



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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14<sup>th</sup> March 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

## Comic Relief Day, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Non uniform day, donations can be made via ParentPay or bringing in cash on the day. We ask that students do not come to College inappropriately dressed, or displaying any offensive slogans.



## PTFA Event, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm

Not long now until our Pop-Up Fashion Show! On March 27<sup>th</sup>, get ready to enjoy a catwalk full of the latest trends from high street brands with discount prices. All proceeds from the night will support new equipment for the art department. Buy event tickets and raffle tickets [here](#).

Every ticket includes a free entry into a prize draw to win a £25 voucher to be used on the night to buy items from the show!

There will be drinks, snacks and a bar for the adults, as well as a raffle, and once again our local businesses have provided some amazing prizes! Buy your raffle tickets for prizes from Ghandis, The Radisson, Orissa, Doning-Tan, The Priest House, Allen's Automotive, Deli No.11, Buddie's Florist, Tracey Bainbridge beauty and more to be announced!

If you can't attend, you can still support the art department by buying a raffle ticket via this [link](#). You can also help us spread the word by liking and sharing our Facebook post [Friends of CDC - 📣📣 Just over 2 weeks til the fashion... | Facebook](#) You can also help us spread the word by liking and sharing our

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We can't wait to welcome you for a night of fashion and fun, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (in the school hall).

### **Rock & Pop Night, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm**

Students need to sign up with Mr Purkiss or Mr Hicken. Details for ticket sales will be released in due course.

### **Communication with the College**

If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528 Email for 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. [First Aid](#)

Child Year 8 immunisations for HPV and MMR will be taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Information regarding consent to be sent out shortly.

### **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 they use to access the school computers.

### **Upcoming Trips**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Drama Theatre trip – Winding Theatre, Chesterfield

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – London British Museum, Year 7

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Italy trip to Naples, Year 9

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Animal Farm Theatre trip

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May– Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice weekend

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessment weekend

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – De Montfort University Degree Show, Year 10

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Year 7

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom

### **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.

Year 8

**Pastoral Support**

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.

Year 9

**Pastoral Support**

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.

Year 10

**Pastoral Support**

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.

**GCSE PE**

	<p>All students have been given a letter about their athletics assessment at Loughborough University. This has also been sent on parent pay. If you could sign and return the permission slip by the end of March.</p>
<p>Year 11</p>	<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>PROM</u></b></p> <p>For those who have paid a deposit for the Leavers' Prom, please be aware ParentPay is open for payment of the remaining balance. The deadline date is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p><b><u>Art and Textiles</u></b></p> <p>Students are now 5 weeks in school away from their 10-hour exam.</p> <p>All students are aware of the tasks they should be completing each week and are given opportunities at lunch and <b>after school on Wednesday and Thursday to use the facilities.</b></p> <p>Students should now have all artists complete, with at least 2 double pages of developments, and are now completing extra research, that can include primary research, or research in the direction of a final piece.</p> <p>Please check in with your child, and see all the beautiful work they are creating, and encourage them to come to the after-school sessions to ensure they are not falling behind!</p> <p>Thank you, Mrs Dudley, and Mr Brennan</p> <p><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>Pupils PinPoint Learning accounts have been updated following the most recent Year 11 Maths Mocks.</p> <p>Pupils have all been given their updated list of consistent weakness and linked Maths Watch videos. To improve, pupils need to watch the highlighted videos and attempt the interactive questions on MathsWatch on their identified consistent weakness topics.</p> <p>In addition, all Year 11 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 the most recent Maths Mock Paper 1</p>

(Non-Calculator). Pupils need to work through this booklet for homework this week. Pupils need to ask their maths teacher if they are having any difficulties.

The video link below explains how the PinPoint learning programme works.  
[Supporting Year 11 Pupils with GCSE Maths final \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **GCSE PE**

NEA Deadline is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

GCSE football moderation practice – Thursday after school

GCSE Basketball moderation practice – Monday lunch (girls) Thursday lunch (Boys).

### **GCSE Music**

Composition clinic – Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday after school with Mr Purkiss.

Students are also welcome to independently work on their compositions before school /during break/lunch and after school