



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

WORK HARD. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. BE KIND



17th October 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>Half Term</p> <p>A reminder that college is closed for half term next week. We hope that you all have a great week!</p> <p>2026-27 Term dates</p> <p>These can now be viewed on our website</p> <p>Friends of Castle Donington College PTFA</p> <p>Thank you to those who came to the AGM on Tuesday evening. We would love to welcome some more parents to the group!</p> <p>Please complete this short survey, if you are interested in being involved.</p> <p>Communication with the College</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.

MFL Film Club

Every Thursday, we watch a foreign film at lunchtime. We are currently watching Patchamama in Spanish, with English subtitles.

Warhammer Club

Every Wednesday after school in the hub, 3:15 till 4:00. Building, painting and playing, currently making our way through the Warhammer Alliance schools project, speak to Mr Bell if interested.

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The big drawing competition which runs throughout the month of October! All students (and staff) are welcome to take part. Participants need to register their names in the library, pick up a 'drawing strip' and fill in a drawing a day for the month of October.

Prizes will be announced for the winner of KS3 and a winner of KS4.

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| | <p><u>Supporting the Local Food Bank</u></p> <p>There is another chance to support this great cause as we move through October and name another form as the most charitable. Any donations can be brought down to Mrs Eaton in English.</p> <p><u>Sporting Success</u></p> <p>Congratulations to Sophia Fletcher who competed in the County Gymnastics Competition in Leicester on Sunday, 12/10/25. She got a silver medal overall and was selected for the Leicestershire County Team.</p> |
| Year 7 | <p>Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see you all in person!</p> <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> |

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| | <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 - this week we will be doing the Preterite 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>Year 11 Mock Exams</u></p> <p>These begin the week beginning 24th November. The full timetable can be seen on the next page. Languages speaking mocks and Art / Textiles / Graphics mocks take place in December.</p> |

YEAR 11 AUTUMN MOCK

November 17th-28th 2025

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| November 17th-28th 2025 | | | | | |
| School Week 1 Timetable | Start | Finish | Duration | Component Title | |
| | Mon 17th Nov | 09:15 | 10:45 | 1hr 30 | Maths Paper 1 - F/H |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Music - Listening paper |
| | Tue 18th Nov | 09:15 | 11:20 | 2hr 05 | English Language Paper 2 |
| | Wed 19th Nov | 09:15 | 10:30 | 1hr 15 | Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 - F/H |
| | | 09:15 | 11:00 | 1hr 45 | Chemistry Paper 1- F/H |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Option A: Design |
| | | 13:15 | 15:00 | 1hr 45 | Option A: Food and Nutrition |
| | | 13:15 | 14:35 | 1hr 20 | Option A: Drama |
| | | 13:15 | 14:30 | 1hr 20 | Option A: History |
| | Thu 20st Nov | 09:15 | 10:35 | 35/45 min | 11A- Spanish Reading&Listening- Foundation |
| | | 09:15 | 11:00 | 45min/1hr | 11A- Spanish Reading&Listening- Higher |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Option D: Computer Science |
| | | 13:15 | 14:30 | 1hr 15 | Option D: Child Development |
| 13:15 | | 14:30 | 1hr 20 | Option D: History | |
| Fri 21st Nov | 09:15 | 11:30 | 2hr 15 | English Literature Paper 2 | |
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| School Week 2 Timetable | Mon 24th Nov | 09:15 | 10:45 | 1hr 30 | Maths Paper 2 Calculator - F/H |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Option B: Geography |
| | | 13:15 | 15:00 | 1hr 45 | Option B: Citizenship |
| | Tue 25th Nov | 09:15 | 10:30 | 1hr 15 | Combined Science Physics Paper 1 - F/H |
| | | 09:15 | 11:00 | 1hr 45 | Physics Paper 1- F/H |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Media |
| | Wed 26th Nov | 09:15 | 10:35 | 35/45 min | 11B-French Reading&Listening- Foundation |
| | | 09:15 | 11:00 | 45min/1hr | 11B- French Reading&Listening- Higher |
| | | 13:15 | 14:45 | 1hr 30 | Option C: Design |
| | | 13:15 | 15:00 | 1hr 45 | Option C: Citizenship |
| | | 13:15 | 15:00 | 1hr 45 | Option C: Triple Science Biology F/H |
| | Thu 27th Nov | 09:15 | 11:00 | 1hr 45 | Option C&D: PE |
| | | 13:15 | | | Catch up Session |
| | Fri 28th Nov | 09:15 | | | Catch up Session |
| 13:15 | | | | Catch up Session | |

Y11 French revision sessions. Monday lunch.

| Date | Skill practice/focus | Tier |
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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 |



CASTLE DONINGTON PE EXTRA CURRICULAR
TIMETABLE



| PE | Lunch Turn up and play. | After School (3.15 – 4.10) |
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| 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) | |