



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 23 October 2020

The Week Ahead

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Key Term Dates

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

We end this half-term with some exciting news:

Sixth Form Consultation

The Local Authority is supporting plans for us to open a sixth form on the Cambourne Village College site, and you will be invited to take part in a virtual consultation event in November. Along with the development of a full sixth form centre, further expansion of the 11-16 school will be needed to serve the new community of Cambourne West. It is hoped that both developments will be ready to open in September 2023; much more information will follow during the consultation. We are delighted to receive such a strong vote of confidence from the Local Authority and at the prospect of becoming an 11-18 school.

Homework Support Detentions are now running for separate year groups on different afternoons after school. This is a slimmed-down version of our normal system due to the need to separate pupils but is still a reminder to pupils of the need to do their homework on time and to a high standard. All homework is set via Show My Homework – if you have not yet downloaded the app to let you see the homework set for your child, you can do so by following the instructions in the 'Mobile Apps' help section on the Satchel website : <https://help.satchelone.com/en/collections/1695420-parents>

Travel to School

As clocks go back tomorrow and the darker nights set in, please ensure that your children have reflective clothing and lights if they cycle to school. Please also try to persuade your children to wear waterproof coats when it's raining – our pupils seem very resistant to this!

Covid-19

Over the past half-term, we have dealt with three confirmed cases of coronavirus among our pupils, working closely with the Local Authority's Public Health team. Due to our strong Covid Compliancy measures, only those who have had direct contact with the positive case have had to isolate, and it is a relief that we have so far avoided having to close year groups. Please read the updates later in the bulletin which explain further measures for next half term after a review of our current arrangements.

Curriculum

This has been a strenuous half term and staff have worked incredibly hard, under difficult conditions, to assess the work pupils completed over the summer and to adjust the curriculum to accommodate this. Some pupils, starting with Year 11, will be receiving invitations to special 'Catch-Up' sessions after school over the next weeks, and this programme will roll out as the year progresses.

Tutor Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended a meeting with their child's tutor yesterday; these sessions were overwhelmingly positive. We'd be grateful if you could find the time to comment on your experiences of school on the Ofsted Parent View site:

[Ofsted Parent View](#)

I hope you have a restful, enjoyable and healthy half term break.

With all good wishes
Claire Coates

Covid-19 Update and New Arrangements

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS



Please continue to refer to the attached NHS guidance.

If anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of coronavirus, they must get a test and **EVERYONE** in your household must self-isolate until the results are received.

It is essential that you do not send your children to school if someone at home is symptomatic.

Please continue to inform school over the break if anyone in your household has new symptoms of coronavirus or any updates on their condition by emailing thecollege@Cambournevc.org with the subject line **Covid Update**. This is so that we can assist with contact tracing.

MASKS COMPULSORY IN CORRIDORS FROM 02 NOVEMBER

Pupils will now be required to wear masks when moving around inside school, **as well as observing social distancing whenever possible**.

This is not strictly necessary for Covid Compliancy due to the strong separation of year group 'bubbles'. However, it may help to reduced transmission *within* year groups as pupils move through corridors and queue for the cafeteria.

Please ensure that your children bring a mask to school and have a plastic bag to store it. Please contact your child's Year Team if you would like assistance in providing a mask, or if there is a reason your child cannot wear a mask – of course this will be respected.

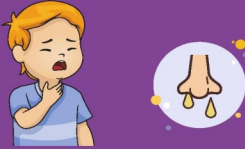
Those pupils who wish to wear a mask in lesson time may do so.

Masks must not be worn during PE lessons since they inhibit breathing during exertion; all PE venues are highly ventilated or outside.



Covid-19 (cont')

Non-COVID symptoms:



- A RUNNY NOSE?
- SNUFFLES?
- SORE THROAT
WITH NO FEVER
OR COUGH?



Send them to school
as normal if you feel
they are well
enough.

COVID symptoms:



- A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH?
- A HIGH TEMPERATURE?
- COMPLETE LOSS OR CHANGE
OF SMELL OR TASTE?



Protect them and others by keeping
them off school. Dial 119 or go to
www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange
a test. Your household and child
should self-isolate until you have the
results.



AT ANY TIME, IF YOUR
CHILD DEVELOPS
UNRELATED
SYMPTOMS THAT
WORRY YOU ENOUGH
TO KEEP THEM OFF
SCHOOL



Contact your GP
or call NHS 111

If your child displays unrelated symptoms, such as a runny nose or sore throat, you should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Seek medical advice via your GP or 111 as you normally would. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this.

If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms you need to take the following steps:

1

Start Isolating

Child and household start isolating



2

Book a test for your child

Household doesn't need a test unless they develop symptoms
NHS.co.uk/coronavirus or call 119



3

Positive for Covid-19

→ Child completes 10 days isolation, household completes 14 days
isolation

Negative for Covid-19

→ Child can return to school if well and no one in the household or
support bubble has symptoms or have been asked to isolate by
NHS Test & Trace.

For details: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If your child has been in close contact with someone who tests positive:

1

Child must isolate for 14 days

2

If your child develops symptoms, book a test

Child and household isolate till test result
NHS.co.uk/coronavirus or call 119



3

Positive for Covid-19

→ Child must begin new 10 day isolation whilst household
completes 14 days isolation

Negative for Covid-19

→ Child completes 14 days isolation, household ends isolation.

Pease visit our website www.cambournevc.org/COVID-19/ for further information.

General Notices

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If you need to report that your child is going to be absent from school, please email thecollege@cambournevc.org by 9am each morning of absence.

Please state your child's full name, their tutor group and the reason for their absence. **Just reporting your child is 'unwell' will not be accepted.**

Where possible we would advise that medical appointments are made out of school time, but understand that this is not always possible, but pupils should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence and advance notice is required for authorising these absences.

Where possible, please provide the attendance office with a copy of the appointment letter/card.

Any pupil leaving the school site for an appointment must sign out at Reception and sign in on return.

Medical: please remember that it is the parents/carers' responsibility to make sure that all emergency medication for your child is in school and in date.

HALF TERM LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION: Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11

We have mountains of lost property!

Monday 26th October 2020

This will be located in the main hall, with access from the side of the building.

Please come at your allocated slot (see below). Parents welcome to come with their child.

Please note that due to the current Covid-19 measures in place, pupils/parents/carers will be required to maintain 2 metres distance at all times whilst waiting to come into the hall.

You will be required to wear a mask and pupils their name badge. You will also be required to sign in to adhere to the Track & Trace measures in place.

Pupils are asked to come as per the allocated year group timeslots below. Pupils will not be allowed to attend a different timeslot and will be turned away should they arrive earlier/later than the timings outlined below for their year group.

Timeslots:

Year 8 – from 10.00 to 10.30

Year 9 – from 10.45 to 11.15

Year 10 – from 11.30 to 12.00

Year 11 – from 12.15 to 12.45



General Notices

SCHOOL UNIFORM

What we expect...



We are nearing the close of our first half term and the pupils have made an fantastic start particularly to adjusting to all the various requirements in place for school safety. We have, however, started to see a slip in school uniform compliance, particularly around appropriate length skirts and the wearing of jeans. A gentle reminder that pupils who do not meet our expectations about uniform will usually receive a sanction...

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the school website <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/uniform>.

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact Mrs Katie Reynolds: kreynolds@cambournevc.org, in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

ADDITIONAL CLOTHING LAYERS

Heating levels in classrooms are now well controlled. Any pupil who particularly feels the cold should wear an extra layer underneath their polo shirt and pupils may wear their red PE hoodies (with hoods down) over their grey school uniform jumpers if they are still feel chilly. Coats will not be needed inside the building.

FACIAL PIERCINGS

A very small number of pupils are wearing nose studs to school; these are not allowed.

Last year, after listening to pupil requests about school uniform rules, we relaxed our approach a little to allow a small amount of discreet jewellery to be worn, and also allowed coloured nail varnish. This change does not include allowing facial piercings.

Our uniform policy states:

A minimal amount of discreet jewellery which is inoffensive and cannot cause a hazard, may be worn. Nose studs and other facial piercings are not allowed. All jewellery and piercings must be completely removed for PE.

Health and Safety considerations are paramount in this decision, as in all areas of school policy, and override any other factor. All jewellery needs to be removed for PE lessons in order to minimise any risk to pupils. Facial piercings are often found too difficult to remove in school and are not allowed.

As with pierced ears, parents are asked that facial piercings are only done at the start of the long summer holiday so that the item can be safely removed by the time school restarts.

Any pupils unable to remove piercings will be asked to cover them with a plaster in school time and they will not be able to participate fully in PE lessons.

Once piercings are healed, it is expected that pupils will remove the stud/item for school; refusal to comply with this request will be sanctioned in the same way as any other uniform infringement and will usually involve loss of social time.

Thank you for your support with this measure; we know how much effort parents make to support the high standards of uniform we're able to maintain, and this is very much appreciated.

General Notices

TEAMS | ONENOTE

Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

[Click here](#) for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments

[Click here](#) for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account [here](#))

FOODBANK VOUCHERS

There are many reasons why families might from time to time need some help and support: Loss of Job, Homelessness, Change of family Circumstances and Struggling financially...

We can provide foodbank vouchers to the families of our pupils who need help with food. This would apply to those families, for example, on a very low income, in a crisis or those who have been financially affected by Coronavirus.

If you feel you are in need of food vouchers, please contact Katie Reynolds, via the College Reception or email kreynolds@cambournevc.org in the strictest of confidence.

Our local Foodbank is open on Thursdays 10am – 12pm and is located at The Old Blue School (just behind the church, opposite Jeavons Wood Primary School). If you would like to donate, there is a collection point at the Co-Op in Lower Cambourne.

BBC YOUNG REPORTER COMPETITION

If you are looking for an activity for your child to do over half-term, why not enter the BBC Young Reporter Competition!

It can be a story about themselves, their friends, family or local community, or perhaps there is particular issue they think people should hear more about .

All the details about the categories and how to upload an idea are at www.bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition

The deadline for original story suggestions is **Saturday 31 October**



General Notices

MUSIC CLUBS

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.

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.

Geoff Page

Head of Music



SPORTS CLUBS

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).



General Notices

PE HALF TERM 60 SECOND CHALLENGES

Keep yourself active during half term with these 60-second challenges. We will be sharing the top 3 individuals, tutor groups, and year groups. You can enter each of the 5 activities as many times as you want. Please click on the picture of each activity to find out what to do and use the QR code or link below to enter results.

To enter results: [Fill | Half Term 60 Second Challenges](#)



Half Term 60 Second Challenges



Have a go at some of these fun activities! Use the link or QR code at the bottom to enter your score and see where you, your form and year group finish after half term! Click on the picture to find out about the activity! Starts Saturday 24th October 8am – Sunday 1st November.

SOFA PRESS UPS



SOCK THROW



BALLOON KEEP UPS



SLALOM RUNS



BALL DRIBBLE





Enter as many times as you like using this link or QR code below!



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HISTORIC VIRTUAL LECTURE

The Cambourne History Department are thrilled to announce the return of their free public lecture programme.

For this academic year, all lectures will be online and shared via Microsoft Teams. Our first online lecture is on **Wednesday 11th November** with Dr Andre Keil from Liverpool John Moores University.

Dr Keil will be presenting his lecture: *'Remembrance and The First World War.'* This event will be free of charge to students, parents, carers, teachers, and anyone in the Cambourne and wider community with an interest in History.

This lecture will be of particular interest to students in Y9 who are currently studying the causes of the First World War in History.

More details about how to sign up and access these lectures will be shared soon.

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Join us for a series of free online history lectures

The lectures are open to all and will be hosted via Microsoft Teams


FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

We can't wait to restart our lecture programme – we've got a fantastic line-up! Our first online lecture will be with.....

Remembrance & The First World War

Dr Andre Keil
Faculty of Arts Professional and Social Studies,
Liverpool John Moores University

Wednesday 11th November – Time TBC

Follow us on Twitter @CambourneVC for dates and updates

General Notices

Y11 GCSE HISTORY

A reminder that a weekly revision schedule has been created for all Y11 GCSE History students. It is strongly advised that students use this schedule that is available both on Teams and on the Catalogue.

Any student requiring a hard copy can ask Miss Angell.

All revision content including podcasts, revision guides, and recorded revision videos are also available via the CATalogue and students have been shown the location of these during lesson time.

Thank you! Miss Angell.

Y7 ARCHAEOLOGY OPPORTUNITY

Museum of Classical Archaeology Outreach session

We are thrilled that all our Y7 History classes will be taking part in a live online tour of the Museum of Classical Archaeology in Cambridge.

These sessions will be free of charge and will take place in allocated history lessons during the next half term.

They will complement Y7s recent study of the Roman Empire.

Please contact Miss Angell (Head of History) if you have any questions.

Y9 NATIONAL ARCHIVES SESSIONS

All current Y9 students will be taking part in a live videoconference with the National Archives in London. Students will explore this question: *How typical was Albert Edwin Rippington's experience of war?*

'...if you ever meet a chap that says he wants to go back call him a liar'.

These are words penned by Albert Edwin Rippington, an employee of the Audit Office for the Great Western Railway. Albert, along with many of his colleagues, had enlisted to fight in the First World War. He was wounded in action and wrote about his experiences from his hospital bed back in England. Albert was clearly deeply affected by his time in the trenches, but how typical was his experience?

Exploring a range of letters written by soldiers who enlisted from the Great Western Railway to fight, students will investigate these men's experiences of war; the conditions in the trenches and in reserve, and the impact that these experiences had on their morale and health of these men.

These sessions will be free of charge and will take place in allocated History lessons throughout the next half term. The session will complement Y9s study of the causes of the First World War. Please contact Miss Angell (Head of History) if you have any questions.

Y11 After School Revisions

Y11 AFTER SCHOOL REVISION SESSIONS

The School Library is open to Y11 pupils every Tuesday after school from 3 to 4:30 to attend after school revision sessions.

They are welcome to do revision or homework, use a computer for research or to come just for some quiet reading.

Please note that they will be expected to work independently.

Those who would like to attend need to sign up in advance using the online signing up form that can be found on the Y11 section on The CATalogue.

The spaces are limited, and they are allocated on a first come, first served basis, but behaviour and attitude could also be taken in consideration.

Pupils will enter the Library using the fire door in the Y7 social area and they will need to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving.

When browsing for books, it is compulsory to wear a face mask.



Y11 LUNCHTIME REVISION SESSIONS

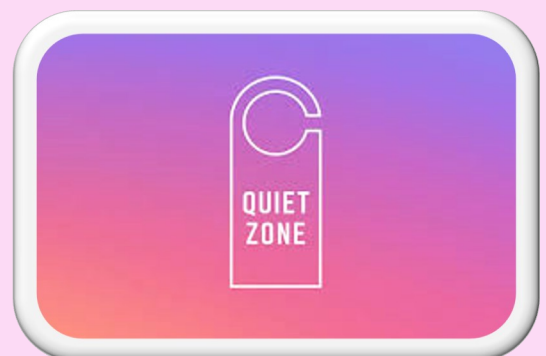
Run in S2 every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime.

Independent quiet revision only. This is not a lunch social area. Zero tolerance.

Max 15 in the room.

Please book your place by completing the form below:

[Y11 Lunchtime Revision Session Booking Form](#)



Please note:

There is a separate form for the library afterschool sessions.

Y11 | Open Evening: Long Road

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENINGS: Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 November

At Long Road Sixth Form College, there's lots of choice: A Levels, Diplomas, a mix of the two or GCSE res-sits.

Whichever direction you take, as a member of our friendly, Cambridge based community you can develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward towards your bright future.

We are inviting you to our Virtual Open Evenings on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November, 5:00pm – 8:30pm.

From Monday 19th October you will be able to register for course specific sessions; giving you the opportunity to meet our teachers, current students and have your questions answered by subject specialists. Throughout each subject event a team of our friendly staff will be behind the scenes answering your questions on our live Q&A chat feature!

All of our events will be taking place on Microsoft Teams, meaning you can access them from your PC, tablet or mobile!

[Don't forget - registration opens Monday 19th October!](#)

Y11 | Virtual Careers Fair

OPPORTUNITY IN THE NHS: Tuesday 03 November

You are invited to find out more Information on post GCSE opportunities within the NHS by attending Form the Future's '[Opportunities in the NHS – Virtual Careers Fair](#)' taking place on 3rd November, 4-6pm. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-opportunities-post-gcses-and-a-levels-tickets>

Y10 and Y11 | Virtual Work Experience

Half term virtual work experience opportunity for Year 10 & 11 students Finance Insight Day With HSBC and London Institute of Banking and Finance Friday 30th October

Students will need to register for a [Springpod account](#) to apply for the [Finance Insight Day](#) with HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance.

All those who register are guaranteed a place on the programme; where they can join HSBC and the London Institute of Banking and Finance for an inspiring Insight Day where participants will discover what the Financial Services industry has to offer.

During this insight day students take part in live workshops, have opportunities to interact with industry professionals and work on their own project.

By registering for a Spring pod account, students will also be able to view all work experience and apprenticeship opportunities, as well as explore a library of careers videos. Students will also receive email alerts when relevant opportunities become available.

Bronze Award | Current Year 11s



How can I receive my DofE Certificate of Achievement?

1. Complete your Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections
2. Get your Leader to approve them on eDofE by 31 December 2020
3. We'll email you your personalised Certificate!

dofe.org/dofewithadifference/achievement-for-all/

BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night



PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.

Bronze Award | Current 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 please email Mrs Noble.

Further information about the expedition section will be sent in due course. Please bear with us whilst we follow government and DofE guidelines on how best to proceed.

Bronze Award | Current Year 8s and Year 9s

Further information about the launch of our DofE Bronze Award for our current Year 8s and Year 9s will be sent at the start of next term.

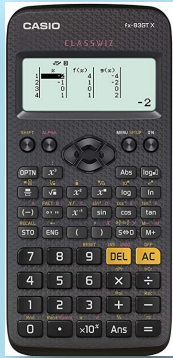
The programme will run from September 2021 to July 2022, with enrolment in July 2021, on application only.

Mrs Noble | DofE Manager
cam-dofe@cambournevc.org



General Notices

REQUIRED FOR MATHS LESSONS:



Students require the following equipment for their Maths lessons:

- A protractor
- A compass
- A scientific calculator—preferably a CASIO fx-83 GTX or CASIO fx-85 GTX

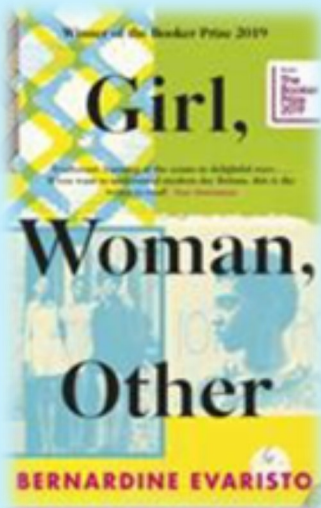
These make perfect stocking fillers...



Library Recommendations



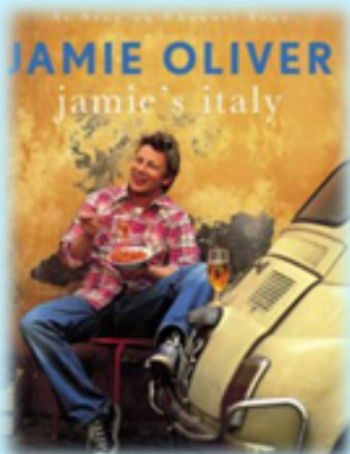
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo



Girl, Woman, Other follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters. Mostly women, black and British, they tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers, across the country and through the years.

Joyfully polyphonic and vibrantly contemporary, this is a gloriously new kind of history, a novel of our times: celebratory, dynamic and utterly irresistible.

Jamie's Italy by Jamie Oliver



Italy and its wonderful flavours have always had a major influence on Jamie Oliver's food and cooking. In *Jamie's Italy*, he travels this famously gastronomic country paying homage to the classic dishes of each region and searching for new ideas to bring home. The result is a sensational collection of Italian recipes, old and new, that will ensure that Italy's influence reaches us all.



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.

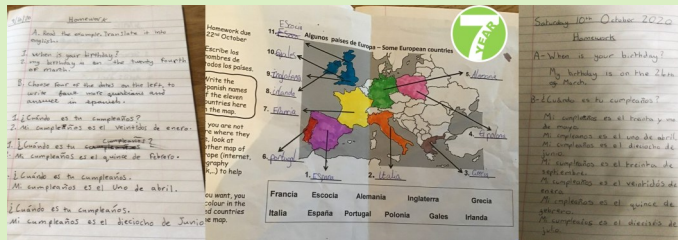
Social

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



This week's social highlight

23/10/2020



Well, this has been a half term like no other, but we have been so impressed with how our pupils have adjusted to the "new normal". Time for a few shout-outs! Mrs Federle:

"Here is some excellent homework from German / Spanish. A great start to the term!" [#superstars](#) [#ShoutOuts](#)

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.