



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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11th 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>Happy Easter!</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support this term.</p> <p>College reopens on Monday 28th April</p> <p>Communication with the College</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You can contact us regarding absences: attendance@cdcollege.uk</p> <p>Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records.</p> <p>First Aid</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. firstaid@cdcollege.uk</p> <p><u>Polite reminder:</u> - 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.</p>
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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

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

	<p>Duke of Edinburgh Award</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Silver participants will be completing a two day and two-night practice expedition on 16th ,17th and 18th May</p> <p>Please can parents and carers ensure they read all correspondences sent via Parent Pay.</p> <p>Wishing all participants and their families the best of luck with their preparations.</p>
Year 7	<p>Pastoral Support</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> <p>Year Seven Parents’ Evening (online) is on Thursday 1st May. A separate letter has been sent about this</p>
Year 8	<p>Pastoral Support</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>Pastoral Support</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>Pastoral Support</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>Art, Textiles and Graphics Trip to De Montfort University</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>
Year 11	<p><u>Pastoral Support</u></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><u>GCSE Exam Timetable</u></p> <p>A copy of this can be found here on our website.</p> <p><u>PROM</u></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 10th April.</p> <p><u>Textiles</u></p> <p>The Textiles exams take place the first week back after Easter. Students have been split into 2 groups; either on 29th/30th April or 1st/2nd of May.</p> <p>For extra time to get their work completed/ improve their work, I am running a day in the Easter holidays on Tuesday 22nd April 10am-2pm.</p> <p>All Textiles students are invited and encouraged to attend.</p> <p><u>French</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pupils and parents of pupils who have requested a one-to-one session during the Easter holidays have been emailed the time. Please, ensure pupils turn up at the time stated. Merci !</p> <p><u>Spanish</u></p> <p>Easter Revision sessions are taking place on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th. Students have picked their own slots for this. If they are no longer able to attend, please make sure that they have informed Miss Hayes in advance – shayes@cdcollge.uk.</p>

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***

GCSE Maths

To help with Easter Revision all Year 11 pupils have been given the following resources.

- GCSE Predicted Paper 1. This paper has video solutions so pupils can mark their work once completed.
- 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 3 (Calculator allowed).
- Exam Practice workbook. Pupils are encouraged to complete any pages they have started in class. Answers are in the back of the book so pupils can mark their work. There are also additional Practice Papers in the back of the book if pupils wish to work through more past papers.

Individual teachers will go through any problems in class after the Easter break.

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 \(youtube.com\)](#)