

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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28<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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@cdcollege.uk)  
Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records.

## **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)

## **Satchel One Login Reminders**

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.

## **Upcoming Event**

Friends of CDC are holding a fundraising fashion show on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-9:30pm. Details on how to book tickets can be found [here](#).

A separate newsletter has also been sent out to all parents.

### **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

### **World Book Day:**

This year's World Book Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and we will be celebrating across school by reading an exciting short story "The Lottery" throughout the day. KS3 pupils will get the opportunity to listen to the story narrated to them in parts, engage in discussion with their class teachers and make predictions about the text.

Pupils have also been issued with their £1 book token which can be exchanged at book shops and supermarkets for either a free £1 book, or it can be used as a £1 discount off a book costing £2.99 or more. Ms Jones has spare World Book Day tokens for any pupils who have lost or misplaced theirs.

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.

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>
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>Italy Trip – 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April</u></b></p> <p>Reminder of the Parents Meeting on <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 6:30pm</b> in the Hall. Please remember to bring your child's passport and GHIC/EHIC card with you to the meeting. We will be providing you with a booklet with all of the information you will need to get organised. Any concerns please get in touch with Miss Fincham and Mrs Danes.</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>GCSE PE</p> <p>Students have been given section 4 of their NEA to complete. The deadline for this is EASTER.</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>

There will be science revision on Wednesdays after school and on Friday at lunch times. All Y11 pupils are welcome to attend. See your science teacher for details

### **MFL**

The languages department are running additional mock exams in the Listening and Reading papers in both French and Spanish next week. If students are absent due to a trip or illness there will be a mop up session for them to complete the exams the following week.

### **Year 11 English: Animal Farm Theatre Trip**

If you have been notified via ParentPay, please make payment for the English trip to Nottingham Theatre (10<sup>th</sup> April 2025) as soon as possible, please.

### **Year 11 Geography trips**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11GC are going to Padley Gorge in Derbyshire and 11GA are going on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are advising that pupils bring layers as the weather is changeable and wear sensible shoes for walking along footpaths and close to the river. They may get wet and a bit muddy. Pupils also need to bring a packed lunch. Those in receipt of free school meals will be provided one.

### **GCSE PE**

Monday lunch – Girls basketball moderation practice

Thursday Lunch – Boys basketball moderation practice

Thursday after school – Football moderation practice. For all students that want to be assessed in football