

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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14<sup>th</sup> February 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><b>Half Term</b></p> <p>We hope that all of our families enjoy half term next week and we look forward to seeing pupils on their return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <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>First Aid</b></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: <a href="mailto:firstaid@cdcollege.uk">firstaid@cdcollege.uk</a></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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### **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

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:**

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!

Year 8

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Year 9	<p><b><u>Year Nine Options</u></b></p> <p>Please use <a href="#">this link</a> to complete the Year 9 Options form to select your choices for GCSE. The form is open now and closes on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.</p> <p>For guidance on the process you can watch this video <a href="https://youtu.be/gw3KE1kBhww?si=GQNHPEjaHUH0ABUw">https://youtu.be/gw3KE1kBhww?si=GQNHPEjaHUH0ABUw</a></p> <p>Pupils will need to use their @cdcollege.uk email address to log in to the form.</p> <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> <p><b><u>Intermediate Maths Challenge.</u></b></p> <p>Well done to all the Year 9 pupils who participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The Intermediate Maths Challenge is a 60-minute, 25 question multiple choice challenge. The Maths Challenge is aimed at pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11. The questions are designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.</p> <p>Congratulations to all the Year 9 pupils involved on achieving some excellent results.</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>Work Experience</u></b></p> <p>The deadline for organising work experience placements is next week (14<sup>th</sup> February). Please email <a href="mailto:workexperience@cdcollege.uk">workexperience@cdcollege.uk</a> if you have any questions.</p> <p><b><u>Intermediate Maths Challenge.</u></b></p> <p>Well done to all the Year 10 pupils who participated in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The Intermediate Maths Challenge is a 60-minute, 25 question multiple choice challenge. The questions are designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.</p> <p>Congratulations to all the Year 10 pupils involved on achieving some excellent results with one pupil qualifying for the next round!</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>Mrs Eaton's English Class:</u></b></p> <p>Due to Mrs Eaton's extended absence, she will be running a revision session on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This will take place between 9:30am and 12:30pm. Students will need to have signed up with Mrs. Eaton prior to the session and fully understood the expectations surrounding this. This is only open to Mrs Eaton's class.</p> <p><b><u>GCSE PE</u></b></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 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Paper 1 on a Thursday lunchtime and Paper 2 on a Friday lunchtime.</p> <p><b><u>Geography</u></b></p> <p>Advanced notice of the final Year 11 Geography fieldwork trip. 11GC will be going to Padley Gorge in Derbyshire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 11GA will be going on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Letters have been sent via Parent Pay</p>

### 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.

### 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!

## 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