

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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17th January 2025

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</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: 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>Satchel One Login Reminders</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> <p>First Aid</p> <p>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</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support with your child’s regular attendance to school.</p> <p>Regularly attending school has a positive impact on children and young people - academically, socially and emotionally. Evidence shows that the</p>
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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:

Ski Trip

There will be a parents evening on Thursday the 23rd Jan at 5:00pm. You will need to bring the students passport, GHIC card, medications and any money you would like them to be given for the trip bank / journey home. We look forward to seeing you then.

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.

SEND friends coffee morning

Please see attached poster for the details of a SEND Support Group Coffee Morning being held each month across North West Leicestershire.

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.

English homework:

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Year 8	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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><u>English homework:</u></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> <p><u>MFL Homework</u></p> <p>The MFL department are launching a new homework for this term - The MFL Spelling Bee. The MFL Spelling Bee is a competition for students in KS3 to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in a foreign language.</p> <p>Students have to translate the words from English and spell them in the target language.</p> <p>Students will be tested weekly over the next half term.</p> <p><u>Sports Fixture</u></p> <p>Year 8/9 Girls Football fixture at Rawlins to take place on Tuesday 28th January. Students who would like to be considered for this please see the PE Department for a letter.</p>
Year 9	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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>











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Year 10	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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><u>History Support</u></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><u>Spanish</u></p> <p>Revision sessions are back on this week in L1 during Monday lunch time. Students can bring their lunch to eat.</p> <p><u>GCSE PE</u></p> <p>All GCSE PE students should have completed section 2 of their NEA and emailed it to Mr Delaney. Any students needing support with their NEA (or</p>

	<p>Ever-learner homework) can attend PE1 on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday lunchtime.</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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><u>GCSE PE</u></p> <p>GCSE PE students will be completing their VOLLEYBALL assessment week commencing 20th Jan. This is a really assessment opportunity for their practical grade.</p> <p>All GCSE PE students need to be finishing their NEA that they have been working on since Y10. The deadline for this is February half term.</p> <p>Lunchtime revision sessions will start from week commencing 20th Jan. Paper 1 on a Thursday lunchtime and Paper 2 on a Friday lunchtime.</p> <p><u>Spanish</u></p> <p>Revision sessions are back on this week in L1 during Wednesday (22nd Jan) lunch time (Foundation) and Friday (24th Jan) lunch time (Higher). Students can bring their lunch to eat. There will also be after school revision sessions starting on Thursday 23rd January. There will be no after school revision session on the 30th January.</p> <p>The lunch time session will be focusing on Grammar and Writing techniques, and the after-school sessions will be focusing on Speaking.</p> <p>Easter sessions will also be going ahead, and students will be given a time for this.</p> <p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>Advanced notice of the final Year 11 Geography fieldwork trip. 11GA will be going to Padley Gorge in Derbyshire on the 3rd March and 11GC will be going on the 4th March. Letters will be going out within the next week.</p> <p><u>Graphic Design</u></p> <p>Now that the Exam questions have been released there will be after school sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday for those wishing to further their work. This is voluntary but could have major impact on your overall grades.</p>




These are in addition to the lunchtime sessions which have been running throughout the year and these lunchtime sessions of Thursday and Friday week 1 and Wednesday week 2 will continue until the exam period which is planned as the week before the Easter break.

English revision

Year 11 Revision Sessions

W/C	TUESDAY LUNCH	THURSDAY LUNCH
W/C 13 TH JANUARY	<u>Ms Jones:</u> MERCHANT OF VENICE 	<u>Ms Bryenton:</u> LANG PT: LANGUAGE AND STRUCTURE 
W/C 20 TH JANUARY	<u>Ms Robertson:</u> ANIMAL FARM 	<u>Ms Nixon:</u> JEKYLL AND HYDE 
W/C 27 TH JANUARY	<u>Ms Forster:</u> POETRY AND UNSEEN 	<u>Ms Hardman:</u> CREATIVE WRITING 
W/C 3 RD FEBRUARY	<u>Ms Jones:</u> MERCHANT OF VENICE 	<u>Ms Bryenton:</u> LANG PT: LANGUAGE AND STRUCTURE 
W/C 10 TH FEBRUARY	<u>Ms Robertson:</u> ANIMAL FARM 	<u>Ms Nixon:</u> JEKYLL AND HYDE 

YEAR 11 FEBRUARY MOCK**February 24th-28th**

	Start	Finish	Duration	Component Title	
Mon 24th Feb	09:15		1hr 45	English Literature Paper 1	
Tue 25th Feb	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 1 - Higher	
	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 1 - Foundation	
Wed 26th Feb	09:15		1hr 45	English Language Paper 1	
Thu 27th Feb	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 2 - Higher	
	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 2 - Foundation	
Fri 28th Feb	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 3 - Higher	
	09:15		1hr 30	Maths Paper 3 - Foundation	

NHS: Pharmacy First



This NHS service allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. The person will be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room, with some pharmacies also offering the service remotely as a video consultation. The service supports the following conditions:

- Earache (ages 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (ages 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (age 1 year and over)
- Sore throats (age 5 years and over)
- Sinusitis (age 12 years and over)

The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, a prescription medicine to treat the condition. Any medicines are supplied free of charge to children under 16 years, with the normal NHS prescription charge rules applying to people aged 16 or over. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional.

The NHS have developed an [animation](#) to explain about the service which is available on YouTube and more information can also be found on the NHS website at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)

SEND FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING

You are warmly invited to our SEND Support Group for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities who live in North West Leicestershire



First Thursday of every month 10am-11:30am across
North West Leicestershire

6th February 2025 Castle Donington Family Hub

6th March 2025 Greenhill Family Hub

3rd April 2025 Measham Family Hub

1st May 2025 Castle Donington Family Hub

5th June 2025 Greenhill Family Hub

Contact Ellie Marsh, SEND Family
Support Worker for more information
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