



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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23rd 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>Half term</p> <p>Next week is the half term holiday and we look forward to seeing pupils on their return on 2nd June. We hope you all have a well-deserved and enjoyable break!</p> <p>The school day during exam season</p> <p>A reminder that 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, 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</p>
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lesson. All students will be reminded of being 'PE ready' by tying hair back and removing jewellery.

When exams finish at the end of June, students will be expected to return to the full PE Kit for all PE lessons.

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. 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

Free School Meals eligibility

If your child isn't registered for Free School Meals and you receive any of the following benefits, your child may be able to get free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Follow this link to apply: [Free School Meals](#)

Upcoming Trips

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

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>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>Year 10 Mock Exam timetable can be viewed at the end of this bulletin</p> <p><u>Maths - End of Year exams</u></p> <p>Pupils have been given the following resources to help guide their revision for their Maths end of year exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision Check List with linked MathsWatch video document. • Revision Mats. <p>In addition to the above, pupils have their Topic Check sheets and Unit Test analysis documents. (These documents are on green paper and can be found stuck in the pupils' exercise book.) To improve, pupils need to watch the linked Maths Watch videos and attempt the questions focussing on the topics they have identified as an area for development.</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>Year 11 Amended Timetables</u></p> <p>Year 11 pupils will be following amended timetables after half term. An updated version of these, with some minor changes was issued on Monday 19th May.</p> <p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Pupils have been given the following resources to help guide their revision for Maths Paper 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of topics more likely to appear on Paper 2. • Calculator allowed revision Mats • A Paper 2 Predicted Paper. This paper has video solutions so pupils can mark their work once completed. Individual class teachers will go through any difficulties in lessons. <p>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.</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</p>

	<p>videos and attempt the interactive questions on MathsWatch on their identified consistent weakness topics.</p>
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	<p>The video link below explains how the PinPoint Learning programme works. Supporting Year 11 Pupils with GCSE Maths final (youtube.com)</p>
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YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS JUNE 2025

Morning Session			Date	Afternoon Session		
Subject	Title	Duration		Subject	Title	Duration
English Literature	Shakespeare and Post 1914 Literature	1h 45 m	Thursday 19th June	Food and Nutrition	Elements of Paper 1	1h
				Spanish	Writing (F and H)	1h 15m
				Design - Option A	Core Technical Principals and Designing and Making Principles	1h 15m
				History - Option A	Paper 1: Crime and Punishment	1h 20m
				Drama	Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice	
Maths	Paper 1 non calculator (F and H)	1h 30m	Friday 20th June	Biology	Combined Science Biology Paper 1 (F and H)	1h 15m
				Biology	Separate Science Biology Paper 1 (F and H)	1h 45m
Monday 23rd June - no exams						
English Language	Fiction and Imaginative writing	1h 45m	Tuesday 24th June	Child Development	Health and wellbeing	1h
				History - Option D	Paper 1: Crime and Punishment	1h 20m
				Computer Science	Paper 2: computational thinking, algorithms and programming	1h 30m
				PE - Option D	Elements of Papers 1 and 2	1h 30m
Wednesday 25th June - no exams						
Maths Calculator	Paper 2 calculator (F and H)	1h 30m	Thursday 26th June	Citizenship - Option C	Elements of Paper 2	1h 5m
				Design - Option C	Core Technical Principals and Designing and Making Principles	1h 15m
				PE - Option C	Elements of Papers 1 and 2	1h 30m
				Physics - Option C	Separate Science Physics (F and H)	1h 45m
Chemistry	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 (F and H)	1h 15m	Friday 27th June	Geography	Paper 1	1h 30m
				French	Writing (F and H)	1h 15m
Chemistry	Separate Science Chemistry Paper 1 (F and H)	1h 45m		Citizenship - Option B	Elements of Paper 2	1h 5m