



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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28<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	<p><b>Rock &amp; Pop Night, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm</b></p> <p>Students need to sign up with Mr Purkiss or Mr Hicken. Tickets are now available on Parent Pay - £6 for adults and £4 for under-18s.</p> <p><b>Communication with the College</b></p> <p>If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528 Email for 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>
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**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.

**Polite reminder:** - We are happy for your child to carry paracetamol or ibuprofen for their own use but please inform them not to give to other students.

Year 8 immunisations for HPV will be taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Information regarding consent has been sent out on Parent Pay.

**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**

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.

**British Museum Trip – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

For the British Museum trip on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, please ensure your child is at the College at approximately 6:50 ready for departure at 7:00. We should be returning to the College at approximately 19:00. Pupils should be in full uniform with comfortable shoes, and bring a packed lunch and something to write with. Some money to spend in the gift shop can also be brought. If you have any further questions about the trip, please get in touch with Mr Turner.

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

**ITALY TRIP**

We are really excited about our upcoming trip, for those attending, please remember you need to be on site by 11:30am on SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – you will need a packed lunch for on the coach. Any last minute queries please get in touch. [afincham@cdcollege.uk](mailto:afincham@cdcollege.uk) or [sdanes@cdcollege.uk](mailto:sdanes@cdcollege.uk)

**Pastoral Support**

	<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>
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>GCSE PE</u></b></p> <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><b><u>Year 10 mock interviews</u></b></p> <p>On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March our Year 10 pupils will be having 15-minute mock interview with visitors from local businesses.</p> <p><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>A Year 10 Maths letter has been uploaded to Parent Pay. The letter gives information about Mathematics in Key Stage 4 and explains how you can help support your child to learn at home as well as in school.</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>GCSE Exam Timetable</u></b></p> <p>A copy of this can be found <a href="#">here</a> on our website.</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 3 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>

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.

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!

Thank you,  
Mrs Dudley, and Mr Brennan

### **Maths**

Pupils PinPoint Learning accounts have been updated following the most recent Year 11 Maths Mocks.

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.

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 2 (Calculator allowed).

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 on the front cover of the booklet.

Pupils need to work through this booklet for homework this week and 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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Maths Club is on every Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm in the Maths department. All pupils are welcome to attend.

