



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

WORK HARD. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. BE KIND



27th 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.

All Years	<p>The School Day</p> <p>The structure of the school day will return to ‘normal’ from Wednesday 2nd July, with lunch from 1:30 – 2:15pm.</p> <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>Year 6 Transition</p> <p>Next week we welcome Year 6 to the college as part of our final preparations for their transition to us. Transition Evening will take place Monday 30th June. Our Transition Days will be taking place Thursday 3rd July and Friday 4th July.</p> <p>Celebration Assemblies</p> <p>During the final week of term, all students will receive formal recognition for their academic progress and achievement alongside our coveted specialist awards linked to the college values.</p> <p>We very much look forward to sharing in these celebrations!</p> <p><u>PE – from Monday 30th June</u></p> <p>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</p>
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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
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](#)

	<p>Specialist Education Needs Assessment (SENA) team, Leicestershire</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As of Monday 2nd June 2025, Parents and Carers can contact the Service as follows:</p> <p>The best way to contact SENA is by using their online Contact Us form https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/contact-sena</p> <p>The SENA Case Managers can then review your query and make all the necessary checks and contact you with a clear response.</p> <p>Another option is to use MS Teams Bookings https://outlook.office.com/book/SpecialEducationalNeedsAssessmentSENATeamBookAChat@leics.gov.uk/</p> <p>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.</p> <p>See Video 'How to contact SENA' https://youtu.be/vqP9qyRjRS0</p> <p>To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit www.leics.gov.uk/ send</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>

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The task is to create a concrete poem in French or Spanish on any theme you like.

The competition will be judged on

- Creative shape that reflects the meaning of the poem
- Great use of the target language.

Please submit your entries via your language teacher by Monday 30th June. There will be a prize for the best entry.

Here's an example for inspiration.



Year 8

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Year 9

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	<p>A huge well done to all of the Year 10 pupils on completing their first experience of mock exams under exam conditions. We hope that they make the most of their work experience week next week and start to feel prepared for Year 11 next year</p> <p>Mr Brown</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>Year 11 Medication</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>GCSE Results Day</u></p> <p>Pupils will be able to collect their results on Thursday 21st August. We will provide further details before the end of term.</p>