



Castle Donington College

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Dear Castle Donington College Community,

A warm welcome back to the new academic year.

Following the announcement of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, we are now in a period of mourning until after the state funeral. In line with the DFE guidance, Castle Donington College will remain open as normal. A special assembly took place on Friday to celebrate the life and achievements of HM Queen Elizabeth II and our dedicated pastoral team will be on hand to provide support for pupils.

The College will be closed on Monday 19th September to all staff and pupils to observe the national Bank Holiday.

It has been such an exciting start to team with our pupils settling well, particularly our new Year 7s. I wrote to you recently about a proposed increase in pupil numbers and are delighted that so many are choosing Castle Donington College as their school of choice. I am sure one of the reasons for this choice will be the fantastic outcomes we help pupils to realise. The Year 11 leavers achieved incredible GCSE results in the summer. In my assembly, I reminded pupils that if they attend every day and work hard, they will achieve great success with us. Great results really do open doors for pupils and we are delighted that so many of our leavers have gone on to their first Post 16 choice.

I am also thrilled to announce new roles for a number of our staff. Mr Elks, Mr Daly and Mrs Eaton have joined the Senior Team as Assistant Principals and five staff have been promoted to our Middle Leadership Team. We have expanded our Pastoral Support Team too and have a new Reading Co-ordinator in post. It is fantastic to be able to offer staff career progression within the College and we know that working with the best people is a key factor to the success of our pupils. We are very fortunate to be fully staffed with subject specialists, particularly at a time of national challenge in teacher recruitment, and this is a testament to the culture at the College.

We know that the start of a new year can be a time of uncertainty. For us, there is much to organise and communicate to pupils and parents. We encourage you to use Go4Schools and the College Website as the main portal for information, however, if you do have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's Tutor in the first instance. If your query is more general, you can email us at postroom@cdcollege.uk

I hope this letter finds you well as we begin this new school year. I look forward to working with you to ensure the best provision for your child at the College.

Best wishes,

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