



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly bulletin, providing you with a range of general information and forthcoming events at the college.

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| All Years | <p>End of term arrangements</p> <p>The school day will finish at 12:45pm on Friday 11th July. School buses will collect pupils at this time. Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform on the last day of term.</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 Tuesday 2nd July, 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.

PE – from Monday 30th June

Thank you for support during the Y11 exam period. During this time students have been working hard on their athletics performance, improving their technique and achieving their personal bests. Students have responded well, and I am pleased to announce that from Monday 30th June students will return to normal for their PE lessons.

This means that from Monday 30th June, ALL students need to bring PE kit into school and change ready for their PE lessons. To be 'PE ready' students need to bring the following.

- CDC PE top
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Suitable footwear – trainers
- Hair should be tied back and jewellery removed.

Sports day – Tuesday 1st July

Our annual sports day will take place on Tuesday 2nd July. On this day students can come into College in their PE kit or the colours that represent the country they have been allocated. Please be mindful that if the weather is hot, students can bring a hat, water and suntan lotion.

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 |
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| 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

Duke Of Edinburgh

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessment weekend

Drop off point: Hartington Square at 0800 on Saturday 21st June.

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Collection Point: Hartington Square at 1400 on Sunday 22nd June.

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Please also ensure all payments are now complete.

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- Routes will be planned and put on to maps for the participants. This will help to speed up the start of the expedition.
- **Sun protection is essential.** Participants must have sun cream (factor 50+ is advised). Sun hats are highly recommended. Shoulders must be covered, therefore strappy tops are not suitable. Despite the heat, it is recommended to avoid shorts. Long trousers will protect legs from the sun. Sunglasses are recommended.
- **Rucksacks should be a light as possible.** Avoid packing items that aren't required and items that were not needed during the Practice weekend. Avoid packing items like pyjamas, onesies and heavy trainers. Avoid heavy and thick clothing.
- **Waterproofs remain essential kit.**
- Additional water stops will be available each day.
- All required medication must be packed.
- Routes on Saturday will be shorter.

- Participants will not be carrying tents, Trangias or gas.
- There will be the option to lighten packs at the start and at checkpoints, as required.

Wednesday 25th June

De Montfort University Degree Show, Year 10

Friday 27th June – Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Year 7

Friday 27th June – Year 11 Prom

Specialist Education Needs Assessment (SENA) team, Leicestershire

The Specialist Education Needs Assessment (SENA) team in Leicestershire has developed a new and improved service to help families contact the service and deal with enquiries.

As of **Monday 2nd June 2025** Parents and Carers can contact the Service as follows:

The best way to contact SENA is by using their online [Contact Us form](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/contact-sena)
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/contact-sena>

The SENA Case Managers can then review your query and make all the necessary checks and contact you with a clear response.

Another option is to use [MS Teams Bookings](https://outlook.office.com/book/SpecialEducationalNeedsAssessment)
<https://outlook.office.com/book/SpecialEducationalNeedsAssessment>
SENATeamBookAChat@leics.gov.uk/

which offers you the opportunity to book a call with someone online to discuss your query.

Bookable 15-minute slots are available 9 am to 11 am on a Tuesday of each week.

Alternatively, a Duty SENA officer is available to pick up telephone calls on **0116 305 6600** on

Mondays 2 pm to 4.30 pm;

Wednesdays 12 pm to 2.30 pm;

Thursdays 9 am to 11.30 am.

Calls are queue managed to avoid long wait times.

See Video '[How to contact SENA](https://youtu.be/vqP9qyRJR50)' <https://youtu.be/vqP9qyRJR50>

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| | <p>Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow</p> <p>“Come along and find out about Local SEND services and support.</p> <p>The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners”.</p> <p>Wednesday 25th June 10.00 am - 13.00pm</p> <p>Gorse Covert Community Centre, Loughborough; LE114RZ</p> <p>To book your FREE tickets via</p> <p style="text-align: center;">leicestershire.gov.uk/ local-offer-roadshows</p> <p>To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.leics.gov.uk/ send</p> |
| 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> <p><u>MFL – Concrete Poetry Competition</u></p> <p>The MFL department are launching a Concrete Poetry Competition. A concrete poem is a shape that is made up of words – It's where language becomes art!</p> <p>The task is to create a concrete poem in French or Spanish on any theme you like.</p> <p>The competition will be judged on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creative shape that reflects the meaning of the poem - Great use of the target language. <p>Please submit your entries via your language teacher by Monday 30th June. There will be a prize for the best entry.</p> <p>Here’s an example for inspiration.</p> |



Year 8

Pastoral Support

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MFL – Specialisation for Year 9

A letter and a Microsoft Form have been sent out to parents asking for a preference in language for current Year 8 pupils going into Year 9. Please can we have responses submitted by the **27th June**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g9tMBGKdBS>

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Year 9

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Year 10 Mock Exam timetable can be viewed at the end of this bulletin

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Maths - End of Year exams

Pupils have been given the following resources to help guide their revision for their Maths end of year exams.

- Revision checklist with linked MathsWatch video document.
- Revision Mats.

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.

Art, Textiles and Graphics Trip to De Montfort University

An email has been sent for all students that are coming on the DMU trip on 25/06/25. Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding the trip that I have not mentioned in that email!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dudley

Geography fieldwork trip

All GCSE Geography pupils are going to Nottingham on Monday 7th July. Details have been sent via Parent Pay including details on how to pay. The cost is £12.50 per pupil.

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GCSE PE – All Y10 GCSE PE students need to have their NEA saved/emailed ready to upload on the school network next week.

Year 11

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Year 11 Medication

If any Year 11 Students have Medication securely stored in College, would parents please confirm if you would like this returned or for it to be taken to the local pharmacy and destroyed.

GCSE Results Day

Pupils will be able to collect their results on Thursday 21st August. We will provide further details before the end of term.

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMS JUNE 2025

| Morning Session | | | Date | Afternoon Session | | |
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| 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 |