



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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19th 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.

All Years

Open Evening

We are looking forward to our Year 6 Open Evening next Thursday.

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](#)

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.

For **all** communication with the SEND department, please direct emails to our central SEND inbox – send@cdcollege.uk

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.

School Council

Congratulations to all students who have been voted onto the School Council.

School Council Reps will also have the opportunity to run for the following leadership positions during the first full meeting (29/9/ 2025):

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity

	<p><u>Macmillan Bake Sale:</u></p> <p>On the 26th September, the college will be holding our annual bake sale to help raise funds for Macmillan.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any donations of cakes need to be brought down to the English Area during tutor time on Friday 26th September.</p> <p>We will also be holding a “Bake Off” style competition for any aspiring bakers: This year’s theme is “The Beauty of Books”.</p> <p><u>MFL Film Club</u></p> <p>Every Thursday, we watch a foreign film at lunchtime. We are currently watching Boule et Bill in French, with English subtitles.</p> <p><u>German Club</u></p> <p>Every Friday lunch time (starting Friday 26th September) there will be a German Club in L1. We will learn some German as well as learn more about German speaking countries. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Miss Hayes</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> <p><u>King Lear Trip</u></p> <p>All successful students have been sent a confirmation letter. Should any spaces become available on the trip, we will contact students that</p>

	<p>expressed interest initially. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please see Mrs Eaton in the first instance. Mrs Eaton will be arranging a meeting with all students in coming weeks to discuss expectations, the play and the timings of the day.</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> <p><u>Spanish revision sessions</u></p> <p>Spanish revision sessions for GCSE Spanish will be taking place Wednesday lunch time – Next week we will revise the present tense.</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>Post 16 Evening</u></p> <p>Thank you so much to everyone who attended this evening earlier in the month. You can find a copy of the main presentation here: Where Next?</p> <p><u>French revision sessions</u></p> <p>All year 11 pupils doing GCSE French have been given the list of revision sessions that will take place until Monday 1st June (also attached at the end of this bulletin).</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Spanish Revision Sessions</u></p> <p>Spanish revision sessions for GCSE Spanish will be taking place Thursday lunch time. Next week it will be Higher and we will be focussing on the Passive.</p>

Maths

A Year 11 Maths letter has been uploaded to Parent Pay. The letter gives information about Mathematics in Key Stage 4 and explains how you can help support your child to learn at home as well as in school.

Y11 French revision sessions. Monday lunch.

Date	Skill practice/focus	Tier
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
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
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
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
		F + H
Easter holiday 2 hr TBC	Speaking	F only
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		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



CASTLE DONINGTON PE EXTRA CURRICULAR
TIMETABLE



PE	Lunch Turn up and play.	After School (3.15 – 4.10)
Monday	GCSE NEA support (PE1) (AD)	
Tuesday	Basketball Club (DH/DW)	KS3 Fitness (new fitness suite SG/NN) Fixtures (Netball/Football)
Wednesday	GCSE Volleyball (AD/OW/DH)	KS4 GIRLS FITNESS (new fitness suite OW) KS 3 Football (Astro) (AD)
Thursday	Netball Club (GYM) (OW)	Fixtures (Netball/Football) KS4 BOYS FITNESS (Fitness suite ME/NB/AD)
Friday	GCSE Ever-learner catch up (<u>PE1</u>) (AD)	