

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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24th 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

Communication with the college

If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528

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.

You can contact us regarding absences: attendance@cdcollege.uk
Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records.

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

	<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>
Year 7	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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><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>
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>
Year 9	<p><u>Year 9 Options Evening: Thursday 30th January 4.15pm -7.00pm</u></p> <p>We would like to invite you and your son/daughter to our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 30th January. The purpose of this evening is to support you and your child in planning for their GCSE Option courses, commencing September 2025.</p> <p>We know how important it is to be able to make informed decisions, have time to process a lot of information and consider all of the options available. Year 9</p>

	<p>students will be preparing for their option choices during their career lessons in PSHE this term and their Tutors and Head of Year will be guiding them through the process. In addition to this we encourage all students and their parents/carers to attend our Options Evening.</p> <p>During the evening you will be able to meet with subject teachers to discuss the detail of the GCSE courses we deliver and we will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the next stage in your child's education. Curriculum displays will be set up to provide the opportunity for you to speak to all teachers in one area of the College.</p> <p>You can make appointments to meet with English, Maths and Science teachers using the link below. All other subject teachers will be available for you to meet in a marketplace format, this allows you to vary your time spent with individual teachers according your child's needs. The booking system will open at 4pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025.</p> <p>To book your appointment, please visit https://cdcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk</p> <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> <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>
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. This week we will be focusing on the near future tense.</p>
Year 11	<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>Art, Textiles and Graphics Trip</u></p> <p>Just a quick mention to say that all students that attended the Art, Textiles and Graphics trip to London last Friday were impeccable. We walked over 15000 steps, in a jam-packed day of sightseeing and art that will directly impact their Exam projects that we started in January. Please pass on our praise to all involved!</p> <p><u>GCSE PE</u></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>Maths</u></p> <p>Year 11 pupils have all been given their most recent individual 16-page booklet to work through. This booklet has been created based on the 5 weakest topic areas from Paper 3 of the December Mock.</p> <p>The front cover of the booklet also includes a list of linked MathsWatch videos to watch. Solutions to the booklets can be found if pupils log into their PinPoint Learning account. Login details are also on the front cover of the booklet.</p> <p><u>Spanish</u></p> <p>There will be no after school revision session on the 30th January.</p> <p>Easter sessions will also be going ahead, and students will be given a time for this.</p>

Wednesday lunch for Foundation pupils will focus on the **Preterite tense (past tense)**

Friday lunch for Higher pupils will focus on the **Conditional tense.**

English revision

Year 11 Revision Sessions

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

French

Pupils need to bring their speaking booklet to their 1to1 sessions, on the day and at the time they have picked. More slots available on request!






Geography

Advanced notice of the final Year 11 Geography fieldwork trip. 11GC will be going to Padley Gorge in Derbyshire on the 3rd March and 11GA will be going on the 4th March. Letters have been sent via Parent Pay

Graphic Design

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.

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.

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 