



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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29th August 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>Welcome Back!</p> <p>Welcome back to all our pupils – we hope you’ve had a great first week!</p> <p><u>Open Evening</u></p> <p>For those of you with children in year 6, you can now register your intention to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 25th September. Click here for more information: Castle Donington College - Open Evening</p> <p><u>Communication with the College</u></p> <p>If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528</p> <p>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>For all communication with the SEND department, please direct emails to our central SEND inbox – send@cdcollege.uk</p>
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First Aid

Please update the college on any new medication that your child is taking. Please remember that if you are bringing any medication into college it needs to be in prescribed pack with the student's name and prescribed dose on.

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 a small amount of 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

Uniform Standards

Thank you to all families for their continued support with uniform.

Clear guidance on what we do and do not allow students to wear can be found [here](#)

Please contact your child's Head of Year should you require further support.

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](#)

School Bus timetable update – Kegworth buses

https://www.winsoncoaches.co.uk/images/school_pdf/s868_25-26.pdf

Food Lessons

All students in Key Stage 3 who are in food for their rotation will require an apron for practical work. They do not need to be branded but should also be fully appropriate for a school environment.

When students have a practical session, this will be published on Satchel One and will include all ingredients and equipment required. We will provide the vast majority of equipment, but most dishes will require a method to transport the food home either as a plastic tub for cooled foods or an oven proof dish for hot food.

	<p><u>Humanities Clubs</u></p> <p>History Club will be held Monday lunchtimes in H4 with Mr Turner – we’re starting the year by preparing our display for Year 6 Open Evening!</p> <p>Debate Club will be held Friday lunchtimes in H4 with Mr Turner – come prepared with questions or statements you want to debate in the style of the House of Commons!</p> <p><u>Upcoming Trips</u></p> <p>Wednesday 3rd September: Y11 Football / Netball tournaments at Charnwood College</p> <p>Thursday 4th / Friday 5th September: Y11 Geography Fieldwork – Padley Gorge</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>
Year 8	<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>
Year 9	<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 10	<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 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</p>

success stories outside of school, so we can help to celebrate these achievements with our students.

Football and Netball Tournaments at Charnwood College

Pupils involved in these tournaments will leave college at 3:15pm and will return at approximately 6:00pm

GCSE Geography fieldtrip

Year 11 geographers are completing their river fieldwork in northern Derbyshire next week.

Mrs Haines' group is going on Thursday 4th September and Mr Nelson's group is going on 5th September.

All information was sent out before the summer holidays but if you have any questions please get in touch with Mr Nelson.

All pupils need to wear sensible clothing as we will be on rugged and muddy footpaths and need to bring a packed lunch as we will not be near shops.

Pupils in receipt of free school lunches will have a pack up provided.

If you have not done so already, please fill out the permissions on Parent Pay along with the voluntary contribution of £12.50