



## WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

5<sup>th</sup> December 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	<p><b><u>Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Bake Sale</u></b> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Proceeds to Save the Children and Action for Children</p> <p><b><u>End of term arrangements</u></b> A reminder that pupils will finish early on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 1:30pm. Pupils can opt to wear suitable non-school uniform on this day, with donations of £1 going to the School Council Fund</p> <p><b><u>Communication with the College</u></b> If you need to contact the college, you can telephone on 01332 810528 Email for general queries: <a href="mailto:postroom@cdcollege.uk">postroom@cdcollege.uk</a> Please include the nature of your enquiry in the subject line of the email. You can contact us regarding absences: <a href="mailto:attendance@cdcollege.uk">attendance@cdcollege.uk</a> Please include full details and attach/screenshot appointment cards for our records. For <b>all</b> communication with the SEND department, please direct emails to our central SEND inbox – <a href="mailto:send@cdcollege.uk">send@cdcollege.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Responsible Parking Reminder</u></b> We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring responsible and considerate parking when collecting or dropping off pupils at Castle Donington College. We have received concerns from local residents, including families with accessibility needs, about blocked access on roads approaching the college. We understand parking can be challenging at busy times, but please be mindful of residents' driveways and access points.</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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **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.

<b>Percentage Attendance</b>	<b>Number of Days Absence</b>	<b>Learning Missed in 1 Year</b>	<b>Learning Missed over 5 Years</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>0 Days</b>	<b>0 Lessons</b>	<b>0 Lessons</b>
<b>97%</b>	<b>6 Days</b>	<b>30 Lessons</b>	<b>150 Lessons</b>
<b>95%</b>	<b>9.5 Days</b>	<b>48 Lessons</b>	<b>240 Lessons</b>
<b>93%</b>	<b>13 Days</b>	<b>65 Lessons</b>	<b>325 Lessons</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 Days</b>	<b>95 Lessons</b>	<b>475 Lessons</b>

### **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](#)

### **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.

### **MFL Film Club**

Every Thursday, we watch a foreign film at lunchtime. We are currently watching Santa Buddies in German, 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.

Year 7	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></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><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></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><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></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><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></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><b><u>French revision sessions</u></b></p> <p>Students doing GCSE French in Year 10 are being invited to attend a revision session every other Wednesday lunch time. Last week we revised for the upcoming assessments and went through some tips for the writing assessment.</p> <p><b><u>Spanish revision sessions</u></b></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> <p><b><u>GCSE PE</u></b></p> <p>All students should have completed section one of their NEA (skill strength) and emailed it to Mr Woolf. Section 2 (skill weakness) is due before Christmas (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December).</p> <p><b><u>Bronze Duke of Edinburgh</u></b></p> <p>Participants must ensure that they are progressing their Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections. At this stage, most of these should be ending and participants should be arranging for assessor reports to be written. This means the participants needs to actively seek out their Assessors and hand</p>

	<p>them a report template to complete or send them the link to complete these digitally. The DofE will not accept typed responses that do not include start and end points for the activity, a summary of achievements and progress made and the full name and contact details of the assessors. When submitting an assessor report as a photo via the app, participants must tick the “Assessor Report” tab. This will notify the system that an assessor report has been submitted.</p> <p>There have been several messages in assemblies about this.</p> <p>There is an issue with missing and incorrect assessor reports for the expedition element. ICY Expedition have been made aware of this, and the issue will be resolved. Participants do not need to worry about this element.</p>
Year 11	<p><b><u>Pastoral Support</u></b></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><b><u>Silver Duke of Edinburgh</u></b></p> <p>Participants must ensure that they are progressing their Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections. At this stage, most of these should be ending and participants should be arranging for Assessor reports to be written. This means the participants needs to actively seek out their Assessors and hand them a report template to complete or send them the link to complete these digitally. The DofE will not accept typed responses that do not include start and end points for the activity, a summary of achievements and progress made and the full name and contact details of the assessors. When submitting an assessor report as a photo via the app, participants must tick the “Assessor Report” tab. This will notify the system that an assessor report has been submitted.</p>

## Christmas Quiz & Curry Night Raffle Prizes 2025

**\*\*New Prize\*\* Two Pantomime Tickets for 'Dick Whittington & his Cat' @ Derby Live!**

**\*\*New Prize\*\* Two £20 Amazon Vouchers**

Continental Breakfast for 2 @ Strawberry House Interiors

Carvery for 2 & Bottle of Red Wine @ The Nags Head

Pizza & Bottle of Wine @ The Castle Inn

2 Pizza's & 1 Salad (Free Home Delivery) @ Pizzeria Fiamma

Lunch for 2 @ Swarkestone Nursery

Afternoon Tea for 2 @ Tylers Tearooms

Gift Voucher for The Beauty Lounge, Kegworth

Gift Voucher for Tracey Bainbridge Beauty

Gift Voucher for Antony Scott Hair

Gift Voucher & Cuticle Oil for Hidden Gems, Mobile Massage Beauty & Nails

Hair Products from Hairport

£10 Voucher for Clip n Climb

Small Gift from Craft-Tea

Christmas Cupcakes from Cupcakes & Doilies

1 x Free Car MOT @ Allens Autocentre

Gift Voucher for The Workhouse Gym

Two Free Entry Passes for Roller World Derby

**Purchase your raffle tickets online now!**

[www.trybooking.com/uk/FNYP](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNYP)





## Hire our BRAND NEW 3G Pitch

### We are now open...

Monday to Friday  
5.00 – 9.00pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
9.00am – 6:00pm

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The pitch is marked out with;  
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1 x 9-a-side  
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<https://schoolhire.co.uk/derby/cdcollege>



## Y11 French revision sessions. Monday lunch.

Date	Skill practice/focus	Tier
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



CASTLE DONINGTON PE EXTRA CURRICULAR  
TIMETABLE



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