



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 25 September

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
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Key Term Dates

Friday 02 October	Staff Training Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Friday 27 November	Staff Training Day
Friday 18 December	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 December – Friday 01 January	Christmas Holidays



Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been another positive week at school and some departments are now able to plan a limited range of extra-curricular activities for the pupils to access at the end of the school day. Details will follow.

Staggered start and finish times are proving helpful in maintaining some separation of year groups at the start and end of school; we will continue with this for the time being.

Coronavirus Awareness: There have been cases of coronavirus identified in the local community and we are in daily contact with the Local Authority regarding any measures that might need to be taken in school. Please be assured that the school is fully Covid-Compliant. We ask that pupils have a mask and hand sanitiser with them at all times; masks are needed for everyone when browsing books in the library, and for some practical work in years 10 and 11. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's year team if you need support in providing these items.

Lift Sharing: Please avoid giving lifts to children not your own if you live in Cambourne. Where car sharing is essential, and you are giving a lift to a child in a different year group from your own child, please ensure that all passengers are wearing a mask and keep the car well ventilated.

Cold Weather: As it gets cooler, and with pupils spending more time outside than in previous years, please ensure that your children wear warm coats to school. Classrooms are also cooler and we recommend that pupils wear an extra layer under their school polo shirts in the first instance.



Bicycle Theft: I have reminded parents that our cycle sheds are not as secure as they used to be due to the staggered start and finish times, and this week, unfortunately, a new bike has been stolen. Please provide your children with locks if they leave their cycles or scooters in the bike sheds and insist that they actually use them; the school cannot be held responsible for any losses.

With kind regards,

Claire Coates,

Principal

Covid-19 | Medical

Year 7 flu immunisations are taking place on Thursday 1st October.

Please visit our website www.cambournevc.org/COVID-19/ for further information and clarification.

Please email thecollege@cambournevc.org to report a student absent.

Please be reminded that it is the parents/carers' responsibility to make sure that all emergency medication for your child is in school and in date.

General Notices

Creative Writing |

Encourage your child to email Mrs Coleridge if they would like to be involved in writing, designing or editing our CamVC Student e-Magazine. All budding writers, artists, wordsmiths and opinion-leaders welcome, at any stage of their school journey!

PE Department |

I hope that your son/daughter is getting into the swing of returning to school. Now that students are getting used to the systems in place, I would like to take some time to remind parents and carers of the expectations of students in their PE lessons.

PE Kit

Students should be coming to school in their full PE kit. If they have PE period 1-4 then students will be getting changed back into their school uniform after the lesson and must make sure that they have their correct and full school uniform with them. This is to ensure that students do not end up sitting in sweaty, smelly PE kit for the rest of the day if they have PE before lunch. Additionally, with more PE lessons being outside regardless of the weather, if it is raining, we do not want students to be sitting in wet kit for the rest of the day. If they have PE period 5-6 they will go home in their PE kit.

We hope you can support the PE department and your child with this and ensure that they are organised by arriving in their PE kit and bringing their full school uniform including school shoes, when required.

Warm Layers

We have been very fortunate with the weather but at some point, this luck may run out. Students need to be prepared to be outside for their PE lessons in the wind and/or the rain and should ensure they bring enough layers to be comfortable. Base layers can be worn underneath the CamVC PE kit as long as the top layer is always a red CamVC top (either the red polo, the hoody, the fleece or the rugby shirt).

Water Bottles

Students must ensure they bring enough water for their PE lessons and fill their bottles up before the lesson. Unfortunately, due to the one-way system and avoiding crossing bubbles, students will not be allowed access water fountains during PE lessons to refill. Some students may wish to bring two water bottles.

Jewellery, Earrings and Nails

Due to every students' health and safety, students must ensure they remove all jewellery before a PE lesson, this includes necklaces, rings, bracelets as well as fabric jewellery and bracelets. Additionally, all earrings and piercings must be removed and left in their school uniform bag during their PE lesson.

Students should also not be wearing acrylic nails in PE lessons. Nails should be of a natural length which when viewed from the palm side of the hand you should not be able to see the nails protruding over the fingers. Students who come to PE lessons with nails of a dangerous length will not be able to participate.

Year 10 Work Experience |

It is with regret and disappointment that we have decided not to proceed with a Work Experience programme for Year 10 in July 2021. We have canvassed the employers who would normally be keen to give our youngsters a Work Experience opportunity; many have indicated that they cannot do so because of ongoing uncertainties with Covid-19, or that they would have to delay their decision considerably. Year 10 will nevertheless be exploring the world of work in the curriculum. We are considering what support may be given to pupils who wish to seek a work experience placement during a school holiday, albeit under parental responsibility.

General Notices (cont')

Sports Clubs |

Clubs will be starting again week commencing Monday 12th October. Any pupil who wishes to attend a club should meet outside the back doors to the Orange changing rooms to register.

Please process your payment via WisePay under the Clubs & Activities module (we ask for a contribution of £10 per term for access to any of our after school clubs).

Unfortunately we will not be running any external dance classes this year.

Year 7 CATS |

Year 7 students will be sitting cognitive ability tests (CATs) from Monday 28th September. A letter has been sent on School Post to year 7 parents giving full details of these. No revision or preparation work is required for these and students should not worry about these at all as they are used to give us a broad view of each student and how they learn.

The tests will be done on iPads in class and so we would be grateful if parents could remind students to make sure their iPads are fully charged and they bring their headphones to school. They may also have a bottle of water on their desk.

These are the times that each form group will be taking their test:

Monday 28 th September:	7R and 7N
Tuesday 29 th September:	7E and 7U
Wednesday, 30 th September:	7C and 7M
Thursday, 1 st October:	7A and 7B
Monday, 5 th October:	7O, plus absentees from previous week

If your child is not able to attend school and misses their session next week, there will be an opportunity to do the tests upon their return to school.

If you have any queries regarding the assessments, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

Year 11 Parent Invitation – Post 16 Evenings |

Each year, we hold a Post-16 evening which is designed to help you and your child understand their Post GCSE options. This year, due to COVID, this event will take a different format and will be run online.

There are two events that you are invited to attend:

Cambourne VC Post 16 Information Evening

This event will take place on Monday 28th September 2020, between 6pm and 8pm

We will be hosting a live event to explain to pupils and parents the process for applying for the next stage of their education. We will be explaining how the process works and what support will be available. *Please join the event on Monday 28th at 6pm by [clicking here](#).*

There will also be a recorded talk for those who are unable to join us at this time.

Greater Cambridge Post-16 Opportunities Fair

This event will take place on Thursday 1st October 2020, between 6pm and 8pm.

We would encourage you to consider attending this event as it will give you the opportunity to meet with people from different Sixth Form Colleges and Further Education providers and understand what options are available to you. In addition to this, you will also have the opportunity to hear from local apprentice employers.

Students who wish to attend must be accompanied by a parent. Pre-registration is **required**, please click on the following link: <https://www.bigmarker.com/form-the-future-cic/Greater-Cambridge-Post-16-Opportunities-Fair-01-10-20>. Further details will be provided once you register.

We look forward to welcoming you on 1st October. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Geordie Bailey via email gbailey@formthefuture.org.uk at Form the Future CIC who are organizing this event on behalf of all the Cambridge Area Partnership schools.

Yr7 Information Evening

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very clear to us that the relationship between school staff and parents and carers is tremendously important. All of us are hugely invested in your child's time at Cambourne Village College being positive and successful, and we will want to work together over the coming years to bring this about.

Usually at this stage of Year 7, therefore, we would invite you into school for an Information Evening, during which we would share with you some key information, and suggest ways that you can support your child's learning. Instead, we have prepared a series of Loom videos, where you can watch and hear the teacher delivering the same powerpoint presentation they would usually have done. Each is available on a separate link below. You are able to speed up the video if you like; together they will take about 40 minutes (at the standard speed).

We hope you find this information helpful, and look forward to welcoming you into school when it is possible to do so.

Dan Went, Head of Year. General overview, routines and pastoral set-up:

<https://www.loom.com/share/121c0023bb7d4ed2a6b6980387e88016>

Leigh Bellis, Head of IT strategy. Online platforms:

<https://www.loom.com/share/b36f9594af914c65b6f1726643458f80>

Hannah Curtis, Head of PE:

<https://www.loom.com/share/046a1d8f03fa4a65a2343c950fe0fccf>

Kerry Urtone, Head of English:

<https://www.loom.com/share/3105c83e3fcd4138bf18d6de8eee7c34>

Mike Balding, Head of Maths:

<https://www.loom.com/share/e68b7347cf4e4f3582a1689747b1f127>

Richard Beaumont, Head of Science:

<https://www.loom.com/share/421e92591e2c43cc8e52d1fd9df195b4>

Susanne Mallett, Assistant Principal. CAT tests:

<https://www.loom.com/share/2b03596e455a43538b8427fd488f5ed5>

Best wishes,

Dan Went
Head of Year 7

Emily Gildea
Deputy Principal



Music Clubs starting again...

Even in middle of lockdown, it was great they so many CamVC pupils were able to take part in the End of Term Virtual Concert and production of *Rapunzel: A Life in Lockdown*.

Now we are back at school, we are keen to run music clubs, but for the moment they are going to run within year group bubbles. This initially means that we aren't able to offer the full variety of clubs, but we are hoping to add to the list soon!

From Monday 5th – Friday 9th October we will be offering:

Monday 3-4pm:

Year 10 Jazz Band (*open to all Year 10 instrumentalists*)

Email bmulholland@cambournevc.org to sign up.

Tuesday 3-4pm:

Year 11 Jazz Band (*open to all Year 11 instrumentalists*)

Email bmulholland@cambournevc.org to sign up.

Wednesday 3-4pm:

Year 7 – mini-Christmas production of *The Fir Tree* (*open to all Year 7 singers*)

Email gpage@cambournevc.org to sign up.

Thursday 3-4pm:

Year 8 – mini-Christmas production of *Babushka* (*open to all Year 8 singers*)

Email gpage@cambournevc.org to sign up.

Friday 3-4pm:

Year 9 – mini-Christmas production of *Father Frost* (*open to all Year 9 singers*)

Email gpage@cambournevc.org to sign up.

We don't yet know whether December performances will be in-person, or virtual, but we want to start rehearsing as soon as possible.

Places in each group will be limited to 15 pupils per session, so you will need to sign up to take part by emailing Mr Page for Years 7, 8 & 9 (gpage@cambournevc.org), and emailing Mr Mulholland (bmulholland@cambournevc.org) for Years 10 & 11.

If more than 15 pupils are interested in attending each activity, we may have to operate a two-week rotation to accommodate everyone.

As places are limited, we ask if your child signs up, that they commit to coming to all rehearsals (unless they are not in school).

All clubs will take place outside, or in the larger Music Room, and be appropriately distanced.

Many thanks,

Geoff Page
Head of Music

Trips | DofE | Extra-Curricular Activities

Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award | Year 11s

Remember to submit your Skills, Physical and Volunteering assessors reports for approval by Mrs Noble. If you have any questions with regards to the completion of your sections due to the pandemic, please email cam-dofe@cambournevc.org. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to submit your 'moving forward' preference to Mrs Noble ASAP. Further information will be sent accordingly.

Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award | Year 10s

Please make sure your child has now set-up their eDofE account and submitted their programme planners (Volunteering, Physical and Skill).

If you have any questions with regards to the completion of these sections due to the pandemic, please email cam-dofe@cambournevc.org. Further information about your child's expedition section will be sent in due course. Please bear with us whilst we follow government and DofE guidelines on how best to proceed.

Duke of Edinburgh | Bronze Award Launch | Year 8s and Year 9s

Further information about the launch of our DofE Bronze Award to our current year 8s and year 9s this year (following a new model recently adopted by the College) will be sent in due course. Please bear with us whilst we follow government and DofE guidelines on how best to proceed.

Library Recommendations

Skulduggery Pleasant: Bedlam - 12 by Derek Landy



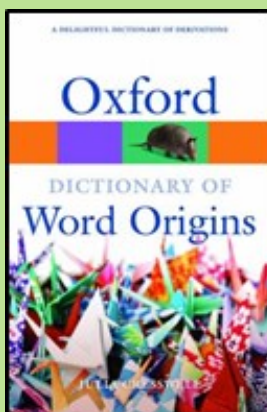
The 12th explosive novel in the internationally bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series.

On a desperate journey to recover her sister's lost soul, Valkyrie Cain goes up against the High Sanctuary itself, and there's nothing Skulduggery Pleasant can do to stop her.

With Abyssinia's grand plan about to kick off in a night of magic, terror, and bloodshed, it falls to Omen Darkly to save the lives of thousands of innocent people. And as the madness unfolds around him, as hidden enemies step into the light, and as Valkyrie is sucked into a desperate, lawless quest of her own, he has no choice but to become the hero he never really wanted to be — or die in the attempt.



Oxford Dictionary of Word Origins



Combining both accessibility and authority, the Oxford Dictionary of Word Origins describes the origins and development of over 3,000 words and phrases in the English language. The book draws on Oxford's unrivalled dictionary research programme and language monitoring and relates the fascinating stories behind many of our most curious terms and expressions in order to offer the reader a much more explicit account than can be found in a general English dictionary.



Students' IT Support

If your child needs a password reset, for example to their email, Show My Homework or any of the platforms we use at the College, or if they have any issues with their iPads, please email cam-support@cambournevc.org. We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 24 hours.

Social

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and notices



This week's social highlight:

24/09/2020

Yr7 pupils spent time in their maths lessons last week learning about the geometry of DNA!
[Please note: as part of our Covid-secure setup pupils spend the school day in their year group "bubbles". They are not required to socially distance from each other.]

Communication with the School

In addition to this weekly bulletin, there are a variety of ways in which we will contact you, including by telephone, by letter, by email, in our newsletters and via our website. There are several ways in which you can contact us, and these include:



By email to thecollege@cambournevc.org



By calling Reception for all general enquiries on 01954 284 000



By writing to Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne CB23 6FR



Via the 'contact us' page of our school website www.cambournevc.org

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.