

**Friday 16 October 2026**

# THE COSTELLO SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN



## **Welcome from Miss S Peszkowski Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)**

### **More Than an Education: Preparing Our Young People to Be Game-Changers**

For those families who may not know me, my name is Sophia Peszkowski and I am an Assistant Headteacher at The Costello School. One of the most rewarding parts of my role is visiting lessons, working with our teachers and seeing first-hand the ambition, care and commitment that shape our students' experiences every day.

At Costello, we believe every young person deserves to be known, challenged and inspired. Our ambition is not simply for students to achieve strong examination results, although these are incredibly important. We want them to develop a genuine love of learning, discover what they are capable of and leave us with the confidence and skills to make a difference in the world around them.

### **Great Teaching, High Expectations and Genuine Care**

When I visit classrooms, I see this ambition brought to life. I see students being encouraged to think deeply, ask questions, articulate their ideas and use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary. I see them learning from mistakes, developing independence and discovering that, with effort and support, they can achieve more than they initially thought possible.

Just as importantly, I see teachers who know their students as individuals. Staff who recognise their strengths, understand the challenges they face and care deeply about their success. We believe that high expectations and strong relationships go hand in hand. Every student deserves to feel valued and supported, but also to be challenged to achieve their very best.

This reflects what Enjoy, Respect, Achieve means in practice. We want students to enjoy the experience of learning, respect themselves and others, and take pride in their achievements, whether that is mastering a difficult concept, contributing confidently to a discussion or making progress in an area they previously found challenging.

## Building Independence Beyond the Classroom

Learning does not stop at the classroom door. Homework is an important part of helping students strengthen their understanding, develop positive study habits and take increasing responsibility for their learning.

Our homework policy sets an expectation of approximately 30 minutes per task at Key Stage 3 and 45–60 minutes at Key Stage 4, with students normally given a week to complete their work. All homework is recorded on ClassCharts so that students and families can keep track of expectations.

We recognise that homework can sometimes be challenging, and support is always available. Our Homework Club runs every day after school in the library, with two members of staff available to help students. We are grateful to parents and carers for encouraging positive routines at home and we ask that students speak to their teachers when they need additional guidance.

You can find further information about our expectations and the support available in our Homework Policy - [follow the link here](#).

## Preparing Young People for a World of Possibilities

Ultimately, what we do at Costello is about much more than the next lesson, assessment or examination. It is about opening doors and creating opportunities for every young person, whatever their starting point or aspirations.

Through excellent teaching, high expectations, strong relationships and the opportunities available across school life, we want our students to become knowledgeable, articulate, resilient and curious young people. Young people who have the confidence to embrace challenges, the ambition to pursue their goals and the character to make a positive difference.

This is what we mean when we talk about developing the Game-Changers of the future.

As a Costello community, we all have a part to play. By working together, school, students and families, we can ensure that every young person is supported, challenged and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Above all, we want every student to leave us not only proud of what they have achieved, but proud of who they have become.

**#ProudToBeCostello**

## NHS Annual flu vaccination (sent 12.10.26)

Message from NHS School Age Immunisation Service regarding annual flu vaccination on Friday 27 November. Please let them know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination using the link. Flu Vaccination Form -

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH138287>

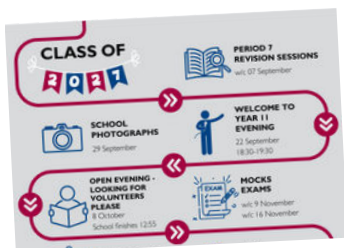
## Year 11 Pre Public Examinations (sent 12.10.26)

Further details about our upcoming Pre Public Examinations starting on Monday 09 November 2026. There is also an exam timetable and revision topic list attached to help your child prepare for their assessments

## REMINDER

**Half Term**

Monday 26 October – Tuesday 3 November  
(students return on Wednesday 4 November)



## Key Events (Roadmaps) 2026/2027

All years roadmaps showing key events can be found on our website here - [Communications - Key Events](#)

## Co-curricular Activities

Autumn Term Timetables now on our website -  
[Enjoy Resect Achieve - beyond the classroom](#)

Enrichment activities – Autumn T

| MONDAY                                                                                                             |            |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| ACTIVITY                                                                                                           | YEAR GROUP | STAFF         |
| TUTOR TIME                                                                                                         |            |               |
| LUNCHTIME                                                                                                          |            |               |
| Multi gym                                                                                                          | 9-11       |               |
| Chess Club                                                                                                         | 7-11       | Mr Jennings   |
| KS4 Art & Photography Drop in                                                                                      | 9-11       | Mr Thomas     |
| Digital Languages Club (French, German & Spanish) – for support with Quizlet and other online language learning or | 7-11       | M Spacagna    |
|                                                                                                                    |            | Mrs McDougall |

# Top 5 Achievers

**Achievement Points awarded 05/10/2026 - 09/10/2026**

## YEAR 7 TOP 5

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Sophia L (7RPI)   | 99 |
| Alex S (7ATI)     | 97 |
| Jack M (7RP2)     | 95 |
| Sudiksha L (7ATI) | 91 |
| Kirill F (7AT2)   | 89 |

## YEAR 8 TOP 5

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Tom C (8AT2)      | 85 |
| Penny P (8DAI)    | 79 |
| Rowan S (8MAI)    | 69 |
| Ella G (8JA2)     | 67 |
| Vidhyuth V (8JAI) | 66 |

## YEAR 9 TOP 5

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Harry W (9RPI)     | 67 |
| Declan M (9DAI)    | 65 |
| Alexander L (9RPI) | 64 |
| Jessica H (9AT2)   | 61 |
| Gennaro P (9DA2)   | 60 |

## YEAR 10 TOP 5

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Alfie G (10ATI)    | 70 |
| Adrian A (10MA2)   | 65 |
| Joshua M (10RP2)   | 64 |
| Louis A (10DAI)    | 62 |
| Isabelle W (10DAI) | 61 |
| Oleh B (10MA2)     | 61 |
| Logan A (10MA2)    | 61 |

## YEAR 11 TOP 5

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Rosemary C (11JAI) | 61 |
| Natalie L (11JA2)  | 49 |
| Harry W (11JAI)    | 48 |
| Daisey W (11DA2)   | 46 |
| Mary D (11MAI)     | 46 |

# Well done to all!

#CostelloCommunity  
enjoy | respect | achieve

# All Years - Communications

## TERM DATES & INSET DAYS

|                  |                  |                                                                                     |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Autumn Term 2026 | <b>Half Term</b> | Monday 26 October – Tuesday 3 November<br>(students return on Wednesday 4 November) |
|                  | BET INSET        | Wednesday 25 November                                                               |
|                  | Term Ends        | Friday 18 December – Early finish at 12:00                                          |
|                  | Christmas Break  | Monday 21 December – Monday 4 January<br>(students return on Tuesday 5 January)     |
| Spring Term 2027 | Term Begins      | Tuesday 5 January                                                                   |
|                  | Half Term        | Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February                                             |
|                  | INSET Day        | Monday 8 March                                                                      |
|                  | Term Ends        | Thursday 25 March – Early finish at 12:00                                           |
|                  | Easter Break     | Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April                                                    |
| Summer Term 2027 | Term Begins      | Monday 12 April                                                                     |
|                  | Bank Holiday     | Monday 3 May                                                                        |
|                  | Half Term        | Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June                                                       |
|                  | BET INSET        | Tuesday 22 June                                                                     |
|                  | Term Ends        | Wednesday 21 July – Early finish at 12:00                                           |

## Red/Blue Weeks Planner

# VIEW LOST PROPERTY ON WEBSITE

**Lost property items that are not named can now be viewed on our website!**

**[VIEW LOST PROPERTY CLICK HERE](#)**

Items will be kept for a minimum of four weeks, after this time it will be recycled or given to charity.

Students have daily access to the lost property spreadsheet, via their tutor. This lists everything that's been handed in unnamed. Please ask your child to refer to the list, if they have lost anything, as well as retracing their steps, and asking their Teachers.

**Remember, it would greatly help if all uniform and water bottles etc are clearly named.**

Any lost property queries please email Mrs McClure - [h.mcclure@costello.hants.sch.uk](mailto:h.mcclure@costello.hants.sch.uk)

## Last chance to claim!

- Blue & black rain jacket
- Black pencilcase
- Black zipped up jacket age 11/12
- Black case case with black framed specsavers glasses
- Red RP tie
- Black school M & S trousers age 16/17
- Black "Trespass" coat age 9/10
- Y11 black 36" school jumper
- Y11 black 40" school jumper
- 34" maroon school jumper
- Clear dusky pink plastic water bottle
- Black & grey camo lunch box
- Black boys school trousers "F&F" age 10/11
- Black plastic "Puma" water bottle
- Smokey black plastic water bottle
- Sports Direct bag with size 3 "Lilley" black school shoes
- 36" maroon school jumper



## Basingstoke & Deane Cadet Open Evening

Basingstoke & Deane Sea Cadet Unit are holding an Open Evening on Friday 30th October!

If you're aged 10-18 years, come on down and see what being part of Basingstoke & Deane Sea Cadets is all about!

**Friday 30th October @ 7pm**

**At the Unit - Sycamore Halls Community Centre, Sycamore Way, Basingstoke, RG23 8AB**

Come with friends to share the experience.

Join the Sea Cadet family!

**Get in touch to find out more...**

T: 07492 988527

E: [tsmaryrose.communications@outlook.com](mailto:tsmaryrose.communications@outlook.com)

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[sea-cadets.org/basingstoke](http://sea-cadets.org/basingstoke)



Charity Registration No. 268956

**RUCSTALL YOUTH CLUB**  
For Ages 8 - 12

**£1 ENTRY**  
FIRST SESSION FREE

**EVERY WEDNESDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)**  
FOR AGES 8 - 12 YEARS | 5pm - 6:30pm  
RUCSTALL COMMUNITY CENTRE | HOLBEIN CLOSE | RG21 3QN  
Tuck Shop, Games, Arts and Crafts and More!

**BOOK VIA WEBSITE OR SCAN QR**

[www.rmdadventurelearning.co.uk](http://www.rmdadventurelearning.co.uk) 01256 960 482

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**RUCSTALL YOUTH CLUB**  
For Ages 8 - 12

**WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER**  
FREE SESSION!

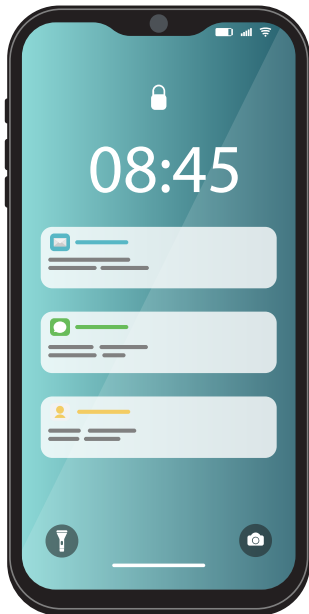
**YOUTH CLUB LAUNCH SPOOKTACULAR**  
FOR AGES 8 - 12 YEARS | 2pm - 3:30pm  
RUCSTALL COMMUNITY CENTRE | HOLBEIN CLOSE | RG21 3QN  
MEET YOUR YOUTH WORKERS, HALLOWEEN GAMES AND ARTS N CRAFTS

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## ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?



We politely remind you of the importance of keeping your contact details up to date with the school. Recently, we have experienced an increase in cases where we have been unable to reach parents/carers due to outdated information.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, it is vital that we have your most current contact details, including phone numbers, email addresses, home address etc. Any changes must be provided to us in writing as we are no longer able to accept verbal updates over the phone.

If you are the priority 1 contact, we appreciate your patience if we need to verify any details with you directly. This is a necessary step to maintain accurate records and ensure effective communication in case of emergencies or important updates. If you wish to check the current information we have held for you then please contact our friendly Reception Team who would be happy to help.

Please email [cadmin@costello.hants.sch.uk](mailto:cadmin@costello.hants.sch.uk) if you need to update any information.



## Have you thought about joining the brilliant teaching profession or know someone that should?

We offer all the benefits of being part of a large national programme while also providing locally delivered school-based training.

Find out more about training to teach with Inspiring Future Teachers contact us at [teachertraining@bohuntrust.com](mailto:teachertraining@bohuntrust.com)