

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 05 Nov 2021

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

| Monday 08 November | Year 11 Business Revision Session (3pm to 4pm) |
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| Friday 12 November | Covid Vaccinations for ALL PUPILS (Age 12 and over) |
| Thursday 18 November | Year 11 Parent Consultation. (School Finishes at 1.30pm for all years) |
| Wednesday 24 November | Flu Vaccinations for ALL PUPILS |
| Friday 26 November | Staff Training Day - School closed for all pupils |



Safeguarding

At Cambourne Village College we work hard to make sure that we build up positive relationships with the pupils in our care and we hope that we can support families in safeguarding your children.

What is safeguarding?

- Protecting children
- Preventing harm to a child

This includes a variety of different aspects. We are here to help your child make good choices but also support them if they make a mistake.

We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

What do we do at CamVC to safeguard your child?

• **Staff are vigilant** – staff are very good at noticing small changes and listening to the concerns of those in our care. Tutors are well placed in this process, however all staff play an active role in this.

• **Designated Team** – we have a specific team of people working each day to address concerns raised by staff, pupils, parents and external agencies. This team works to make sure concerns are addressed and the appropriate support is advised

• **Pupil Voice** - we encourage pupils to speak to us or raise their concerns via the 'Report a Concern' button on their iPad

How can we help you?

If you have any concerns about your child or you would like any support, please contact us via <u>cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org</u>

On the <u>week commencing 1st November</u>, all parents will have access to an electronic online safety session delivered by ECP. The course lasts for 1 hour and is available at any point in the week from Monday 1st November until Sunday 7th November 2021.

Please find below the link to provide <u>immediate</u> access to the session. Once you enter your details, the session <u>will start immediately.</u>

Once you start the training you can pause/fast forward/rewind but <u>**DO NOT**</u> log out of the training platform or close the web browser window. If for any reason your device crashes during the training, please contact us on <u>info@ecplimited.com</u> for support. All forms of digital devices can be used to access the sessions.

Parents awareness: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5656417096684558092



The Kooth service, is running free online parent / carer information sessions.



Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

Kooth is running **free** online parent/carer information sessions - designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

The longer one hour session which will cover:

- A Presentation on Kooth
- A Live tour of the Kooth site
- An opportunity for Questions & Answers about Kooth

Please click on the registration link to attend:

Please ensure you register for the webinar of your choice.

| Date | Time | Registration Link | Zoom Link |
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| Tues 16 Nov | 5pm- 6pm | https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ discover-kooth-parent-carer- information-sessions-tickets- 164152609875 | https://zoom.us/j/94295360074? pwd= L0xKdzNEM0ZJVVAz- eE9hUXExYmhFUT09 |
| Tues 14 Dec | 6pm- 7pm | https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ discover-kooth-parent-carer- information-sessions-tickets- 164152609875 | https://zoom.us/j/94874926099? pwd= VHhFQ0tXMzhPTFNJeVFt- THhGYWZxQT09 |

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet. By accessing Kooth, young people can benefit from:

A free, confidential, anonymous, and safe way to receive support online.

Online Counselling from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available via 1-1 chat sessions or messaging on a drop in basis or via booked sessions.

No referral is required. Young people can register for kooth independently via kooth.com

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please address them to the school/[professional. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parentsandcarers@kooth.com.

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 ask questions during events such as these, all communication should take place via the prescribed chat functions, and only during the event itself and students accessing the sessions should be extra vigilant about disclosing any further personal, identifiable information. Please click <u>here</u> to view the entire <u>#LongRoadLife</u>Pre-Application Newsletter (as previewed below)

PRE-APPLICATION SPECIAL EDITION: VOL.

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LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

BE AMAZED. BE INSPIRED. BE LONG ROAD.

Welcome to #LongRoadLife - our Long Road Sixth Form College applicant newsletter!

This special pre-application edition of #LongRoadLife is jam-packed full of key information about our college; from class sizes to enrichment opportunities, and articles that we hope you will find useful in helping you decide on your subject choices. We will also give you an overview of our admissions process and what you can expect in the months ahead.

If you decide to make an application to study with us in September 2022 you'll be hearing a lot more form #LongRoadLife and our friendly team behind the scenes – we can't wait to get to know you throughout the admission process!

Best wishes, Long Road



WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A LONG ROAD STUDENT

GETTING TO COLLEGE: YOUR TRAVEL OPTIONS

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MY LONG ROAD: APPLICATION PROCESS

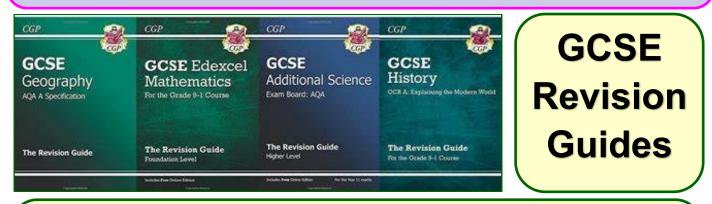
BE YOUR BEST: SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS



Hill Road Sixth Form: Application support/Open Events page

Students and parents who may have missed the Hills Road Open Event in September may find the following page of the Hills Road website useful:

https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/sixthform/how-to-apply/open-events



We are offering a number of revision guides for different subjects to our year 10 and 11 students studying their GCSE's.

If you would like to purchase one, please check your **child's ParentPay account** to check what guides are available. **Please make payments as soon as possible as some guides will need to be ordered into school**.



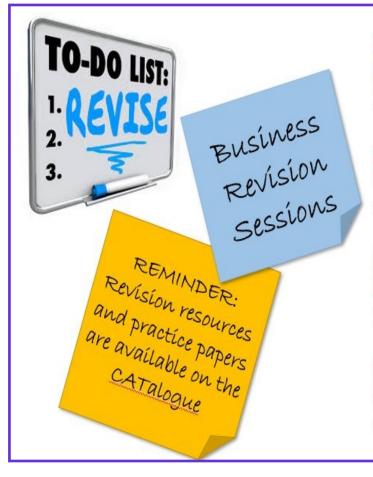
The Library

Due to GCSE exams taking place in the Library on Monday 8th November, the library will remain closed to pupils before school and at break time. It will be open to pupils at lunch and after school as usual.



Business Revision Sessions—Year 11

Please ask your child to contact either **Miss McConnell** or **Mrs Mallett** to sign up in advance for any of these revision sessions.



Business in the Real World & how to answer 6 mark questions

Monday, 8th November, 3 – 4pm, G03

Human Resources & how to answer 9 mark questions

Wednesday, 17th November, 3 – 4pm, G03

Influences on Business & how to answer 12 mark questions

Tuesday, 23rd November, 3 – 4pm, G03

Quantitative methods (how to answer the Maths questions)

Wednesday, 24th November, 3 – 4pm, G03

To help with your revision for the upcoming mock exams, the following **<u>English revision</u>** sessions will be taking place:

<u>Wednesday 10th November:</u> Macbeth Revision with Mr.Simpson

<u>Wednesday 17th November:</u> Language paper 2 Section B revision with Mr.Dove

<u>Wednesday 24th November:</u> Language paper 2 Section A revision with Mrs.Macwhinnie

Please come down to **Pink 15** at the end of the day if you wish to attend. These sessions are available to all pupils and will end at 4.15pm.









www.investity.org

Dear parents and guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Cambourne Village College is an <u>InvestIN Partner School</u>! The school joins over 1,000 other schools across the world who share our commitment to helping students bridge the gap between school and industry and maximise their potential.

Who is InvestIN?

InvestIN empowers students with the knowledge and experience they need to make the right choices about their future careers. We offer students aged 12-18 the opportunity to learn from top industry professionals through interactive activities, invaluable site visits, networking opportunities, career coaching sessions and much more.

Our career experience programmes

- We deliver immersive career experiences across 28 different industries, from the everpopular Medicine and Law through to more up and coming industries like Environmentalism and Sports Professionalism. These are available in both a live online or in-person format and range from 1 to 15 days in length throughout the year.
- Students also gain a certificate of attendance, which are widely recognised and help boost CVs and UCAS applications.
- When they register, students are now invited to join our state-of-the-art tech platform, AmbitionX, so they can really enhance their future prospects by experiencing an unlimited number of live online programmes and masterclasses, tracking their progress as they go.

How to register

- You can register your child for any programme by visiting our website, <u>www.investin.org</u> or by scanning the QR code below.
- Your child can benefit from 10% off any of our opportunities by inserting the school's unique Partner School discount code CAMBOURNEVC10 at registration.
- If your child is in receipt of any financial support, we also offer bursaries for eligible students to attend our live online programmes free of charge. For more information, please ask a teacher to get in touch with us.

Support for parents & guardians

InvestIN is dedicated to supporting teachers and parents help young people make the right career decisions for them. On our website, you can find a range of careers resources, including blog posts, competitions and <u>free events for parents</u>, so that you can keep the conversation going at home. We also offer our Partner Schools access to complimentary employability skills workshops, featuring follow-up resources for both students and parents.

For more information, you can reach out to us via info@investin.org for all general enquiries.

We look forward to working with students at Cambourne Village College and providing opportunities for your child to maximise their potential!

Willow Herold Senior Partner Development Manager







Providing Unparalleled Career Experience Programmes in 28 Different Careers for Ages 12-18

Our programmes give students an immersive experience of their dream career. Learn from top industry professionals through hands-on activities, interactive demonstrations, unique networking opportunities, personalised career coaching and so much more. Students can attend either in person across 5 UK cities or live online from the comfort of their own home. **Click the links below to find out more.**





Music Notices

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)

Music Clubs (in Music Block)

Music clubs are underway again:

3pm, Mondays – Concert Band (Years 7 – 11)

3pm, Tuesdays – Junior Choir (Years 7 & 8)

3pm, Tuesdays – Jazz Band (Years 9 – 11)

3pm, Fridays – Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)



PE Fixtures

There are a large number of fixtures that take place across the year and many pupils are selected for these based on the participation in clubs.

Parents should note that pupils will be selected and informed about fixtures prior to the event and given the timings of these and details about the location and what to wear. This information is displayed on the board outside the PE office for all pupils to see.

It is expected that it is pupils' responsibility to pass on this information to parents.

We therefore do not get written consent for every fixture each week.

If any parent does not agree with their child being selected and taken on fixtures in this way please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Parents (and visitors) attending sports fixtures

If any parent would like to come along to one of our PE fixtures and watch, they are more than welcome to do so **after 4pm**. If any parent arrives before 4pm, they will be politely asked to wait off site until 4pm. Parents should also note that there are no toilets available.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – October 2021

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football – Astro KS4 Dodgeball - Gym KS3 Badminton – Sports Hall Netball – Hard Courts

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 8 Football – Astro Year 9/10/11 Basketball – Sports Hall Girls' Rugby – Field Dance – Performance Hall Year 7 Dodgeball - Gym

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9/10/11 Football – Astro Year 7/8 Basketball – Sports Hall Table Tennis – Performance Hall GCSE Catch Up – SC11

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Golf – Field (CCC) (On 4th November and 11th November) Girls Active – Sports Hall (SL) 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.



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

Public lecture notice

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

Wednesday 10th November, 4-5pm: Dr Marjorie Gehrhardt, University of Reading.

Commemorating the First World War: Then and Now

From the two-minute silence on Remembrance Day to the Cenotaph in London, and from wearing poppies to visiting installations such as the 2014 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red', many practices, places and exhibits find their origins in the First World War. This talk will explore how various commemorative activities and objects shape our understanding of the conflict, what functions they fulfil and how they have evolved over time.

Join via Microsoft Teams: https://bit.ly/3n5p6Qi

Our next online lecture will be with..... **Dr Marjorie Gehrhardt** Commemorating the First World War: Then and Now University of Reading Wednesday 10th November 4-5pm

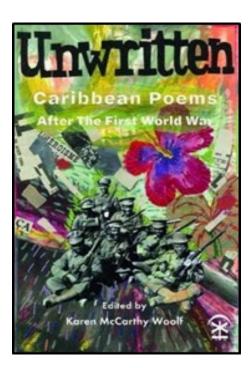
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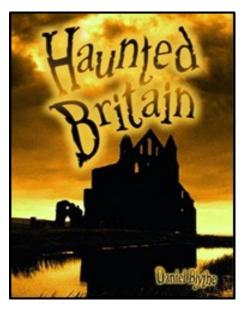






BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





Unwritten - Caribbean Poems After the First World War by Karen McCarthy Woolf (Editor)

What does it mean to fight for a 'mother country' that refuses to accept you as one of its own? Britain's First World War poets changed the way we view military conflict and had a deep impact on the national psyche. Yet the stories of the 15,600 volunteers who signed up to the British West Indian Regiment remain largely unknown. Sadly, these citizens of empire were not embraced as compatriots on an equal footing. Instead they faced prejudice, injustice and discrimination while being confined to menial and auxiliary work, regardless of rank or status. As a collaborative project, co-commissioned by 14-18 NOW, BBC Contains Strong Language and the British Council, Unwritten Poems invited contemporary Caribbean and Caribbean diaspora poets to write into that vexed space, and explore the nature of war and humanity - as it exists now, and at a time when Britain's colonial ambitions were still at a peak. (Available from the School Library)

Haunted Britain by Daniel Blythe

Britain is full of ghost stories and legends. Explore creepy castles and mysterious mansions. Join the tour of terror and find out where to see the most famous ghosts and ghouls up and down the land! And decide whether you believe in ghosts - or if you think they're just made up for spooky fireside stories. *(Available from the School Library)*



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: <u>Recommended Articles</u>



Vacancies at Cambourne Village College

Cambourne Village College is currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- Safeguarding Assistant
- Senior Science Technician
- Cover Supervisors
- Teaching Assistants Level 1
- Exam Invigilators
- Senior IT Manager
- Assistant to the Senior Pastoral Staff
- Weekend receptionist and Events Assistants

Full details of each of the roles and how to apply can be found on our website:

https://www.cambournevc.org/contactus/vacancies



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 <u>website</u>. Detailed Information sheets on all of our courses are also available to download.

You can also contact Mandy Draper by email on: <u>commed@catrust.co.uk</u> or phone: 01223 264721 for more information.





Reporting your Child's absence from school

We are experiencing a high level of notifications for pupil absence in the morning and our phonelines are very busy. The best way to report your child's absence from school is to email <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u> <u>before 8:30am in the morning</u>. Please use this email rather than contacting the Year teams or a member of staff directly, as this inbox is monitored all the time and other notifications may be missed.

Please email your **child's name along with their year group and tutor group** with a brief description of the reason they will be absent. Just reporting 'unwell' is not sufficient and this will need to be followed up by the Year team.

Covid

If your child has ANY Covid symptoms, a positive LFD or you are accessing a PCR test, then please report this to the College on <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u>. This will be dealt with by dedicated staff, and the year team notified of the pupil's absence.

Medical Appointments

If your child is going to be absent from school due to a prearranged medical appointment, we ideally need notification of this 2 school days in advance. Please email

thecollege@cambournevc.org with the date and time of the appointment and if

possible, a copy of the appointment letter/card. This will ensure the Year team and Reception staff are aware of your child arriving late / leaving early and the necessary arrangements can be put in place. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, it is their responsibility to inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and to make their own way down to Reception. Members of staff are not expected to collect pupils from lessons.

All pupils leaving early for appointments need to be collected by a parent to sign them out through our main Reception.

Planned Absence Request

For any planned absence which is not a medical appointment, please complete a <u>planned ab</u>-<u>sence request form</u>. If possible, please submit this form two weeks before the absence. This will enable us to give you a response before the absence is taken. If a request for planned absence is not made, it is likely to be recorded as Unauthorised on your child's attendance record.

Changes to section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, remove the right of Headteachers to authorise term-time leave. Therefore all applications for leave in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be detailed in writing to the Headteacher at least 2 weeks prior to removal of the child from school.

STAY BOSITIVE NELATIVE

Get Tested Get Results Get Peace of Mind

COVID Testing - LFD testing

What is LFD

- Lateral Flow Device
- These are used for screening purposes only and should <u>not</u> 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 <u>https://www.gov.uk/</u> government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialistsettings/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

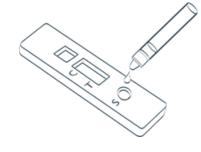
- Pupils should test on a **WEDNESDAY** and **SUNDAY** each week
- Results should be entered into TestRegister at <u>TestRegister.co.uk</u>

If your LFD test result is **positive** please isolate as a household and book a <u>PCR test</u> immediately. We will be notified that the LFD test results is positive (if using TestRegister). Please notify us of the PCR result via <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u>

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 <u>NOT</u> use a LFD test at this point.

Please let us know the details of this by emailing <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u> making sure the full name of the student and their tutor group is included with the date, symptoms and the test undertaken.





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

<u>Click here</u> for a YouTube playlist with short tutorial videos (if you prefer, your child can access the same videos through their school account <u>here</u>)



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.



SecondHandUniform

We currently have a large number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: <u>Second-Hand Uniform Re-</u><u>quest</u> 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: <u>El-</u> <u>Staines@cambournevc.org</u>



Thank you for your continued support with 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 <u>cam-year7@cambournevc.org</u> Year 8 - Louise Boyd <u>cam-year8@cambournevc.org</u> Year 9 - Melanie Stanford <u>cam-year9@cambournevc.org</u> Year 10 - Kayleigh Blane <u>cam-year10@cambournevc.org</u> Year 11 - Sam Tomlinson <u>cam-year11@cambournevc.org</u>

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the <u>school website</u>.

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/aboutus/charitable-trust/



<u>We need</u> more funds!

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

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

 Professional quality cinema screen and projector

 Surround-sound speakers Cambourne Village College has built a <u>new</u> <u>performance hall</u>, 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 <u>cam-</u><u>support@cambournevc.org</u>.

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 Ramsey

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email 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



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.