

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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20<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>Communication with the college</b></p> <p>If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528</p> <p>You can also contact us regarding general queries: <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 absences: <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>Admissions Consultation</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 website.</p> <p>If you wish to comment on the proposed policy, please complete this form by Friday 27th December 2024.</p> <p><b>Satchel One Login Reminders</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.

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

### **Leicestershire County Council Public Health**

During the winter months, illnesses such as colds and flu are more common. The NHS continues to experience significant pressures this winter. There are a number of things you can do to help yourself to stay well, which includes getting your seasonal vaccinations, and adopting healthy habits.

#### **Flu Vaccinations**

The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) is currently offering all children and young people in primary, secondary and special schools a free flu vaccine. Details are shared with parents and carers through your child's school. It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, but if your child has missed the school flu vaccine, the SAIS team will contact you about

	<p>catch-up sessions. If you or your child have missed any other vaccine, contact your GP to catch up.</p> <p><b>Healthy Habits</b></p> <p>Handwashing is one of the most effective ways to stop germs from spreading. Regularly washing hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds can help you and your child to stay well and not pass on germs.</p> <p>Using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes helps to prevent the spread of germs. Make sure tissues are thrown in the bin after use.</p> <p><b>Make Sure You Have Self-Care Essentials at Home</b></p> <p>Consider keeping these essentials at home: thermometer, plasters, child-friendly paracetamol and ibuprofen, antiseptic cream, an ice-pack and antihistamines. Store medicines in a cool, dry, lockable cabinet, out of reach of children and always check the dates on medicines.</p> <p><b><u>Advance Notice:</u></b></p> <p>First day of term for pupils is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>Year 11 Parents' Evening (online) is Thursday 16th January (see separate letter about how to book)</p> <p>Year 9 immunisations: Friday 24th January 2025. This immunisation is for the 3-in-1 teenage booster vaccine (Td/IPV), which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, polio. Letters will be sent out in the new term on Parent Pay giving details of how to log in and consent for your child to have the vaccine.</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</p>

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Year 9	<p><b>Pastoral Support</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>English homework:</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>Pastoral Support</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>History Support</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>Spanish</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	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>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.</p>

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.

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