



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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9th May 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>The school day during exam season</p> <p>In order to accommodate the public exam season, from Monday 12th May to Friday 26th June the school day will run as follows:</p> <p>8:45: Tutor time 9:10: Lesson 1 10:10: Lesson 2 11:10: Break 11:30: Lesson 3 12:30: Lunch 13:15: Lesson 4 14:15: Lesson 5 15:15: End of day</p> <p>During the exam period, starting on Monday 12th May, students do not need to bring a full PE kit to school but they must have with them a pair of trainers to change into for PE lessons. Fields can be muddy, which means a change of footwear will be essential</p> <p>All students will still be expected to fully participate in all lessons and if ill or injured then a note will still be needed to excuse them from performing in the lesson. All students will be reminded of being 'PE ready' by tying hair back and removing jewellery.</p> <p>When exams finish at the end of June, students will be expected to return to the full PE Kit for all PE lessons.</p> <p>Communication with the College</p>
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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. firstaid@cdcollege.uk

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.

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

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

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

	<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>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>
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>Key dates GCSE PE</u></p> <p>Paper 2 Revision session (after school 3.30-5pm) - <u>TUESDAY 20th MAY</u></p> <p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>In preparation for the Maths GCSE paper 1 (non-calculator) all pupils have been given a Paper 1 Revision Mat and a Predicted Paper 2025 to work through. This paper has video solutions so pupils can mark their work once</p>

completed. Individual class teachers will go through any difficulties in lessons.

In addition, pupils have their Maths 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.

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](https://www.youtube.com))

Textiles

This is the last week of improving Component 1 in Textiles. Students need to improve and return their Component 1s (the light green book) by **Tuesday 13th May** for marking and moderation.

Marks will be returned the following week for both Component 1 and 2

ART

As above, this is also the last week for all art students to complete their Component 1 sketchbooks. Deadline for Completion is **Wednesday 14th May**.

Continued support for Component 1 sketchbook work will be in lesson time, lunchtimes and after school Wednesday and Thursday in the art room.

Marks for Component 1 and Component 2 (Exam) will be given the week commencing 19th May.

