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Friday 6 November 2026

THE COSTELLO SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN



Welcome from Mr Randall - Head of Upper School

Upper School Update – A Great Start to the Year

I would like to congratulate our students in Years 9, 10 and 11 on such a positive start to the academic year. It has been a pleasure to see so many students embracing school life, working hard in their lessons and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

Across Upper School, there is much to celebrate. Our Year 9 students have settled well into their GCSE courses, showing growing independence and enthusiasm for their chosen subjects. Year 10 have made an excellent start to their studies and have approached their first round of BET assessments with determination and maturity. Our Year 11 students have also impressed us with their focus and commitment as they prepare for their Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) after half term.

What has been particularly pleasing is the positive attitude students have shown towards their learning and the relationships they continue to build with staff. At Costello, we want every student to feel that they belong, that their efforts are recognised and that they have people around them who believe in what they can achieve.

Of course, school life is about much more than lessons and examinations. It is about developing confidence, building friendships, discovering interests and becoming increasingly independent young people. We are proud of the many ways our students contribute to school life, both in and beyond the classroom.

As students progress through Upper School, we continue to encourage good attendance, strong study habits and personal responsibility. Our teachers, tutors and pastoral teams work closely together to provide the guidance, encouragement and support that help students achieve their best. We know that students flourish when they feel supported and challenged in equal measure.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers for the important part they play in this journey. The encouragement you provide at home, alongside the support offered in school, makes a real difference. Working together gives our young people the confidence to aim high and take pride in their achievements.

During half term, I hope our students have taken the opportunity to rest, enjoy time with family and friends and reflect on everything they have accomplished since September.

We have much to look forward to over the coming months and I am excited to see what our students achieve next.

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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

Armistice Day - Wednesday 11 November (sent 16.10.26)

On Wednesday 11 November 2026, we will stand for a two minutes' silence at 11:20 and reflect upon those who have given so much in conflict.

'Welcome to' Presentation (sent 20.10.26)

We're pleased to let you know that the 'Welcome to Year 7' presentation slides and video recordings are now available to view on our website. You can access them via the following link: https://www.costelloschool.co.uk/parents/communications/

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Top 5 Achievers

Achievement Points awarded 12/10/2026 - 16/10/2026

YEAR 7 TOP 5	
Sophia L (7RP1)	80
Charlie F (7MA2)	76
Daniella A (7MA2)	76
Anthony D (7MA2)	74
Jia N (7DA1)	71
Leah F (7MA1)	71
Marley M (7MA2)	71
Myles G (7MA2)	71

YEAR 8 TOP 5	
Kayden M (8AT1)	85
Gabriella O (8DA1)	78
Penny P (8DA1)	77
Rowan S (8MA1)	75
Vidhyuth V (8JA1)	71

YEAR 9 TOP 5	
Llayton-Jay H (9DA1)	70
Finley B (9RP1)	65
Marni S (9AT1)	64
Enzo P (9MA2)	64
Aj D (9JA2)	63

YEAR 10 TOP 5	
Isabelle W (10DA1)	60
Alfie G (10AT1)	56
Pearla F (10DA2)	51
Sully W (10MA2)	46
Teagan A (10DA1)	46

YEAR 11 TOP 5	
Aimee F (11AT1)	55
Rosemary C (11JA1)	50
Mariana S (11JA1)	45
Beth S (11DA2)	42
Jacob M (11AT1)	35
Daisey W (11DA2)	35

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Top 5 Achievers

Achievement Points awarded 19/10/2026 - 23/10/2026

YEAR 7 TOP 5	
Sam L (7MA2)	67
Kirill F (7AT2)	66
Alex S (7AT1	65
Rayan C (7JA2)	61
Charlie F (7MA2)	57

YEAR 8 TOP 5	
Rowan S (8MA1)	81
Vidhyuth V (8JA1)	76
Heidi B (8AT1)	74
Keavy B (8AT1)	68
Minnie C (8RP2)	68

YEAR 9 TOP 5	
Reuben K (9AT1)	152
Elena S (9AT1)	95
RiJJa A (9AT1)	64
Ivy S (9AT1)	61
Isla C (9AT1)	51

YEAR 10 TOP 5	
Isabella S (10AT2)	47
Adrian A (10MA2)	42
Sofia H (10AT2)	41
Ethan A (10MA1)	40
Kasper W (10MA2)	39
Aaron F (10MA2)	39

YEAR 11 TOP 5	
Tom M (11MA1)	35
Deandrei A (11MA2)	34
Rosemary C (11JA1)	32
Cleo H (11JA2)	32
Erica R (11DA2)	31

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TERM DATES & INSET DAYS

Autumn Term 2026	**Half Term**	Monday 26 October – Tuesday 3 November **(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 **(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

Last chance to claim!

- Black hoodie "London Shooters" size M
- White adidas trainers size 5
- 36" Maroon jumper
- Clear plastic water bottles with black lid & football images
- Clear plastic zip bag with green zip and a few stationery items
- Clear plastic zip bag with blue zip and stationery items including calculator
- Black metal water bottle with silver lid
- Black wool beanie hat with logo
- Black Nike pencil case
- Clear plastic pencil case with black zip
- Black "Superdry" coat size 8
- Black casio watch
- Primark 2 tone coat age 14/15
- Silver metal water bottle with black lid
- Empty black "Specsavers glasses box
- Clear blue plastic water bottle with black lid & measures down the side
- 1 x white Nike Air trainer size 5
- 1 x 40" blazer
- 30" maroon jumper

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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 if you need to update any information.



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Helpful Information

Medication in School

If your child requires medication to be administered during a school day, these need to be stored in the Medical office along with the medicines administering form signed by a parent. Medication should be in original packaging with the information leaflet included. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them, apart from inhalers and auto-injectors.

Medical Help in School

Please be reminded that students should not be contacting parents and arranging to be collected from school during the school day. If your child starts feeling unwell, please advise them to go to the Medical office to receive medical assistance or, if required, the school will contact the parents to arrange to take the student home.

Lost Property

We have an ever increasing amount of lost property. All items of clothing/property should be clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has misplaced any of their personal belongings they are welcome to come to Reprographics - Mrs McClure, Reception or Site, during breaks or after school to see if these have been handed in. Any valuable items will be kept at Reception. VIEW LOST PROPERTY CLICK HERE

Change of Address/Circumstances

Please notify us if there are any changes of address or circumstances by emailing cadmin@costello.hants.sch.uk

Enrichment

Co-curricular details can be found HERE. We urge all students to sign up to a minimum of one club per term but the more the better!

Key Dates & Events

To view key dates and events for this academic year for your child you can view this HERE.

Pre-loved Uniform

We sell a range of pre-loved uniform from our shop in the Reprographics office, with prices ranging from 50p to £5.00. (Cash only please). Please email Helen McClure, should you wish to enquire-giving approximate sizes to ; repro@costello.hants.sch.uk
Also, should you wish to donate any outgrown uniform, we are always very grateful-thank you!

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Absence/Attendance Guidance

Illness

When your child is unwell you must inform the school on the first morning of absence and for safeguarding, please ensure absence is reported daily. We recommend absences are reported promptly before 09:00. Please refer to the NHS 'Healthier together' app or see guidance here

Planned Leave of Absence

Please note, there is no legal entitlement for time off during term time and adequate notice needs to be given. Please use the LOA form to report any planned absence.

Medical appointments

If you are unable to obtain a medical/dental appointment outside of school hours, the appointment details are to be advised on '**Report an Absence**' via Classcharts. Alternatively, email to cadmin@costello.hants.sch.uk

Report an Absence

This can be done on '**Report an Absence**' via Classcharts or email to cadmin@costello.hants.sch.uk Guidance on how to report via Classcharts here

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