



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 10 Sept 2021

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

Thursday 23 September	Year 7: 'Meet the School' Evening
Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October	Year 7: CATS
Thursday 07 October	Staff Training Day - school closed to all pupils
Monday 25 - Friday 29 October	Half Term



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

We're enjoying having all our pupils back in school and resuming full use of our excellent facilities. Year 8, as well as Year 7, are now finding their way around the site and experiencing lessons in all the specialist rooms.

## **Year 11 Exam Results**

Our submitted grades following the summer in-school assessment process were accepted without change by the exam boards. Our students did very well. As agreed with all Cambridgeshire secondary schools, we will not be publishing the results this year. However, the vast majority of students achieved the grades they needed in order to progress to their chosen Post 16 courses and all have been supported to find a meaningful placement. We wish them the very best of luck in their new settings.

## **Clubs Starting Next Week**

Please see details inside the bulletin of PE and music clubs which are starting again next week, and details of how to sign up for musical instrument lessons. Please contact the relevant member of staff if you would like your child to take part in an activity which you cannot afford at present; we will always try to find a way forward with you.

## **Covid Testing**

Very many thanks for supporting our efforts to have all students tested twice for Covid 19 over the past week. Only one student across the school tested positive on their lateral flow test and they were immediately referred for a PCR test under the new guidelines. Many schools are reporting far higher numbers of positive test results; our best defence against the virus is for you to continue testing your children at home and to report the results as requested. All students should have brought testing kits home with them this week. Please support us by doing these tests – the first is due on Sunday.

## **School Uniform**

Thank you for all your efforts to send your children into school this week in full school uniform. We are aware of the frustration caused by poor communication from our suppliers, charges for returns and problems in obtaining some items. We have arranged meetings with the companies early this term to address these problems. Going forward, we will be able to offer opportunities to try on new uniform at school again; this can be arranged via your child's Pastoral Support Assistant. If you have difficulty in obtaining correctly-fitting branded items for your child, please consult with the PSA for your year group, to resolve this.

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend,

Claire Coates

# LIBRARY



The Library is open again to all pupils every day from 8am until Registration, at break, lunchtime and after school until 4pm (4:30pm on Tuesday).

Pupils are welcome to come to read, search for new books and borrow them, do homework or research, or use their iPad or the computers.

## Bingo! Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Thank you for all the entries we have received so far. The deadline to submit them has been extended until 4pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

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](mailto: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!

<p>Read a book set in a different country</p> 	 <p>Read a biography</p>	<p>2005 2006</p> <p>Read a book published the year you were born</p> <p>2004 2008 2007</p>
 <p>Read a book about friendship</p>	 <p>Free Choice</p>	<p>Read a modern classic</p> 
 <p>Read a book set in summer</p>	<p>Read a book that celebrates diversity</p> 	<p>Read a book in a new genre</p> 





**PE**

These clubs will start on week beginning **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** and are open to all pupils to attend. **Pupils do not need to sign up**, just come along to the **orange changing rooms** at **3pm** on the day of the club you'd like to attend.

## PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2021

### MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football – Astro  
Year 8 Rugby- Field  
Year 9 Rugby – Field  
Year 9/10/11 Basketball – Sports Hall  
KS3 Badminton – Gym

### TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 8 Football – Astro  
Year 7 Rugby – Field  
Girls Rugby – Field  
Dance – Gym

### WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

Hockey – Astro  
Year 9/10/11 Football – Astro  
Year 7/8 Basketball – Sports Hall  
Table Tennis – Gym

### THURSDAY 3-4pm

Golf – Field (CCC)  
Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

### FRIDAY 3-4pm

KS4 Badminton – Sports Hall  
Girls Football – Astro  
Fitness – Gym  
BTEC Catch Up – IT04

Meet at the back doors to the orange changing rooms.

### **Golf**

We are extremely fortunate to have Cambridge Country Club coming into school on Thursdays from 3-4pm to lead golf coaching sessions with our pupils. Pupils of all abilities are welcome to come along and receive free coaching from PGA professional, Joel. This includes pupils with some experience who would like some tips and coaching advice on how to improve. This opportunity is open to all pupils from Years 7 to 11. Sessions will be held on the astro and the field. More information is available from Miss Gassner in the PE department.



# MUSIC CLUBS

## Music Notices

Instrumental Lessons starting from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

There are still space for pupils to learn: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, violin, piano, keyboard, guitar, drums, or singing!

To sign, download the forms from here:

[Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://cambournevc.org)

## Music Clubs and Production (in Music Block)

Music clubs are starting again:

3pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – Concert Band (Years 7 – 11)

3pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8)

3pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Jazz Band (Years 9 – 11)

3pm, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)

At lunchtime on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September there will be a meeting to announce what this year's school production will be, and what you have to do to audition. Come along at



# Young Carers

**Young Carers group** returns on Thursday 16th September with all year groups welcome. It will run from 3.10-4pm and students will initially meet in the Link but different activities will be planned weekly.

Young Carer lunchtime drop-ins will be on Mondays in the Link.

If parents have any queries they can contact Emily Smith at [esmith@cambournevc.org](mailto:esmith@cambournevc.org)



Follow us on Twitter @Education\_\_All for updates.

For more information contact:  
[jangell@cambournevc.org](mailto:jangell@cambournevc.org) &  
[lgassner@cambournevc.org](mailto:lgassner@cambournevc.org)



## Return of FREE public lectures!

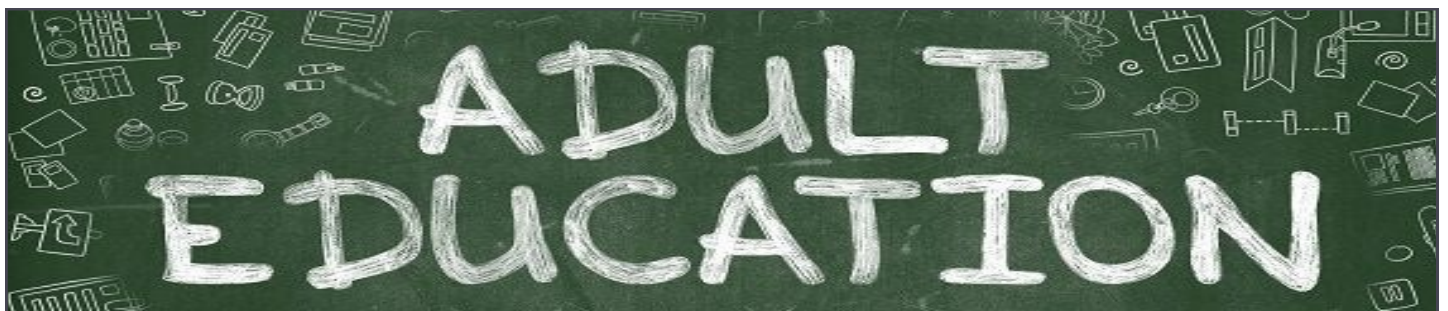
Introducing our brand-new public lecture series! We hope that these free lectures help to foster a love and interest in a variety of subjects. There will be a range of speakers and the opportunity to ask questions at each lecture. This also fits in with our wider school remit of being a Village College, inspired by the ideas of Henry Morris, in which schools should act as a community hub and that education is a lifelong process. Everyone is welcome!

**For this academic year we are hoping to have a mix of virtual and in-person events.** Details about how to join the events (free of charge) and recordings of our previous lectures are available via the school website <https://www.cambournevc.org/news-and-events/education-all.php> and via Twitter: @Education\_\_All

Join us for the first online lecture this term on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 4-5pm** with **Matthew Hayes** (*Research Assistant, Museum of Zoology, University of Cambridge*).

The history of wildlife: engaging audiences with museum collections

*Natural History collections represent a huge source of information. They provide snapshots into the past and allow us to view the history of wildlife over the last few hundred years. However, museums are limited in the number of specimens they can put on display and share with the public, which means the vast majority of material remains in storage, only available to a select few. Matt Hayes will be talking about his work increasing access to the Cambridge University Museum of Zoology butterfly collection, where he is engaging audiences with the stories they preserve. Supported by the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund.*

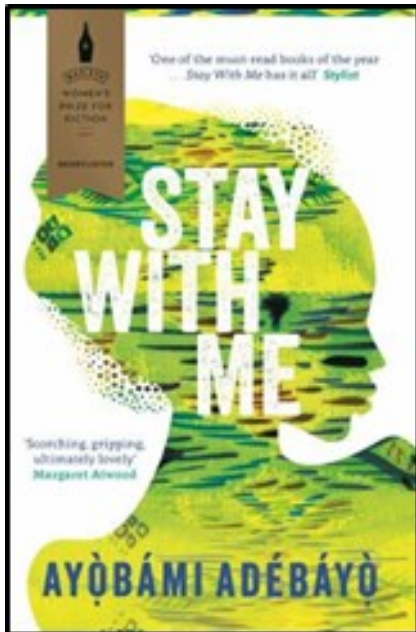


Our **Adult Education** programme has been updated for the 2021-22 academic year with additional new free online courses—which still have spaces available including on subjects such as Counselling (introduction to) as well as English and Maths GCSEs.

The full 2021-2022 programme has **over 150 courses on offer**. Full details of the programme can be found on the Adult education page of the [website](#). Detailed Information sheets on all of our courses are also available to download.

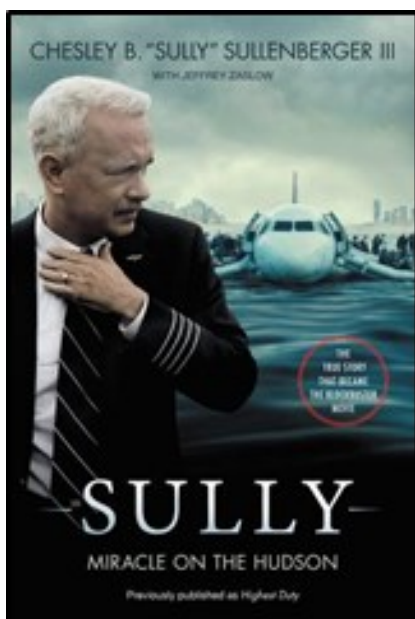
You can also contact Mandy Draper by email on [commed@catrust.co.uk](mailto:commed@catrust.co.uk) or phone: 01223 264721 for more information.

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



## ***Stay With Me*** by Ayobami Adebayo

Yejide is hoping for a miracle, for a child. It is all her husband wants, all her mother-in-law wants, and she has tried everything. But when her relatives insist upon a new wife, it is too much for Yejide to bear. Unravelling against the social and political turbulence of 1980s Nigeria, *Stay With Me* is a story of the fragility of married love, the undoing of family, the power of grief, and the all-consuming bonds of motherhood. It is a tale about the desperate attempts we make to save ourselves, and those we love, from heartbreak. **(Available from the School Library)**



## ***Sully - Miracle on the Hudson*** by Chesley Sullenberger and Jeffrey Zaslow

On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed a remarkable emergency landing when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger skillfully glided US Airways Flight 1549 onto the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 passengers and crew. His cool actions not only averted tragedy but made him a hero and an inspiration worldwide. Sully's story is one of dedication, hope, and preparedness, revealing the important lessons he learned through his life, in his military service, and in his work as an airline pilot. **(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](#)



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](mailto: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.

**LOST**  
**PROPERTY**



Thank you for supporting your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform.

**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 Ramsay [cam-year7@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org)

Year 8 - Louise Boyd [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org)

Year 9 - Melanie Stanford [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org)

Year 10 - Kayleigh Blane [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org)

Year 11 - Sam Tomlinson [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org)

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

# 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' at hours to suit you.

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



**Cambridge Futsal Club are looking for U13 and U14 players.**

Training sessions are on Sunday mornings at Swavesey Village College from 12:15 to 13:15.  
For more information please email [academy@cambridgefutsal.club](mailto:academy@cambridgefutsal.club)

### Cambridge Futsal Club Academy U13/U14's

- ▶ Cambridge Futsal Club Academy are looking for u13 and u14 players for the season 2021-22
- ▶ Training Swavesey Village College Sundays 12:15-13:15
- ▶ We offer a unique pathway for youth players with fantastic opportunities
- ▶ For more information get in touch [academy@cambridgefutsal.club](mailto:academy@cambridgefutsal.club)



## POST 16: NEXT STEPS



What Next?

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

# 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 the time and date of appointments by emailing:

[thecollege@cambournevc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambournevc.org).

If we do not receive notification prior 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.



**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.**

# Online Safety Tips

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

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/>

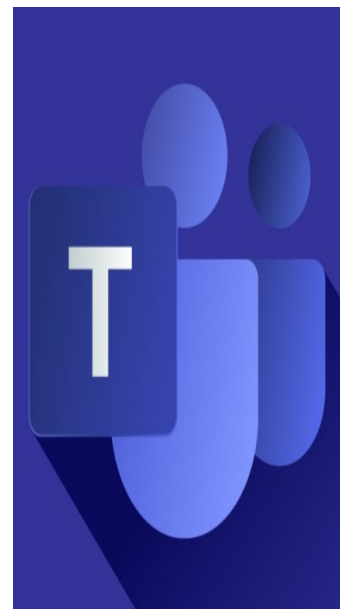
## TEAMS | ONENOTE

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](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](#))





# 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

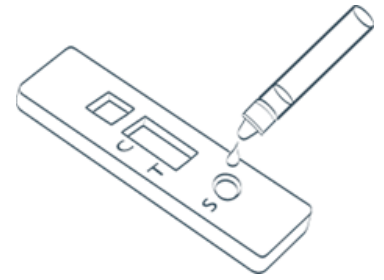
In addition, we now have the ambition to:

- 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

## 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





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org) | PSA Louise Ramsey

Please email [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org) | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org) | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org) | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year11@cambournevc.org) | PSA Sam Tomlinson

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](mailto: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](http://www.cambournevc.org)

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.