



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

WORK HARD. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. BE KIND



4th April 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>Rock & Pop Night, Tuesday 8th April 7:00pm</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>Fashion show</p> <p>We would like to say a massive thank you to the PTFA and all who attended last Thursday for raising a massive £934 for the Design Department. We have used the money to invest into new equipment that can be used across the department for our GCSE students.</p>
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Communication with the College

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

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 4th 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.

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

Upcoming Trips

Sunday 6th – Wednesday 9th April – Italy trip to Naples, Year 9

Thursday 10th April – Animal Farm Theatre trip

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th May– Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice weekend

Friday 6th June – Y10 GCSE PE athletics assessment at Loughborough University.

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June – Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessment weekend

Wednesday 25th June – De Montfort University Degree Show, Year 10

Friday 27th June – Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Year 7

Friday 27th June – Year 11 Prom

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our Bronze and Silver Practice Expeditions are on the horizon.

Bronze participants will be completing a two day and one night practice on 17th and 18th May.

Silver participants will be completing a two day and two-night practice expedition on 16th, 17th and 18th May

Please can parents and carers ensure they read all correspondences sent via Parent Pay.

Wishing all participants and their families the best of luck with their preparations.

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>
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>
Year 9	<p><u>ITALY TRIP</u></p> <p>We are really excited about our upcoming trip, for those attending, please remember you need to be on site by 11:30am on SUNDAY 6TH APRIL – you will need a packed lunch for on the coach. Any last minute queries please get in touch. afincham@cdcollege.uk or sdanes@cdcollege.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>
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>Art, Textiles and Graphics Trip to De Montfort University</u></p> <p>We have sent out letters to all those invited to the Degree Show at De Montfort University on the 25th June 2025. The show is a great way to introduce students to Higher Education, to see what courses and potential careers exist in the creative world, and to see how collections are created, and presented at a high level.</p> <p>Please check emails, and ParentPay if your child studies one of the above subjects. If the trip has any spaces, we will also open it up to Design Technology students in May.</p>

	<p><u>Y10 GCSE PE</u> Section 4 of the NEA (fitness weakness) is due on the last day of this term (Friday 11th April). Students need to email their latest version of the NEA to Mr Delaney. PE1 is available for students to come and complete their NEA at lunchtimes.</p>
Year 11	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u> 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>GCSE Exam Timetable</u> A copy of this can be found here on our website.</p> <p><u>PROM</u> 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 10th April.</p> <p><u>Art and Textiles</u> Students are now 2 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 after school on Wednesday and Thursday to use the facilities.</p> <p>Students should now be creating their Final Design Ideas, these pages need to include samples and experimentation to plan how they will make their 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><u>Maths</u> All Year 11 pupils have been given a full GCSE paper to work through for homework this week. Pupils are allowed to use a calculator on this paper. Please encourage your child to give their best effort when attempting the questions and to hand this paper in on time. The paper is due to be handed in on Thursday 10th April.</p>

In addition, 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.

The video link below explains how the PinPoint Learning programme works.

[Supporting Year 11 Pupils with GCSE Maths final \(youtube.com\)](#)

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

French. Pupils have been given their time for their speaking exam which will take place on Thursday 1st May for Foundation and on Friday 2nd May for Higher.

Spanish

We have shared the below link on Satchel One with the students, it is a useful resource with tips and tricks and ways to revise for their upcoming Spanish exams.

[MyGCSESpanishTutor - YouTube](#)

GCSE PE

Students have been given lots of revision material to complete over half term (Ever-learner, Flash-cards, Knowledge organizers and past papers).

Key dates GCSE PE

Y11 PE practical exam – ***Thursday 8th MAY***

Paper 1 Revision session (after school 3.30-5pm) - ***DATE CHANGE to TUESDAY 6th MAY.***

Paper 2 Revision session (after school 3.30-5pm) - ***TUESDAY 20th MAY.***



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