



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

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31st 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.

All Years

2026-27 Term dates

These can now be viewed on our [website](#)

Change to the school day during Mock Exams

Advance notice that from Monday 17th November to Friday 28th November, the timing of lunch and Lesson 4 will change to accommodate the year 11 mock exams:

Lesson	Start Time	End Time
Tutor Time	08:45	09:10
Lesson 1	09:10	10:10
Lesson 2	10:10	11:10
BREAK	11:10	11:30
Lesson 3	11:30	12:30
LUNCH	12:30	13:15
Lesson 4	13:15	14:15
Lesson 5	14:15	15:15

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.

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. We are currently making our way through the Warhammer Alliance schools project. Speak to Mr Bell if interested.

Puzzle Club

Puzzle Club (Tues lunchtimes in the library) needs donations – jigsaws, crosswords, sudoku, word searches, Rubik's Cubes. Any other puzzles you can think of. If you have any taking up space at home, please think about donating them. Thank you.

Book Fair

The English department are delighted to host this year's Scholastic Book Fair from 11th – 14th November. Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We hope to inspire and excite them by bringing the book fair into the heart of our school with a pop-up school book shop!

At break and lunchtimes, students can come to browse the books on offer and make cash purchases to take books home with them.

*Please note, the fair will run as **cash only**. Books are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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 every other Wednesday lunch time (starting 29th October).</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 Conditional 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 17th 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

		Start	Finish	Duration	Component Title
School Week 1 Timetable	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
	Thu 20st Nov	13:15	14:30	1hr 20	Option A: History
		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
	Fri 21st Nov	13:15	14:30	1hr 20	Option D: History
09:15		11:30	2hr 15	English Literature Paper 2	
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
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
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



**THE CASTLE DONINGTON
AND DISTRICT BRANCH OF
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**REMEMBRANCE PARADE
AND SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025
10:50 AM**

**AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
HIGH STREET, CASTLE DONINGTON**

**PERSONNEL TAKING PART IN THE
PARADE SHOULD BE AT THE
COLLEGE, MOUNT PLEASANT
NO LATER THEN 10:30AM**





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)	