



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 30 April 2021

The Week Ahead

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

Friday 07 May	Non Uniform Day
Thursday 27 May	Afternoon School Closure
Friday 28 May	Last day of half term
Monday 31 May—Friday 04 June	Half Term holiday
Monday 07 June	All Pupils back to School



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

A lot of information for you today:

Home Testing and Covid Compliance

Thank you for continuing to support the home Covid-testing of your children. This week we have an 87% return of pupil test results, which is brilliant! Every one of these completed tests helps to keep our school and community safer. Attached to this bulletin is a letter from Jonathan Lewis, the Director of Education for Cambridgeshire, with an appeal to everyone to continue to follow Covid Preventative measures. There is an increase in positive cases in South Cambridgeshire among 15-19 year olds; we are very keen that this does not gain traction.

School Closure 27 May Afternoon

On 27 May, we will be setting pupils an afternoon of remote learning and sending them home at 12.40pm, in order to create a block of time for staff to moderate Yr 11 assessed work prior to the submission of grades to the exam boards. Please see the letter sent yesterday and complete the Form to let us know if you wish your child to work under supervision in school for the afternoon.

Free Physics Lecture next Wednesday:

Further to the hugely successful set of Historic-All lectures, this programme is now branching out to include lectures in other fields. At 4pm next Wednesday, our lecture is delivered by Dr Markus Hellenbrand of the University of Cambridge on the subject: *Moving Atoms for Energy-Efficient Data Storage*. Please encourage your children who are interested in Physics and/or Conservation to join this - and of course, parents are all welcome too! Further details can be found later in the bulletin. All lectures are recorded and can be accessed on this [LINK](#)

School Expansion Consultation

If you have not yet looked at the plans for the next stage of school development from 2023, please check these out on the home page of our [website](#), and leave a comment if you can: it is important for the planning process for us to demonstrate that a correct consultation opportunity has been given to the public and this is particularly difficult under Covid restrictions.

Performance Hall Fit-Out

If you receive the Cambourne Crier, you may have already seen the flyer on the opposite page. We are really excited at the prospect of having this brilliant new facility on site for use by the school and community, from September. In order to complete the project and equip the hall as a cinema, we need your support to raise the final £100,000 needed. If any individuals, your employers, companies or any contacts you have might be able to help with a donation or fund-raising effort, please do get in touch!

Wishing you all a very enjoyable bank holiday weekend,

Claire Coates

Cambourne Arts Centre and Cinema

- Professional arts events and Community Cinema
 - Evenings, weekends and school holidays
- For all of Cambourne and the surrounding area



How can you help?

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.cambournevc.org/about-us/charitable-trust/>



We need more funds!

To get to where we are today has cost £145,000 so far!

To be able to bring a CINEMA to Cambourne, we need YOUR support to raise the final £100,000, by December 2021, for:

- Professional quality cinema screen and projector
- Surround-sound speakers

Cambourne Village College has built a new performance hall, with the help of our Town and County Councils!

Funding from Cam Academy Trust and the College, and fundraising by CamVC's Charitable Trust, means that hopefully by September 2021, we will be delivering:

- Musical and theatre performances for audiences of up to 350
- A full stage, lighting and top-quality tiered seating experience

In addition, we now have the ambition to:

- Show box-office films just weeks after national release
- Stream live broadcasts of west-end theatre, ballet and opera
- Employ a Community Arts Officer to grow the Arts offering for local people
- Attract professional touring theatre and dance companies

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

ABSENCE REQUEST

To notify us of any planned absences, please visit the [Absences](#) page on our website and submit an Absence Request Form, with 2 school days' prior notice for this to be reviewed for authorisation.

APPOINTMENTS

We strongly encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, pupils should be in school prior to/after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

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

Please notify Reception of when an appointment is and the timings that the pupil will not be in school by emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org.

If we do not receive prior notification to a morning absence, we will contact home and the absence will only be authorised on proof of the medical appointment upon the pupil's return.

When leaving for an appointment, the pupil must sign out at Reception and be collected by their parent or carer, and they must sign back in when they return.

Notices



Friday 07 May will be a non-uniform day. Each Year group will be raising money for different charities/projects.

There will be a collection in the morning. We are suggesting a **donation of £1 per pupil**, if you would like to donate more please do so.



A number of cycles have been left in our bike sheds for many weeks.

They are not rideable and have been removed to safe storage. Please contact Reception to arrange collection if these belong to your son or daughter.

We will donate these cycles to charity if they are not reclaimed by **Tuesday 04 May**.



Monday Year 9			
Football	Badminton	Netball	
Tuesday Year 8			
Football	Dance	Team Games	Badminton
Wednesday Year 7			
Football	Dance	Team Games	Badminton
Thursday Sports Leaders			
Sports Leaders Workshop			
Friday Year 10			
Badminton			

PE clubs have started again!

Our pupils thoroughly enjoy these opportunities; however to continue to provide these, we require funding. Staff volunteer their time and expertise to run, coach and organise these additional sporting opportunities; however, money raised goes towards maintaining quality equipment, providing buses for travel to fixtures and paying external qualified coaches to lead sessions. As such, we are asking any student who is attending extra-curricular clubs to make a £10 voluntary donation each term towards these running costs. This can be paid on ParentPay.

This charge does not apply to pupils who have free school meals.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Cricket leadership opportunity for girls

We are delighted to offer girls in Year 9 and Year 10 the opportunity to take part in a free cricket leadership course being run by Cambridgeshire Cricket. The course is a great thing to take part in if you are thinking about becoming a sports leader, if you are already a sports leader and are looking to develop your skills, or you have taken BTEC/GCSE PE. The course will run on Thursdays after school (3-4pm) for 6 weeks, starting on Thursday 29th April, and you must attend all 6 sessions. The course will be made up of practical and theory aspects and is a great opportunity for you to learn more about leadership in sport. If you would like to take part, come along on Thursday and sign up outside the PE office. For more information, speak to Miss Gassner.

GCSE Certificates Summer 2020

Now available from the School Office

You can now collect your Summer 2020 GCSE certificates from school.

You may collect them during school opening hours – please come to main reception with some ID – you will need to sign for them. A parent may collect them on your behalf – they will also need to bring ID.

Due to current Covid restrictions only one person in reception at a time. Please wear a mask and adhere to social distancing.

Year 10 Tests



As is routine in any usual year, Year 10 will have a period of tests this summer. This year, it will be in the fortnight of 5th-16th July (excluding Friday 9th July).

Further details about these, including a timetable, will be shared in due course. We use these tests to give students an experience of revision and of sitting tests in exam conditions. It also helps to give an early indication of whether students are on the right track for their target grades. Please encourage your child to begin revision once they know the contents of the upcoming tests; "little and often" is the most useful and effective way of revising, as well as the best approach for mental wellbeing.

We need more GREAT Sports Leaders



Any **year 9 student** who would like to apply to become a Sports Leader is welcome to collect an application form from outside the PE office.

Successful sports leaders will have the opportunity to getting involved in leading at clubs as well as at sports days and primary festivals and will be offered a range of different courses to further develop their sporting understanding.

It is a great opportunity for any student who loves sport and wants to get further involved in the life of the PE department.





CamVC Captain Tom 100 Challenge



Between the 30th April – 3rd May, Cambourne VC will be joining many other schools in celebrating what would have been Captain Sir Tom's 101st birthday.

This challenge is inviting schools to do 100 of any activity.

For a whole list of different 100 challenges take a look on your PE Class Teams.

I've provided the official CaptainTom100 Challenge video below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZVAgjNWvOo>

Use the link below to enter your 100 challenges and we'll see how activities we can complete to celebrate Captain Sir Tom Moore's Birthday and everything he did for charity (raising over £30M)

CLICK HERE!



SCAN ME



INCLUSION FOOTBALL SESSIONS

GET ACTIVE. MAKE FRIENDS. CHANGE PERCEPTIONS.



	Supervets	Amputee, CP & VI	Learning Disability (& Pan)	Mental Health	Walking Football	Down Syndrome	Ambulant CP
DAY?	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Saturday
TIME?	6 - 7 pm	8 - 9 pm	10 - 11 am	11:15 - 12:15 pm	10 - 11 am	10.30 - 11.30am	11:45 - 12:45 pm
AGE?	50+	16+	16+	16+	50+	9+	11 - 16 years
WHERE?	Abbey Leisure Centre	Coleridge Community College	Abbey Leisure Centre	Abbey Leisure Centre	Abbey Leisure Centre	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College



	Pan-disability	Pan-disability	ASD Intermediate	ASD Advanced	Frame	Visually Impaired
DAY?	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
TIME?	1 - 2pm	2:30 - 3:30pm	9:45 - 10:45am	11 - 12pm	12:30 - 1:30	2 - 3pm
AGE?	Under 8	16+	9 - 15 years	16+	Under 16	16+
WHERE?	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College	Coleridge Community College



Interested?

Please Contact Phil Mullen
Disability Sport Officer

📞 07948407950

✉️ phil.mullen@cambridge-united.co.uk



FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

May:

Wednesday 5th 4-5pm: **Dr Markus Hellenbrand**
Post Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Materials Science & Metallurgy, University of Cambridge

Tuesday 11th May 4-5pm: **Professor Peter Gaunt**
Professor of History, University of Chester

Wednesday 12th 4-5pm: **Dr. Ben Burbridge**
Senior Lecturer in Art History, University of Sussex

Wednesday 19th 4-5pm: **Dr. Eve MacDonald**
Lecturer in Ancient History, Cardiff University

Wednesday 26th 4-5pm: **Dr. Phillip Horky**
Associate Professor of Ancient Philosophy, Durham University

Follow us on Twitter @Education__All for updates.

For more information contact:
jangell@cambournevc.org &
lgassner@cambournevc.org



Our next FREE public lecture is on **Wednesday 05 May, 4-5pm** with Dr Markus Hellenbrand, Post Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Materials Science & Metallurgy, University of Cambridge.

Moving Atoms for Energy-Efficient Data Storage

The energy consumption from computing- and internet-related technologies is increasing rapidly. It is estimated that already today, data centres around the world consume as much energy, as can be produced by 20 nuclear power stations. By 2030, it is estimated, internet and communications technologies will consume 30-50 % of all global electricity. This is not sustainable, neither ecologically nor economically. A large part of this energy consumption is caused by the storage and processing of data. So one approach to slowing down the increase in energy consumption is the development of new, more energy-efficient computer memory. This lecture provides some insight into the research of such technologies at the University of Cambridge. The engineering of efficient computer memory draws on combined knowledge from physics, chemistry, electrical engineering, and information technology. It begins on the atomic level by creating crystalline materials with appropriate properties, and by shaping these materials into electronic devices. The lecture aims to provide a basic and widely understandable idea of the concepts behind this research.

Want a teaser? Watch this video! <https://vimeo.com/519877530>



Join us for a series of
free public lectures.
The lectures are **open
to all** and will be hosted
via Microsoft Teams.

FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Our next online lecture will be with.....

Dr Markus Hellenbrand

Moving Atoms for Energy-Efficient Data Storage

*Post Doctoral Research Associate, Department of
Materials Science & Metallurgy, University of
Cambridge*

**Wednesday 5th May
4-5pm**

Join via Microsoft
Teams:

<https://bit.ly/3wyoyo8>



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Online Safety Tips

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Your child/children may be online more than usual at the moment. Please see below some links to helpful ideas and materials around keeping children safe online:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub/>



Staying Safe



Combined Minds

COMBINED MINDS APP

Combined Minds is an app for parents and carers developed for teenage mental health charity Stem4 by Clinical Psychologists. The app aims to help families and friends support young people with their mental health.

Combined Minds use a 'strength based approach' which focuses on the positive attributes of the person and builds on resourcefulness and resilience. The app helps families to find ways to provide the right environment to help individuals they support affect their own change.

The app includes providing further information on certain needs such as anxiety and digital addiction as well as offering ways of accessing further help and useful suggestions of 'things you can do in the moment' to help support the young person.

More information can be found through the Combined Minds website at <https://combinedminds.co.uk/>

TEAMS | ONENOTE

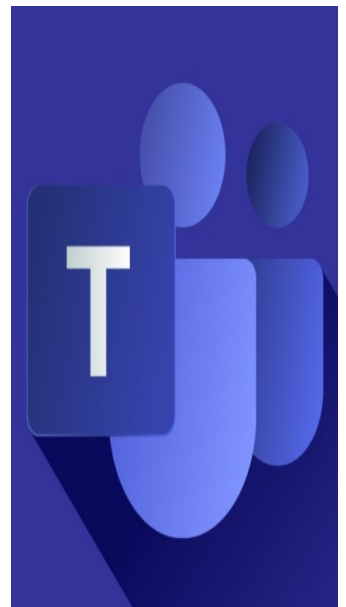
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments:

https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/EckeB-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx

[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](#))





Thank you for supporting your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform. A PE Department hoodie may still be worn inside as an extra layer for any pupil who finds classrooms cool under current ventilation arrangements.

Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team admin (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 – Louise Boyd cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 – Melanie Stanford cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 – Kayleigh Blane cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 – Julia Hewitson cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 – Louise Ramsay cam-year11@cambournevc.org

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).

Thank you.

FREE deliveries to the College have now been reinstated by SWI. Items delivered to the College will be available for your child to collect from their Year Team office.

SecondHandUniform

If you would like to check our second-hand uniform availability, please complete the form below to submit your enquiry.

[Second-Hand Uniform Request](#)

Please allow 48 hours for a response.

If your child has **lost an item of uniform**, please ask them to check with their **Year team office** in the first instance, or please **email thecollege@cambournevc.org** so that we can arrange for your child to check our unnamed items.

If your child needs a coat/jacket and would like to look through our unnamed items to find something suitable for them, please ask them to go to their Year team office or email the College.



Essential Schoolwear

PARENTS

View the uniform range for your school

[CLICK HERE](#)

SCHOOLS

Let us help you with your uniform needs

[CLICK HERE](#)

Welcome to our new website!

Brighter, faster and easier to navigate.

Our new site has several improvements, including:

Fully responsive for easy use on all devices from pc to mobile phone.



13 different languages to choose from. More can be added if requested.



Customers receive Track & Trace notification for their orders once despatched.



Customers can register for different schools under the same account and orders can be combined.



Example Junior School (5)



Example Senior School (3)

We are testing our new App and QR links will be added to the site when it is released.



Customer data from our old site has been transferred across, so there is no need to re-register

[LOG IN](#)

Library services

After School



Year 11 After School Revision Sessions

The School Library is resuming the after school revision sessions for Y11 pupils every Tuesday after school from 3 to 4:30.

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 or via this [link](#).

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 need to 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.**



After School Access to the School Library for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Starting on the week beginning 15th March, the school Library will be open after school from 3pm until 4pm for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the following days:

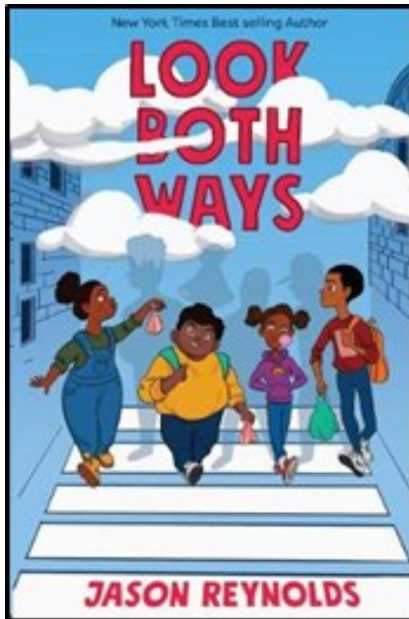
Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	7	10

Pupils are welcome to do homework, use a computer for research, look for books or to come just for some quiet reading.

They can enter the Library from the Year 7 social area using the fire door and they will need to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving.

When browsing it is compulsory to wear a facemask. Depending on the number of pupils accessing it, we could limit the time they can spend inside.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

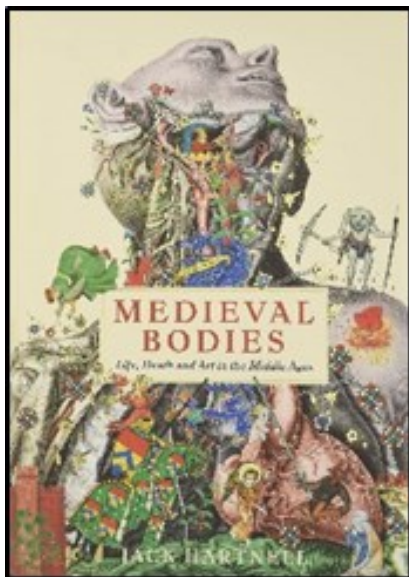


Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

When the bell rings and school is finished for the day, the walkers are finally set free. For ten blocks they have no-one telling them what to do; they can talk about bogies, skateboard, plan dramatic escapes, make jokes, face bullies, and hear about the school bus that fell from the sky...

In ten stories (one per block), find out what really happens on the walk home from school, when there are no parents or teachers to supervise (or stop the fun!). From hilarious escapades to brave challenges, join the walkers for one journey and many, many detours...

Shortlisted for the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal.
(Available from the School Library)



Medieval Bodies by Jack Hartnell

In this richly-illustrated and unusual history, Jack Hartnell uncovers the fascinating ways in which people thought about, explored and experienced their physical selves in the Middle Ages, from Constantinople to Cairo and Canterbury. Unfolding like a medieval pageant, and filled with saints, soldiers, caliphs, queens, monks and monstrous beasts, it throws light on the medieval body from head to toe - revealing the surprisingly sophisticated medical knowledge of the time in the process. Bringing together medicine, art, music, politics, philosophy and social history, there is no better guide to what life was really like for the men and women who lived and died in the Middle Ages. ***(Available from the School Library)***

ARTICLES

Students have access to a Teams channel of articles that school staff have chosen as being particularly interesting.

If your child is looking for something to read, there is a continually-updated selection – they'll fit nicely into the reading time each day, and offer something current to learn more about.

Find it here: [Recommended Articles](#)



USEFUL LINKS

Extended Learning

Click on the link below to find out more about our **Extended Learning Opportunities**:

[Extended Learning Opportunities](#)



Click on the link below to access our **PE** related information:

[Parent Bulletin Links - PE](#)

PSHE

Click on the link below to view our latest **PSHE** information:

[Parent Bulletin Links - PSHE](#)



Click on the link below to access **Covid-19** related information:

[Parent Bulletin Links - COVID-19](#)



Click on the link below to view our latest **DofE** updates:

[Parent Bulletin Links - DofE](#)



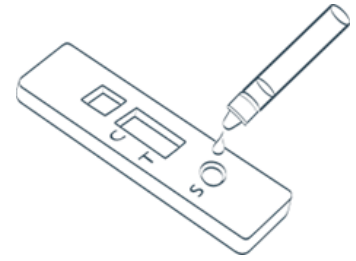
Click on the link below to find information about our **Music Clubs**:

[Parent Bulletin Links - Music Clubs](#)

LFD Screening

What is LFD

- Lateral Flow Device
- These are used for screening purposes only and should **not** be used if someone **is symptomatic**
- These tests are quick and easy to use at home and help to identify those who may have Covid-19 but aren't symptomatic



Why should my child take part in weekly screening?

- One third of infected individuals have no symptoms and unknowingly spread coronavirus infection. Community LFD testing is one method to help identify and then isolate those infected. This helps reduce the risk for others in the wider community who are more at risk of infection such as the elderly and those who have underlying health conditions, contacts that students and students families have outside of school.
- The government guidance for schools should you wish to read is <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/rapid-asymptomatic-testing-in-specialist-settings>
- LFD testing is voluntary, and we respect any decision surrounding this however we would like to encourage this as much as possible

The weekly process

- Pupils should test on a **WEDNESDAY** and **SUNDAY** each week
- Results should be entered into TestRegister at [TestRegister.co.uk](https://www.testregister.co.uk)

If you do not want to use this app please continue to use the [Covid 19 Information](#) Form to log your results if Positive.

If your LFD test result is **positive** please isolate as a household and book a **PCR test** immediately. We will be notified that the LFD test results is positive (if using TestRegister). Please notify us of the PCR result via [Covid 19 Information](#)

Covid-19 symptoms

- If you or anyone in your household has: a continuous cough, loss of taste/smell or high temperature, **isolate as a household** and book a **PCR test** ASAP. You should **NOT** use a LFD test at this point.

Please let us know the details of this by completing this form: [Covid 19 Information](#)

STAY ~~POSITIVE~~
NEGATIVE



Get
Tested



Get
Results



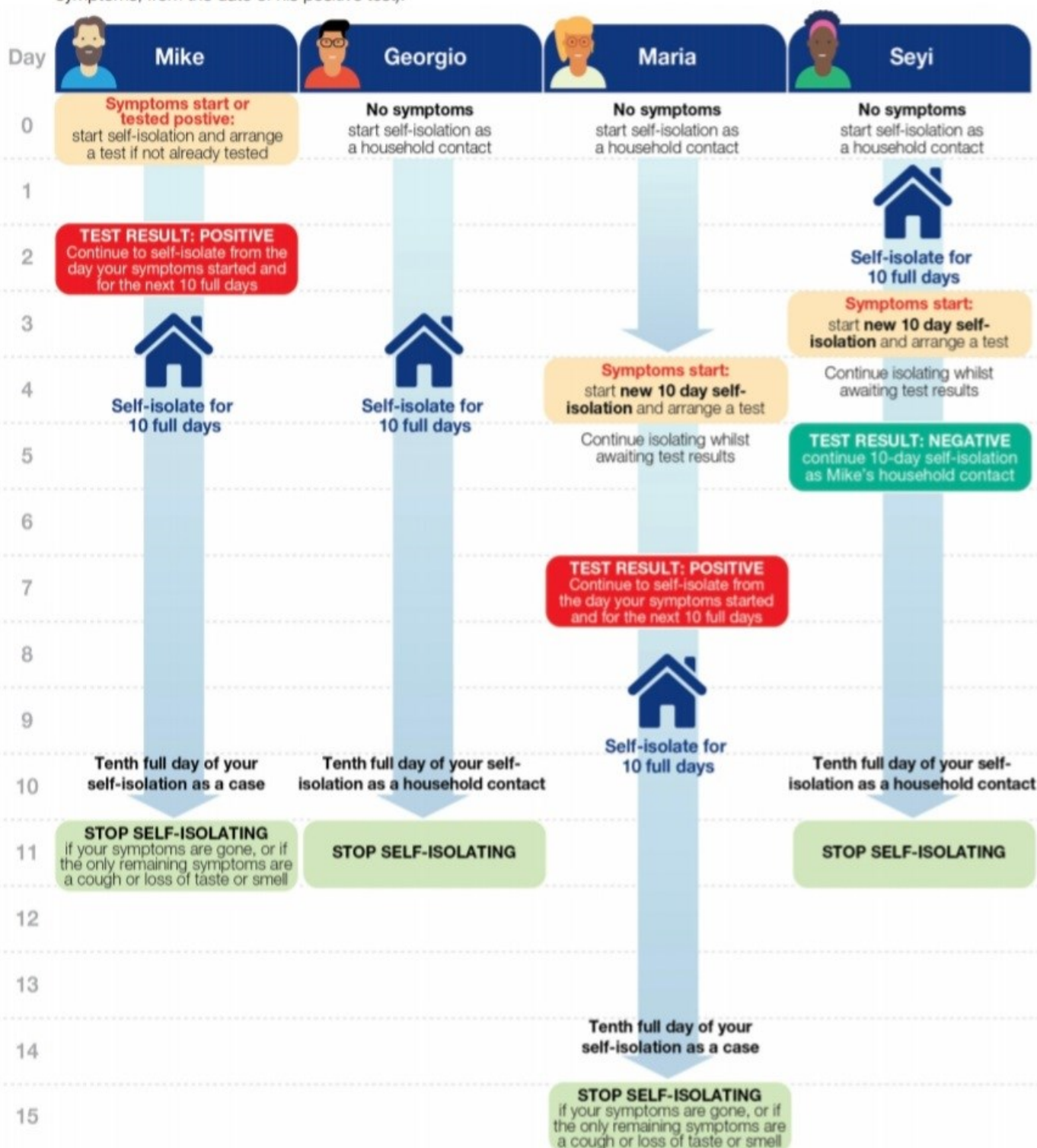
Get Peace
of Mind



Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see [detailed guidance online](#).

Mike's household: In this example, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household. He and everyone in the household begin self-isolating from the day Mike's symptoms start (or if he had no symptoms, from the date of his positive test).



Self-isolate for 10 full days.

You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to get to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



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.

Communication with the School

How can I contact my child's Year Team?



Please email cam-year7@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford



Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Ramsay

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

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 aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.