



# Castle Donington College

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Dear Castle Donington College Community

I think this is likely to be my final letter of the College year and what a year it has been!

As the term draws to a close, our staff and pupils are working as hard as ever to get the most out of every school day. In spite of Covid restrictions, this month has seen a number of key events. Year 10 Work Experience Week, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Weekend, Year 7 Parents' Evening and have even managed to hold some abridged induction activities for Year 6 pupils. What a great group of young people they are. We are looking forward to them joining us in the new term.

The College remains a popular choice for parents and we continue to grow as our reputation extends. This year we welcome families from further afield as well as our growing Castle Donington community. We are confident in the high standard of education and care we provide and I am passionate about ensuring our pupils receive excellence every day.

I have the privilege of working with a wonderful, committed and professional team of staff who always have our pupils at the heart of everything they do.

Looking forward to the new academic year, the College will see some changes. We have grown to serve over 640 pupils. As a result we welcome a number of new staff to our growing team

Mr G Turner History

Mrs H Charlton Computer Science

Ms L Marriott Textiles

Mr. P Bird English

Miss S Najib Science

Mrs C Hobby Wellbeing Manager

Mrs A Perry Science

We are delighted with these appointments and look forward to working with these staff. It is with some sadness however, that we say goodbye to a number of our existing teaching staff. Mrs Drayton (Science), Mr Cox (Computer Science), Mrs Goodge (Compliance Officer), Mrs Sander and Mr Ali (Learning Support Assistants) and Miss O'Shea (Receptionist) all have dedicated much of their working life to the College and we are sad to see them go. Staff and pupils wish them all well.

I have written to you recently to explain we open to Year 7 and 8 pupils only on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, welcoming pupils from all year groups on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. This may change when the new national guidance is announced on 19<sup>th</sup> July. I will be in touch before the start of term if there are any changes to our plans.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued support. This has been a very unusual year for the College and it continues to be a privilege to serve such a wonderful community. I sincerely hope next year brings fewer changes, I assure you we will continue to build on our success, and continue to strive for excellence in all we do.

With best wishes,

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