maths mocks all pupils have been given a copy of their personalised 16-Page Pinpoint learning booklet. This booklet has been created based on the pupils' 5 weakest topic areas from Paper 1.

In addition, pupils have been given their updated list of consistent weakness and linked Maths Watch videos. To improve, pupils need to watch the videos and attempt the interactive questions on MathsWatch.

The video link below explains how the PinPoint learning programme works.

[Supporting Year 11 Pupils with GCSE Maths final \(youtube.com\)](#)

**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.



# WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

**Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

**go to the PARENT page**

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	<b>25 NOV</b> <b>20 JAN</b>
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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Winter 2024/2025

# Newsletter

FREE  
until  
JAN 25



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday  
5th Dec  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
17th Dec  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Facing Defiance

Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday  
7th Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday  
9 Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## AUTISM:

### Improving Communication

Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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# CHRISTMAS TRUCK RUN



STARTS 3PM  
14TH DECEMBER  
2024

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