



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 23 July 2021

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Sports Clubs and Fixtures	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Friday 03 September	Year 7 in school all day
Friday 03 September	Year 11 - PM only (test & return home)
Monday 06 September	Year 10 - AM only (test and return home)
Monday 06 September	Year 9 - PM (test and return home)
Tuesday 07 September	Year 8 in school all day
Monday 25 - Friday 29 October	Half Term

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of term, I'd like to thank you for the support you have shown to the school throughout this extremely challenging past year. We're so grateful to all of you who have sent messages of thanks and good will to teaching and support staff; these have helped to sustain us through this period of exceptionally intense work.

As a staff, we are proud of the way the College has worked through the pandemic. Very high standards of teaching and learning have been maintained, and our strong preventative measures have meant that until this last week, we have been able to contain the virus and drive down the absences caused by 'bubble' closures (a word we can't forget too soon...) For a round-up of the last term, please see the summer edition of [News@Cam](#).

Enrichment Week

Over the past week we've had a wonderful return to enrichment activities. All year groups have finally had a sports day; pupil participation was fantastic, despite the heat, and thanks are due to the PE Dept for their typically hard work and impeccable organisation. In addition, Year 10 have spent time on their Core RPE and Careers curriculum; Year 9 have been making a wonderful art installation whilst also catching up on some important learning in PSHE. Year 8 have made films in Spanish and had a brilliant time on trips to Wimpole, with the Wimpole staff congratulating us on the pupils' impeccable behaviour. Year 7 have done workshops in archaeology, and Maths activities. Today, Year 9 are celebrating their cultural diversity with a wonderful array of different foods brought in to share; celebration assemblies have recognised pupils' hard work and achievements, and we've been privileged to hear our talented pupils perform for us again. It's been a great reminder of all the events we very much hope we can look forward to again next year.

Virtual Concert

Despite losing large numbers of performers and cast due to isolations this week, once again, the Music Department have produced us a wonderful, virtual end of term celebration which can be found on this [LINK](#)

Staffing

We are saying sadly saying goodbye to number of people who are moving on to new posts elsewhere: Mr Stephens is leaving the Maths Department and Mrs Jones leaves Computer Science, while Mrs McWherter is moving on from the English Department and Mr Henderson is leaving PE.

Mrs Noble, our Educational Visits Coordinator and Mr Al-Radaideh, our senior IT technician are both taking up new positions elsewhere, as are a number of teaching assistants – parents have already been informed of changes to their children's SEN support. Mr Rignall and Mrs Agg who have been cover supervisors, and Mr Pereira, Foreign Language Assistant are also leaving us – we are grateful to all these staff members and thank them for their contribution to the College. We have been able to recruit strong, specialist replacements for our teachers and the timetable is fully staffed for next year. We do however, have a number of vacancies in support staff positions; please see the Vacancies section of our website if you might be interested.

Testing

Please ensure you have read the letter sent home by School Post yesterday which explains the testing arrangements for each year group as we return in September, and the places in Cambourne where you can pick up home test kits. This week, 69% of our families tested their children - thank you! - and a significant number of positive cases were identified via these lateral flow tests. Please do continue to test at home over the summer break: we have recorded 19 positive cases amongst our pupils since Sunday.

School Uniform

If you are replacing uniform, please check the school uniform rules on the website, and ensure that you are buying acceptable items for September. Please note that skirts must be worn to the knee, and shoes must be completely plain, black and without logos.

We are looking forward to the start of the new school year, and hopefully, a return to pupil circulation around the specialist teaching areas and a full programme of extra-curricular activities and visits.

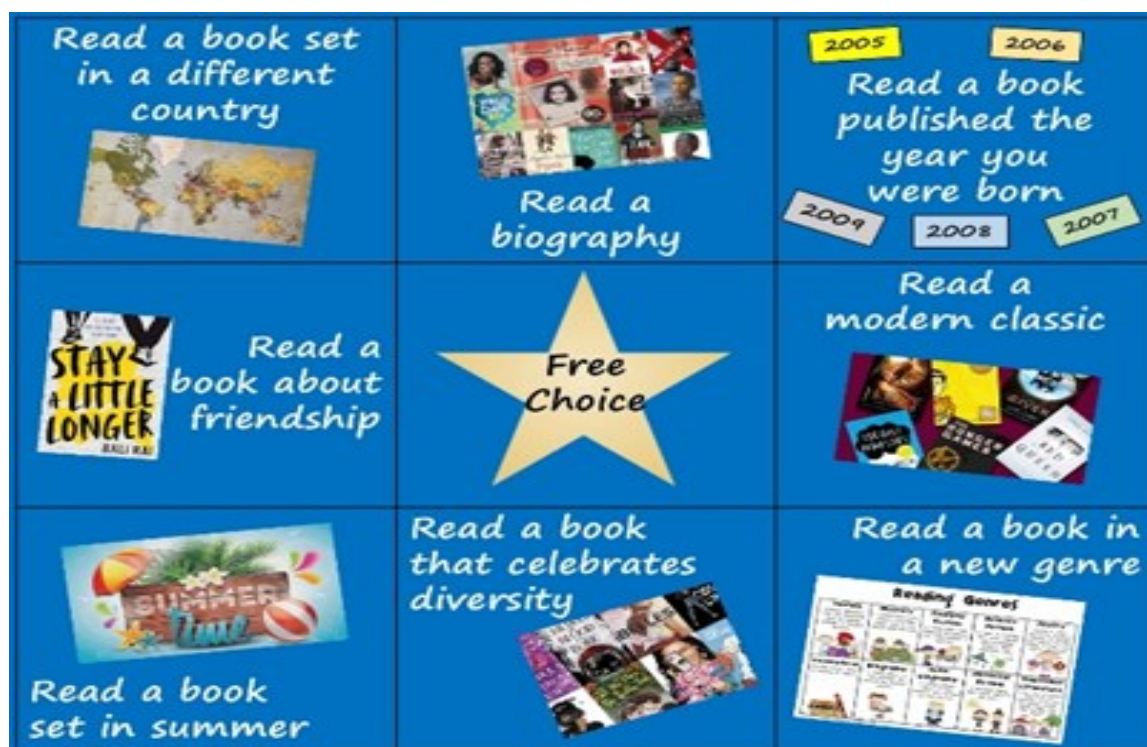
In the meantime, we wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

Claire Coates



Bingo! Summer Reading Challenge 2021



The Library is launching an interform competition we are calling 'Bingo - **Summer Reading Challenge 2021**' in order to promote reading during the summer holidays. We have designed it as a competition between forms within year groups and the form entering the highest number of valid entries will be the winner. The winning form from each year group will be rewarded with something each HoY will decide, i.e. a non-uniform day, jumping the queue for lunch, etc.

All the information, the bingo card and the entry form are available on the '[Bingo - Summer Reading Challenge 2021](#)' channel on the '[Cam-Book-Club-Team](#)' on [Teams](#)

Pupils can email Cam-Librarian@cambournevc.org or check with their Tutors if they have any questions regarding this. Thank you very much for taking part in the challenge.





Adult Education are looking for tutors for their evening classes and day schools for the 2021/22 programme.

We are looking for any subject to enhance our current programme but would specifically like to hear from anybody who can offer cookery courses, Spanish language at intermediate level, IT and book-keeping. Our classes take place at Cambourne, Comberton and Melbourn Village Colleges.

Please contact Mandy Draper by email on commed@catrust.co.uk with details of the skill(s) you are able to offer.

Message from SWI SchoolWear

Since 2020, Covid-19 has impacted the supply chain of school wear around the world leading to major service challenges throughout the industry. This has been exacerbated by the global shipping issues that have impacted our supply chain and caused more delays. Due to managing our own supply chain, our close relationship and supply agreements with your school, we have been able to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 and shipping delays.

However, we are confident that all orders placed before our recommended date of **Monday 2nd August 2021** will be delivered before the start of term.

Please see the SWI [Parent Plan](#) for more information.

SecondHandUniform

We currently have a large number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: [Second-Hand Uniform Request](#) and enter what uniform needs your child has.

With reception being open until **9pm each week night during term time**, there is an opportunity to organise a Covid safely-distanced visit to the school to 'see before you buy'.

Please email our evening receptionist **Liz Staines** to organise a time slot: El-Staines@cambournevc.org

DONATIONS of PE **astros** or **trainers** would also be gratefully received! Thank you.

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=OqjANx

[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](#))





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](#)



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](#)



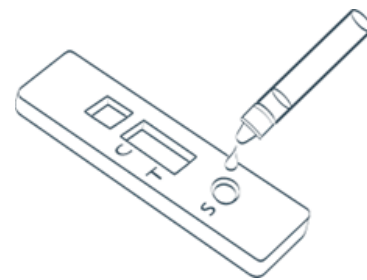
Click on the link below to find information about our **Music Clubs**:

[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



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Tested

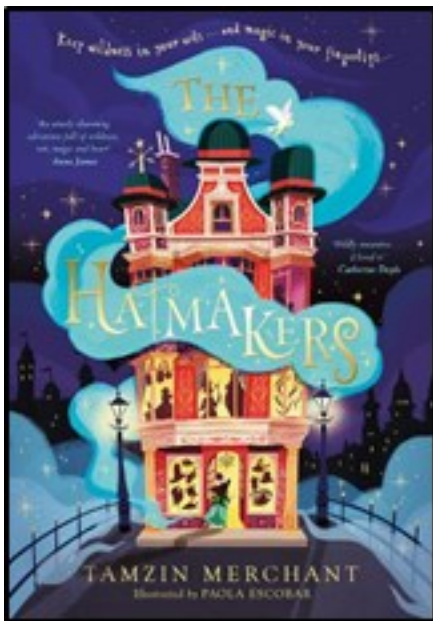


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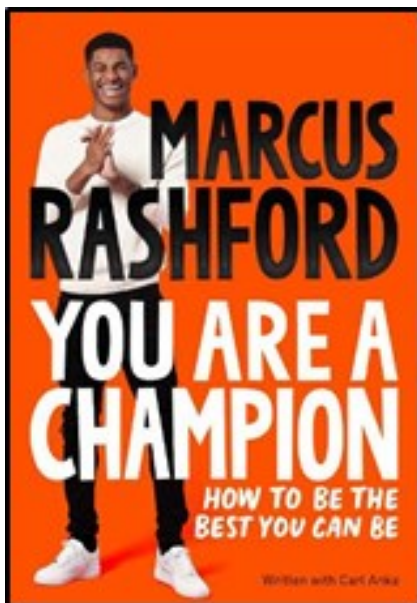
Get Peace
of Mind

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Hatmakers by Tamzin Merchant

Cordelia comes from a long line of magical milliners, who weave alchemy and enchantment into every hat. In Cordelia's world, making-crafting items such as hats, cloaks, watches, boots and gloves from magical ingredients - is a rare and ancient skill, and only a few special Maker families remain. When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the Jolly Bonnet, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help her, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war. It's up to Cordelia to find out who, and why... ***(Available from the School Library)***



You Are A Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be by Marcus Rashford

In this book Marcus Rashford MBE draws on stories from his own life to show you that success is all about the mindset. You'll find out how positive thinking can change your life, build mental resilience, learn how to navigate adversity and discover the unstoppable power of your own voice. You already have the tools you need to achieve your dreams; you just might not know it yet. Full of practical advice and engaging illustrations and infographics, this is the empowering and life changing first children's book from Marcus Rashford MBE, written in collaboration with journalist Carl Anka and performance psychologist Katie Warriner. ***(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](#)

Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme



If your child is on benefit related Free School Meals, they may be able to attend a funded holiday place in the summer holidays.

Scan our QR code for more information on how to register:



Or visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf



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Cambridgeshire
County Council

Cambourne Cricket Club Girls' Team!

Cambourne CC are launching its first-ever girls' team.

All abilities are welcome including complete beginners.

In preparation for the 2022 season, we are holding two cricket mornings for girls who maybe interested in playing cricket for our club.

If you are currently in Year 5 to Year 8 we would love to hear from you and hopefully see you on the 22nd August and/or 5th September.

If you are interested, please contact Mark Bennett (Academy Coordinator)

Cambournecc@gmail.com



22nd August and 5th September 10am - 12am
@ Great Cambourne, CB23 6EQ

Post-16 Next Steps

Autumn Term 2021	
Comberton Sixth Form	Open Evening: Wednesday 3 November; times to be confirmed. Please see the Comberton Sixth Form website for more information (https://www.combertonsixthform.org/)
Cambridge Regional College	Open Evenings: Tuesday 14th September 2021, 4.30-7.00pm Tuesday 5th October 2021, 5:00-7:30pm Thursday 25 th November, Apprenticeship Information Evening Details of all events can be found on the college website https://www.camre.ac.uk/events/ .

Safeguarding note

When taking part in online events, it is important that students are always mindful of online safety. Whilst an appropriately trained adult will be present in each virtual meeting, not all representatives presenting will have an enhanced DBS as this is not a requirement as part of their job role. Presentations are recorded; as such, please be aware that any username used during the event may be visible to new viewers. It is recommended that full names are not used as usernames (either a combination of first initial and surname, or first name and initial of surname is preferred). There is an opportunity to engage with event representatives and to ask questions during events such as these; all communication should take place via the prescribed chat functions, and only during the event itself. Students accessing the sessions should be extra vigilant about disclosing any further personal, identifiable information.



Virtual Year 10 Programme: Insight into Careers in the NHS

Together
Safe
Kind
Excellent



5th August 2021, 10am - 2.45pm

Are you leaving Year 10 going into Year 11 in September, then why not sign up for this programme and see what NHS career may suit you.

There are over 350 roles in the NHS - here are just a few explained to you.

Apply online: <https://addenbrookes.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/year-10-programme>



Cambridge Regional College Taster Day

f(or current year 10s, future year 11s!)



Unfortunately, the scheduled Year 10 Taster Day that was to take place in June had to be cancelled; however, **Cambridge Regional College** are keen to welcome students to campus to experience college life.

As such they are planning to hold a **Taster Day** on **Saturday 9th October** for what will then be Year 11 students, this will be available on our Cambridge and Huntingdon Campuses.

Please see the posters below and the next page for more information



CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE TASTER DAY

For students joining in 2022

9 October 2021

Cambridge | Huntingdon Campuses





We have the pleasure in inviting you to Cambridge Regional College to take part in our Taster Days on **9 October** at our Cambridge and Huntingdon Campuses. Our Taster Days are a great opportunity to find out more about what it's like to study at college and about the subject and career opportunities available. We hope the day will give you a better idea of what you can do when you finish school in Year 11 and how our courses link into a wide range of careers.

If you are planning on going to university, considering an Apprenticeship, or looking to go straight into work after college, then this is a great chance for you to find out more. You will spend a day getting familiar with the subject of your choice, meeting staff and students, viewing our facilities, asking questions and experiencing the college. You can choose from a wide range of subjects including Art & Design, Beauty Therapy, Business, Health & Social Care, Early Years, Catering & Hospitality, Computing, E-Sports, Games Development, Construction, Engineering, Hairdressing, Media Studies, Motor Vehicle, Music, Performing Arts, Forensic & Criminal Investigation, Sport Studies, Travel & Tourism, and Uniformed Public Services.

All activities will be run by our CRC lecturers and students in our dedicated workshops. These sessions are open to all Year 11 students.

Please bring your own packed lunch, a drink and face covering on the day.

"I really enjoyed the day - it gave me a good idea of what I want to do."

"Really helpful and everyone was really friendly."

HOW TO BOOK

To book your place visit
www.camre.ac.uk/tasterday

Cambridge Campus
Kings Hedges Road
Cambridge
CB4 2QT

T: 01223 418200
E: cambridge@camre.ac.uk

Huntingdon Campus
California Road
Huntingdon
PE29 1BL

T: 01480 379100
E: huntingdon@camre.ac.uk

#WeAreCRC

Coronavirus

The health and safety of our visitors, students and staff is our first priority. With this in mind, it may mean that extra measures will be put in place to keep people safe; this will be based on the local and national context. We will contact you through the email address you use to register if the event is cancelled.

PROGRAMME

9.30am	Arrival at CRC
10am - 12pm	Taster Session
12pm - 12.30pm	Lunch
12.30pm - 2pm	Continue Taster Session
2pm	Finish



**Gain widely recognised
business and HR qualifications**



The **HR Specialist role** in the Army is like no other role, teaching your students about responsibility and providing the chance to move up into senior roles such as Chartered Accountant. They will do the level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship and build valuable skills like teamwork, personal development and organisation. Click below to find out more.

HR specialists in the Army have a number of key responsibilities, including:

- Serving within any unit of the British Army
- Making an immediate impact, with responsibility from day one

Moving into specialist support roles such as a Chartered Accountant



Students can apply for the role from age 15 years 7 months, and start aged 16 ½ years with GCSE grades 9-3 in at least English Language and Maths. We'll also consider vocational qualifications such as an NVQ in Business Administration.

There are exceptional travel opportunities, with Army HR Specialists working in every British Embassy and High Commission around the world. Discover more in our video below.

[Watch Video](#)

Selwyn College Summer Webinar Series

Selwyn College are running a series of webinars for pupils in Year 10, covering topics such as A Level and Degree subject choice advice, student life, careers and applications. For more details see: <https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/joining-selwyn/undergraduates/access-and-outreach/summer-events>

This programme aims to:

- Give students the information and confidence to consider and make competitive applications to universities, including Oxbridge, in the future
- Enable students to make good A Level (or equivalent) choices in regards to applying to university
- Introduce students to the broad range of subjects available to study at university
- Develop study skills ready for GCSEs, sixth form and beyond

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any further questions



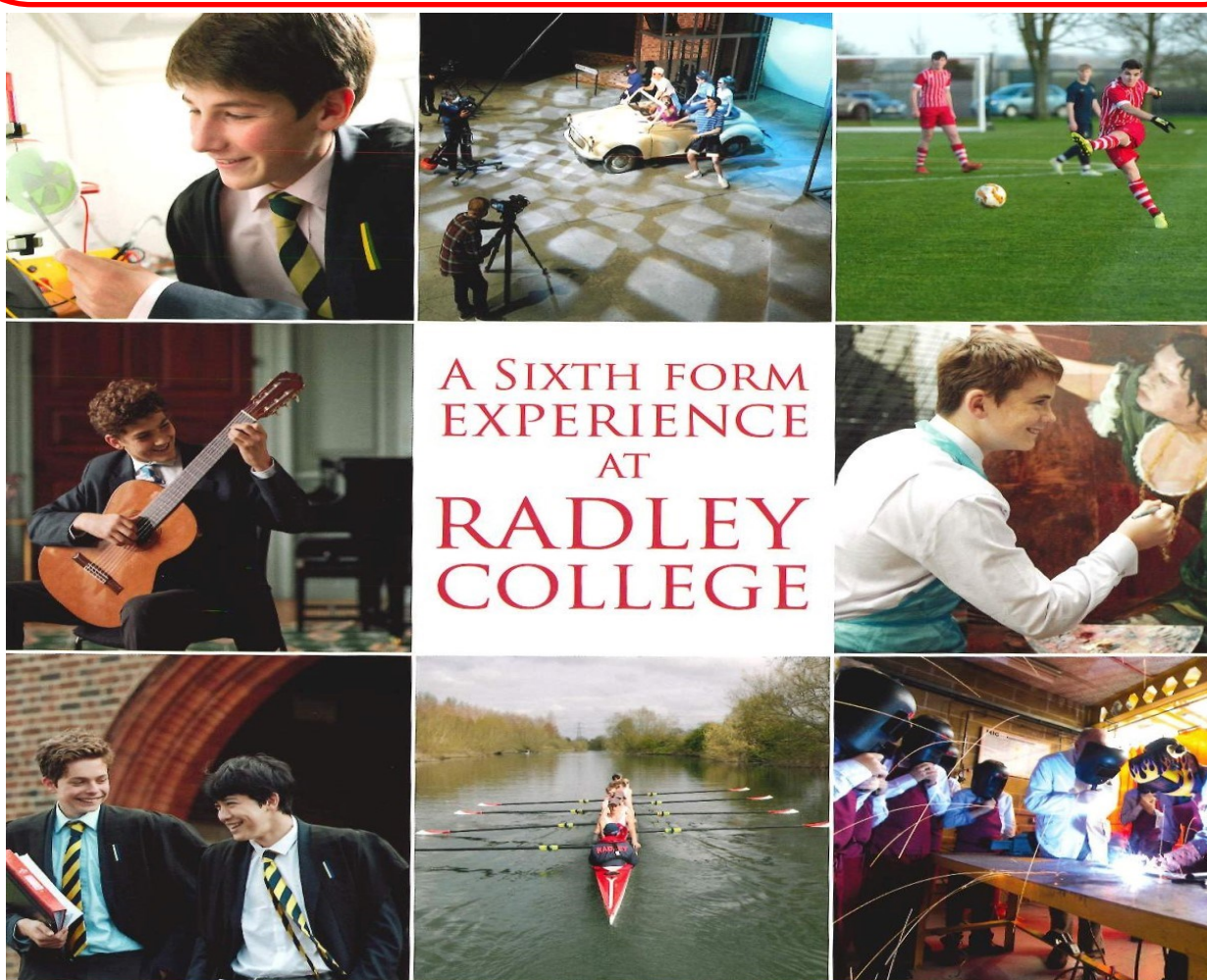
Sixth Form Education at Radley College

Radley College is an independent, all boys' full boarding school located in Abingdon, Oxfordshire (four miles from the city of Oxford).

The Sixth Form Funded Places Programme at Radley College is a scheme designed to offer talented boys from all backgrounds, an opportunity to benefit from a boarding school education. The programme can provide means tested bursaries up to 100% of the fees to Sixth Form boys.

The Sixth Form open day will be on 18th September 2021 at 10.30am.

Please contact the Admissions Office at Radley on **01235 543 174** for more information or check out their website : www.radley.org.uk/admissions/sixth-form-entry



A SIXTH FORM
EXPERIENCE
AT
RADLEY
COLLEGE



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RADLEY IS A LEADING ALL BOYS, FULL BOARDING SCHOOL NEAR OXFORD

BURSARIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 100% OF BOARDING FEES



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COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT OUR
SIXTH FORM OPEN DAY: 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

RADLEY.ORG.UK
ADMISSIONS@RADLEY.ORG.UK

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



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.