

Dear families,

Welcome back to the start of the start of the Summer term. I cannot believe it is the last term of the year. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays.

The sun will be shining next week...Hip, hip, hip hooray! Make sure that your child is prepared with the appropriate named clothing, a hat or cap and sunscreen.

It has been a pleasure to see the pupils hard at work as they have returned to school, particularly in our outdoor learning spaces.

### Ludlow Class News

In Ludlow class this week we have been busy creating different circuits in science.

The students experimented with different connections using wires, switches, bulbs, and buzzers.



Our horticulture group helped some volunteers to tidy the 6<sup>th</sup> form courtyard and plant herbs in the planters.



During work related learning we made tuna pasta bake in food technology.

## HAF holiday club

We had our first Castle led HAF holiday club during the break. We had an amazing time with 25 Castle pupils aged 4-16, we went swimming, made Easter tote bags, designed plant pots, went on Easter egg hunts and much more.



We fully intend to apply to run provision over the summer and expand our offer- as soon as we get confirmation we will share details.

## Competition

To celebrate Maths Week at Castle, we are launching a whole-school **competition** based on this week's theme: TRIANGLES!

To take part, students need to create a piece of artwork that includes at least 5 triangles. Good luck, everyone



## Health check

For individuals with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) aged 14 and over, annual health checks are a free NHS service designed to review their physical and mental health, allowing for early detection and management of potential health issues.

### Who is eligible?

Anyone aged 14 or over who is on their doctor's learning disability register can have a free annual health check once a year.

### What is the purpose?

These checks are a chance for a doctor or nurse, the person with a learning disability, and those who support them (if wanted) to review a person's physical and mental health.

### How do I get one?

You can ask to go on the learning disability register if you think you have a learning disability. Check with your doctor's practice if you or the person you care for is on the register.

### What happens during the check?

The check is a chance for you and your young person to talk to the GP and nurse about any health worries and for GPs to spot and treat any health problems early.

### Why are they important?

Annual health checks can help identify and address potential health issues early, leading to better outcomes and improved quality of life.

### Where can I find more information?

Scan the QR code below or follow the link for further details about NHS annual health checks:



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/learning-disabilities/annual-health-checks/>

## Virtual Parent/Carer Autism Drop-in

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/>

An online meet up for parents and carers living in the East of England. Join us for a chat about anything autism related and ask questions.

Online

Tuesday 13 May, 10am to 11am – Book here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-parentcarer-autism-drop-in-may-tickets-1263885197649?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesday 18 June, 10.30am to 11.30am – Book here.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-parentcarer-autism-drop-in-june-tickets-1273801627959?aff=oddtcreator>

Monday 21 July, 11am to 12noon – Book here.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-parentcarer-autism-drop-in-july-tickets-1273861527119?aff=oddtcreator>

This is a free session for parents and carers of autistic children (no diagnosis required) living in the East of England you must be registered in advance. This event is part of the Autism Central Peer Education Programme .

Essex County Council are the Regional Hub for the East of England for Autism Central.



What is my young adult entitled to?

How do I organise transport after Castle school?

### Stepping into adulthood event

21st May 2025 4-6PM @ Castle School

Guests coming from:

- ⇒ Cambridgeshire County Council
- ⇒ Social Services
- ⇒ NHS

Contact Clare to book a space:  
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Who has power of attorney?

Will my young adult still receive OT services?

What happens in adult social services?



**The Devil Wears Prada - A New Musical**

Dominion Theatre, West End

**Relaxed Performance: Saturday 7 June 2025 at 1.30pm**

**Tickets: £10, £15 & £20\***

Gird your loins! *The Devil Wears Prada* has arrived and it's 'absolutely fabulous!' (The Standard). Featuring 'irresistible songs' (The Standard) by Elton John and a 'terrific' (Time Out) performance from Vanessa Williams in the iconic role of Miranda Priestly, this new musical based on the blockbuster film and bestselling novel is 'a devil of a good time' (Daily Express).

**Age Recommendation:** 12+

**Date:** Saturday 7 June 2025

**Doors Open:** 12.30pm

**Show Begins:** 1.30pm

**Show Ends:** 4pm approx.

**Running Time:** 2 hours 30 minutes including 20 minute interval

**What is a Relaxed Performance?**

A relaxed performance provides a more laidback theatre experience for anyone who would benefit from this atmosphere, with adaptations such as reducing sound levels and special effects, keeping a low level of light on throughout and supporting noise and movement within the auditorium.

Best wishes

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