



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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12th September 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><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>Vacancy</u></p> <p>We are seeking a reliable and enthusiastic Lettings Assistant to join our team to be the welcoming face of the school and help us provide an excellent service during community lettings. More details are available here.</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 |

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](#)

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.

SEND Roadshow

Please see advert at the end of this bulletin for the next Leicestershire Local Offer Roadshow on 15th September 2025.

Macmillan Bake Sale:

On the 26th September, the college will be holding our annual bake sale to help raise funds for Macmillan.

We ask for donations of cakes (no nuts and full ingredient list needed) – both homemade or shop bought – we will happily take them all. Students and staff will be able to buy cakes for 20p – 50p at break time.

Any donations of cakes need to be brought down to the English Area during tutor time on Friday 26th September.

We will also be holding a "Bake Off" style competition for any aspiring bakers: This year's theme is "The Beauty of Books".

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| | <p><u>Year 10 Girls Netball Tournament Report</u></p> <p>The Year 10 girls' netball team were absolutely fantastic in this week's tournament, with some brilliant support from our Year 9 players. The team went unbeaten across their matches, winning five games and drawing against Charnwood, showcasing great teamwork and determination throughout.</p> <p>Castle Donington scored an incredible 55 goals across the tournament – which is the highest total in the tournament – and secured a superb 2nd place finish overall.</p> <p>Special mention goes to our Players of the Tournament, Eleri and Isla, for their outstanding performances and leadership on court.</p> <p>A huge well done to the whole squad – you represented the school brilliantly!</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> <p><u>French revision sessions</u></p> <p>Students doing GCSE French in Year 10 are being invited to attend a revision session on Wednesday lunch times. We will be starting by recapping the basics then working on topics and skills they need help with.</p> |

Year 11

Pastoral Support

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.

Post 16 Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who attended on Wednesday. You can find a copy of the main presentation here: [Where Next?](#)

Barcelona Trip – Spanish, Art & Design

There will be a pre-departure information evening on the **18th September 18:30 – 19:30**. Please note that we are asking for all passports and GHIC/EHIC's to be handed into reception by the **25th September** but you are more than welcome to bring the passport in on the pre-departure evening.

French revision sessions

All year 11 pupils doing GCSE French have been given the list of revision sessions that will take place between Monday 8th September and Monday 1st June (also attached at the end of this bulletin).

Please, encourage/remind you child to attend on the days that cover skills they need help with. Any external candidates are welcome to attend too.

Spanish Revision Sessions

Spanish revision sessions for GCSE Spanish will be taking place Thursday lunch time. Next week it will be Foundation and we will be focussing on the **Preterite Tense**.

Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow

Monday 15th September 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, LE3 8RF

Come along with your child / young person to have a go at activities and find out about Local SEND services and support available

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.

We are inviting **children and young people** to come along to this Roadshow to have a go at some activities on offer. We can't wait to welcome you...

Please book your FREE tickets via
leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows
Free parking available

To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit

www.leics.gov.uk/send

Scan here
to book tickets



Y11 French revision sessions. Monday lunch.

| Date | Skill practice/focus | Tier |
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| 15/9 | Speaking read aloud | F + H |
| 22/9 | Writing 50 words | F only |
| 29/9 | Speaking role play | F + H |
| 6/10 | Speaking conversation, understanding questions | F + H |
| 13/10 | Listening practice | F + H |
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| 27/10 | Reading practice | F + H |
| 3/11 | Speaking photo card | F + H |
| 10/11 | Writing 90 words | F + H |
| 17/11 | Reading, translation into English | F only |
| 24/11 | Reading, translation into English | H only |
| 1/12 | Listening, dictation | F + H |
| 8/12 | Speaking conversation, answering questions | F + H |
| 15/12 | Writing, translation into French | F only |
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| 12/1 | Writing, translation into French | H only |
| 19/1 | Speaking, pronunciation practice | F + H |
| 26/1 | Listening practice | F + H |
| 2/2 | Reading practice | F + H |
| 9/2 | Writing photo task and 50 words | F only |
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| 23/2 | Speaking read aloud | F + H |
| 2/3 | Translation to English | F + H |
| 9/3 | Speaking role play | F + H |
| 16/3 | Speaking conversation | F + H |
| 23/3 | Listening practice | F + H |
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| Easter holiday 2 hr TBC | Speaking | F only |
| Easter holiday 2 hr TBC | Speaking | H only |
| | | F + H |
| 13/4 | Dictation practice | F + H |
| 20/4 | Reading practice | F + H |
| 27/4 | 90 words writing | F + H |
| 11/5 | Listening + reading practice | F + H |
| 18/5 | Listening, dictation practice | F + H |
| 25/5 | Writing, verbs and tenses | F + H |
| 1/6 | Writing 150 words | H only |