



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

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**OPEN EVENING**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

# Open Evening

- Principal's Welcome
- Pastoral – The Donington Way
- Curriculum – The Donington Classroom
- Effective Transition and the Admissions process
- Tour

# Principal's Welcome

**Work Hard**

**Take Responsibility**

**Be Kind**

# Achievements

Rated as a Good School by Ofsted in June 2024

*Pupils are polite, friendly and outgoing. Most pupils are happy at school. There is a keen sense of community. This helps pupils feel safe and secure. They know that there are always adults around to help them if they need support.*

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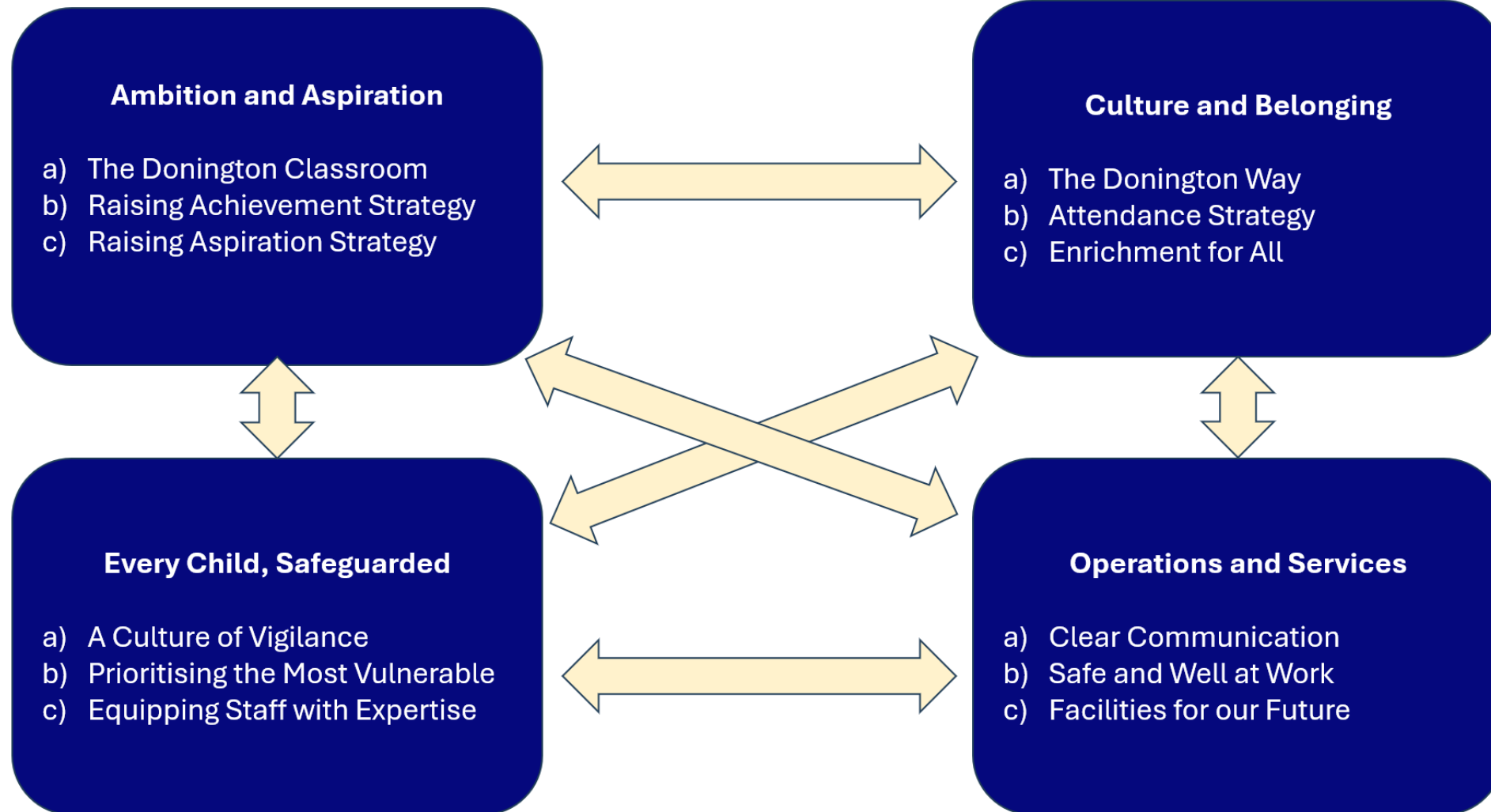
*The school offers good opportunities for pupils' personal development. Many pupils take part in extra-curricular activities, such as clubs and trips. There is a well-established Duke of Edinburgh's Award group.*

*The curriculum has high-quality opportunities that develop pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding. There is an active school council, which helps to develop pupils' leadership qualities.*

*Pupils follow an effective careers programme. This includes work experience for every pupil in Year 10. Pupils are well prepared for their next steps in education and employment.*

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# Our vision





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**The Donington Way**

# Fundamental Habits

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit.



*The Donington Way*

**WORK HARD. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. BE KIND**



*Pupils' behaviour is typically good. They understand what bullying is and how to report it. Many pupils say that the school deals with bullying quickly and effectively.*

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# **The Donington Classroom**

Curriculum

**"Broad and Balanced"**

- English Language
- English Literature
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Art and Design
- Textiles
- PSHEE
- Physical Education
- Design and Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Media
- Drama
- Music
- Biology
- French
- Citizenship
- Geography
- Computer Science
- Philosophy and Ethics
- History
- Careers
- Child Development

**"Ambitious"**

**"Beyond the National Curriculum"**

## THE DONINGTON CLASSROOM

Students' Guide

 **WORK HARD**

Start tasks straight away  
Try your very best on everything  
Take pride in the work you produce

 **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**

Arrive on time  
Bring the correct equipment  
Ask for help if you need it

 **BE KIND**

Follow instructions first time, every time  
Listen respectfully  
Support each other

## THE DONINGTON CLASSROOM

Teachers' Guide

- 1 GREET PUPILS AT THE DOOR**  
Build positive relationships. Ensure calm, orderly entry. Reinforce college expectations.
- 2 AMBITION FOR ALL**  
Expect courtesy and positive attitudes. Pupils should work hard. Expect pupils to aim high.
- 3 SHOW PASSION**  
Engender a sense of 'awe and wonder'. Enthuse about the subject. Enrich what you teach.
- 4 KNOW YOUR PUPILS**  
Use the approaches on pupils' passports. Use your seating plan to support those in need.
- 5 LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY**  
Pupils complete a task to recap prior learning or link to new learning as soon as they arrive.
- 6 EXPERT INPUT (INCLUDING MODELLING)**  
Teach pupils the core concepts and vocabulary. Use 'I do, we do'. Show them WAGOLL.
- 7 CHECK PUPILS' LEARNING**  
Question (cold calling) and/or use mini-whiteboards. Address gaps and misconceptions
- 8 INDEPENDENT PRACTICE**  
Circulate and support whilst pupils apply the learning.

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Enrichment

PE Fixtures and Clubs

Book Club

Barcelona

Instrumental and Vocal  
Lessons

Duke of Edinburgh

Art Club

Dungeon and Dragons

Media Club

Debate Club

History Club

Textiles Club

Coding Club

Drama Club

Careers Trips

Design Club

Fitness Club

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*All pupils follow an ambitious curriculum. The school has high expectations of every pupil's achievement and behaviour.*

*The motto, 'Work hard. Take responsibility. Be kind', sums up the school's philosophy well.*

*Most pupils meet the school's high expectations. They apply themselves well in lessons.*

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# **Effective Transition and the Admissions process**

# The transition from primary to secondary

## For pupils

1. Getting lost
2. Losing old friends
3. Homework
4. Discipline and detentions
5. Being bullied

## For parents

1. Bullying
2. Safety
3. The amount of homework
4. Adjusting to having lots of teachers
5. Making new friends

**Moving to secondary – top 5 concerns**

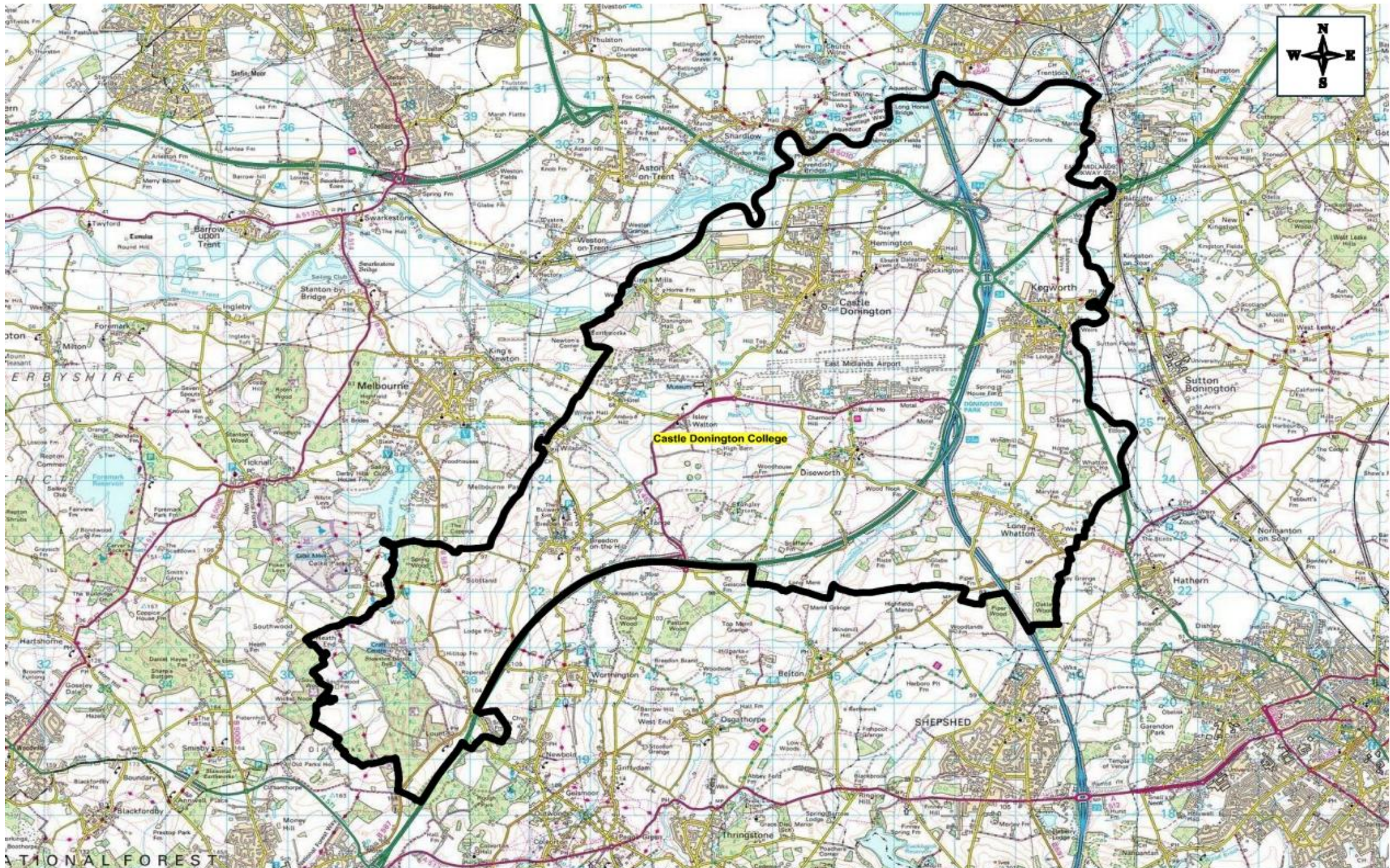


# Admissions Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Children who live in the college catchment area on the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a sibling attending the college.
3. Other children who live in the college catchment area on the closing date for applications.
4. Children who live outside the college catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a sibling attending the college.
5. Children who attend a feeder primary school on the closing date for applications.
6. Children of staff, where the member of staff has been employed at the college on a permanent contract for two or more years at the time of application.
7. Children living nearest to the college in a straight line distance.

# Our feeder schools

- Orchard Primary School
- Hemington Primary School
- St. Edward's Church of England Primary School
- St. Hardulph's Church of England Primary School
- Long Whatton Church of England Primary School
- Diseworth Church of England Primary School
- Kegworth Primary School
- *Foxbridge Primary School*



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## How to apply

- To apply for a place at Castle Donington College, complete the online form at [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk) by October 31st
- Our planned admission number is 150
- Don't name just one school; it doesn't improve your chances!



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Reception

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