



CASTLE DONINGTON COLLEGE

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly bulletin, providing you with a range of general information and forthcoming events at the college.

Last day of term arrangements

School will close at the earlier time of **1:30pm on Friday 10th July**. School buses will depart at 1:35pm.

Pupils can opt to wear non school uniform on the last day of school. Clothing should be appropriate for school.

Key Information for next week

The weather is due to be very warm next week and we strongly recommend pupils bring a water bottle, hat and suncream to school every day during the summer months. It is really important pupils take these items on the upcoming school trips.

A reminder that the majority of pupils will be out on their end of year rewards trips to Drayton Manor and Alton Towers on Tuesday 7th July. Parents and Carers have been sent details of these trips.

Year 10 geography pupils are visiting the Peak District on either Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th July – please refer to the details sent through separately to parents and carers.

Also, a reminder that pupils can wear tailored shorts instead of trousers or a skirt as part of their main school uniform.

Year Group Specific Information

Year 7	<u>Pastoral Support</u> 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.
Year 8	<u>Pastoral Support</u> 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.
Year 9	<u>Pastoral Support</u> 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. Maths Club is on every Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm in the Maths department for any pupil who would like further support. All pupils are welcome to attend.
Year 10	<u>Pastoral Support</u> 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.
Year 11	<u>Pastoral Support</u>

We wish our pupils the very best of luck and a well deserved break now they have completed their final exams.
Please continue to contact your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year (Mr Purkiss) for any further support required from school.

GCSE Results Day: 20th August 2026

Below is key information regarding GCSE Results Day Thursday 20th August 2026.

- The College will be open from **9:00am-10:30am**.
- Students will collect their results from the hall. Please note, only the students may enter the hall. We kindly ask that parents and carers wait in the foyer or outside the building.
- Before leaving with their results, **students must complete an 'Access to Scripts'** consent form (provided on the day).
- Students must give their full legal name and sign the collection sheet.
- If you or your child have any concerns or queries about their results, they should speak to a member of staff on the day. The Examinations Officer, members of SLT and subject teachers will all be available on the day. (*Students are not permitted to contact the awarding bodies directly. These must be made to school staff initially.*)

If your child is unable to collect their results on 20th August

We would very much like your child to come into school to collect their results.

Results will not be given out over the telephone.

If your son/daughter is unable to collect their results in person on the day, there are three options available:

1. If your child has downloaded and activated their Education Record App (they will have done this using their mobile phone with a member of staff at school), then their results will be available to view from 11:00am on Thursday 20th August.
2. Your son/daughter can arrange for someone to collect their results for them, but they must write an authorisation letter giving details on who will collect on their behalf. The authorised person must be over the age of 18 and will need to bring this letter and proof of identity.
3. Your child can request that the results are sent by email – Results will be sent out after 12pm on Thursday 20th August.

	Please contact school at examinations@cdcollege.uk if you would like results to be sent out by email. We will then telephone you to confirm this request. 4. Your child can collect their results from school when term begins.
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General Information

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. 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.

Wellbeing support

All pupils have access to youHQ [Wellbeing app for schools and colleges | youHQ.co.uk](https://youHQ.co.uk) they can log in using their @cdcollege.uk email address through the Microsoft 365 log in

You can find out more about youHQ on this youtube video

<https://youtu.be/QyKDZlHmAkl>

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

Clubs

MFL Film Club

Every Thursday lunchtime in L3.

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.

Chess Club

We are in desperate need of chess sets for our new club starting on Wednesday lunch times. If you would like to purchase one, or maybe you have one that you no longer use, we would be very grateful.

Creative Writing Club

For any budding authors, songwriters and poets. Come along and have a go at writing your very own masterpiece. It's a lovely quiet session but help is on hand if you need it, just ask. Thursday lunch times in the library.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every day in the library from 8am. You can come in and chat with your friends, read any of our lovely books, or bring your own, have a game of chess, or just sit quietly before the day begins. We do not provide food, but you are welcome to bring your own.

PE clubs/news:

KS4 Boys Fitness club

The fitness suite is available each Thursday for Year 10 boys to use 3:15-4:15

Girls' fitness club every Wednesday till 4 pm

Free School Meals eligibility

From **September 2026**, there will be a significant change to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility in England: **All children in families receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals**, regardless of household income. This replaces the current system, where families must earn below a set income threshold to qualify.

From September 2026, your child will be eligible if you receive:

- Universal Credit (no income limit) or certain other benefits (such as Income Support)
- You will still **need to apply/register** for free school meals through your local authority or school.
- Even if your child already receives meals, **eligibility may be rechecked from September 2026**

This change is expected to help hundreds of thousands more children access a healthy school meal each day. Families could save around **£450–£500 per child each year** on lunch costs.

If you receive Universal Credit, we encourage you to check and apply for free school meals ahead of September 2026. [Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council](#)

Leicestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme Summer Update

Booking FREE DfE funded Leicestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions is getting easier for parents.

HAF providers offer FREE fun sessions & a meal for children who receive benefit-related school meals (ages 4-16).

Eligible children access FREE HAF funded holiday clubs and take part in activities including sports, arts, dance, games, and music activities, as well as getting a free nutritious meal in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. 11-16 year olds can access a HAF junior gym membership at their local participating leisure centre.

From this summer, the Leicestershire HAF team will no longer be issuing Holiday Activity voucher codes to eligible families. Instead, all HAF eligibility checks and bookings will happen online through a new HAF platform called EEQU.

There are no codes to remember, and parents can book sessions quickly on a phone, tablet or computer. Accounts are created automatically when they book, with clear confirmations and reminders to help them manage their child's sessions.

Summer bookings are now open. Places are limited, so we encourage parents to book early. To book a place visit <https://eequ.org/leicestershirehaf>

Need help with booking? Click on the [link](#) for a step by step booking guide to help parents book their HAF places.

Please note that, due to funding constraints, HAF funded places are not available this year for children not in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Contact the HAF team for more information: haf@leics.gov.uk

Pickleball

Anyone for Pickleball...

Pickleball is a rapidly growing, low-impact paddle sport that blends elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Played on a badminton-sized court with a lowered net, it uses a solid paddle and a plastic ball with holes, making it easy to learn and accessible to all ages and skill levels.

Hours...

Mon to Fri
5pm – 9pm
Sat & Sun
9am – 1pm



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