



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Thursday 25 Nov 2021

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Tuesday 30 November - Monday 13 December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 15 December	Year 9 Christmas Film and Pizza Evening
Friday 17 December	Last day of term!



Year 11 Mock Exams

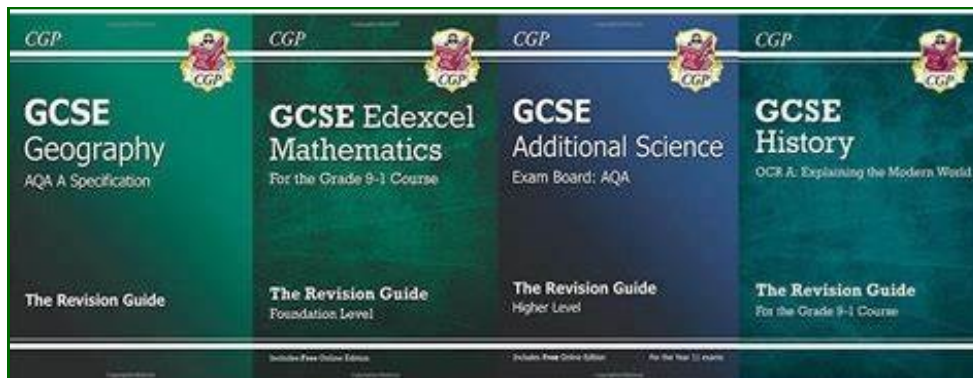


Year 11 students

Year 11 students are due to be sitting their mock exams from next week, starting on **Tuesday 30th November** and continuing to **Monday 13th December**.

Full details of the timetable can be found on the school website, or by following this [link](#). There is also some general information about exams on this page.

Students have been given individual exam timetables – any queries or concerns about this should be addressed with the exams team in school or by emailing them on: cam-examsteam@cambournevc.org.



**GCSE
Revision
Guides**

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** is open 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.



Henry Morris Memorial Trust

Funding Awards for students aged 13 to 19

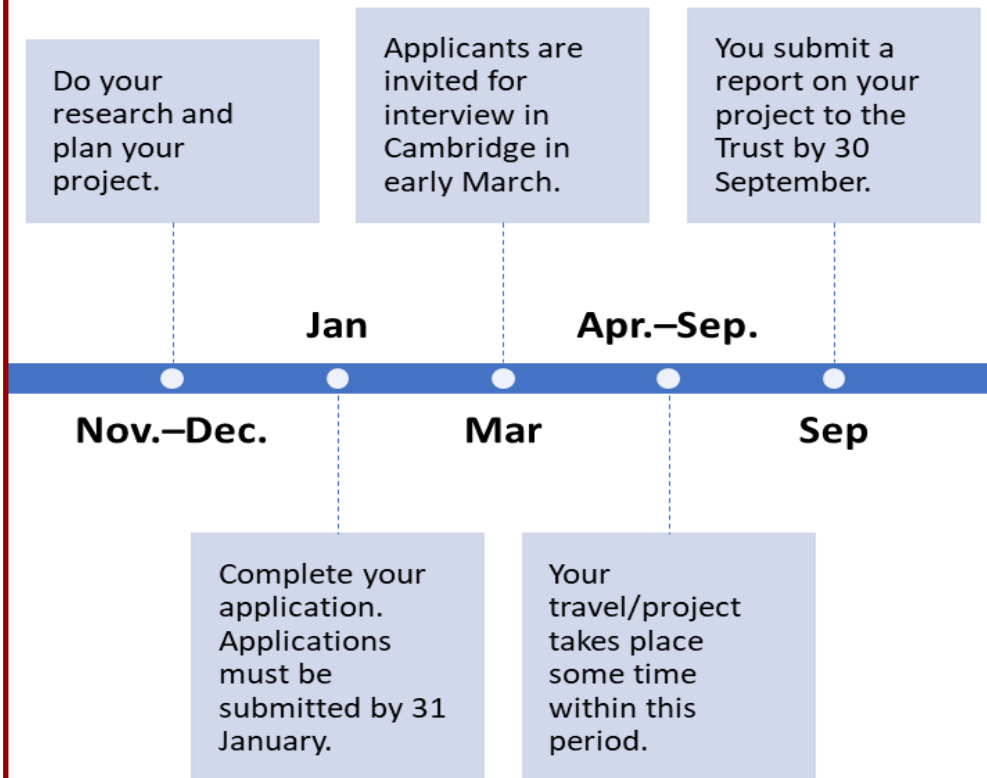
Henry Morris was the Chief Education Officer in Cambridgeshire for over 30 years.

He re-organised the county's education provision and founded the Village Colleges.

After Henry Morris died, a group of his friends decided to remember him by setting up the **Henry Morris Memorial Trust**. The Trust has a fund, and this fund is used to grant awards for **travel** and **home-based projects**. Young people in Cambridgeshire aged 13-19 can apply. Students can apply alone, or with a friend or friends.

Watch this video to find out more and to learn how you can apply for a grant from the Trust! <https://vimeo.com/643432435>

What next? – The timeline



If you would like any help/ have questions contact Miss Angell: (jangell@cambournevc.org)

Students can come to **Blue 13** to get help from Miss Angell at lunch on:

- Wednesday 24th November
- Friday 3rd December
- Monday 6th December
- Tuesday 7th December
- Wednesday 8th December
- Friday 9th December



In our **Year 7 PSHE lessons in the next fortnight**, we will be discussing the **NSPCC's Underwear Rule** and introducing the idea of consent and the dangers of sharing images digitally.

This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acronym, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse. We will also discuss the situations for which young people should expect to give and receive consent and how to deal with any situation where they felt pressure to do something without consent.

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acronym, which stands for:

- **Privates are private**
- **Always remember your body belongs to you**
- **No means no**
- **Talk about secrets that upset you**
- **Speak up, someone can help**

The lesson will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's age-appropriate. These include:

- "appropriate" and "inappropriate" touching
- your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me-@Lucy Durrant.

Music Composition Competition - Robinson College Cambridge

For any budding young musicians or composers!

Your child can enter a work of any style or genre: the more inventive, the better! Winners will receive a prize voucher and have the chance to attend a Music workshop day at Robinson College, University of Cambridge. Deadlines for the 3 age groups are below.

More information can be found here: <https://robinsoncollegemusicsociety.co.uk/outreachprojects/>



The deadlines for compositions are:

- 18 and under: 30th January 2022
- 15 and under: 13th February 2022
- 12 and under: 27th February 2022

Physical Education

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.

Year 9 Research Essay Competition

If your child is interested in arts, humanities and science subjects as well as writing, this could be the competition for them!

To read more about this please click [here](#).



The Perse School Cambridge
Aristotelian Award for Research

Year 9

RESEARCH ESSAY COMPETITION

A competition for Year 9
pupils across the UK to
promote independent
research skills.

1,500 word essay.

Choose between 5 essay titles in each category:

Arts/Humanities or Sciences

- The winner of each category will be awarded £70.
- Four Distinctions in each category will be awarded £20.

SUBMISSIONS

Please email
researchessay@perse.co.uk
with any questions or
queries regarding this
competition.

The deadline for submission is
5pm on Monday 21 February 2022.

Winners will be announced by the end of
March 2022.

Further information on
submission, essay titles and
rules are available from
www.perse.co.uk/upper/academic/independent-research



LIVE MUSIC



New lunchtime clubs for Years 7 & 8!

Tuesday lunchtime: Junior Choir

We've started learning some songs for Christmas – so if your child enjoys singing, encourage them to come along to Junior Choir in the Music Department on Tuesday lunchtimes!

Wednesday lunchtime: Beginners Ukulele Club

We are starting with classes to do some ukulele sessions, but if your child would like to learn some new chords and practise their ukulele skills, then encourage them to come along on Wednesdays for Beginners Ukuleles (absolute beginners very welcome!)

To help them to take part in a 30-minute rehearsal, if pupils are regularly attending Junior Choir or Beginners Ukulele then they are given permission to leave their period 4 lesson a few minutes early to get to the front of the lunch queue.

The following clubs still run after school:

Concert Band: Years 7 – 11 (Monday 3 – 4pm)

Jazz Band: Years 9 – 11 (Tuesday 3 – 4pm)

Senior Choir: Years 9 – 11 (Friday 3 – 4pm)

Christmas Presents!

If your child is enjoying playing ukulele, either in lessons or at Beginners Ukulele Club, please bear in mind that a ukulele makes a great Christmas present. You can get a decent instrument for around £25 (from Amazon – check out the reviews), or if you pay a little more you can get a higher quality instrument. Pupils don't need to have a ukulele for lessons, or to come to ukulele club, but many do enjoy also being able to play at home!

If you need advice on any other instruments (such as keyboards etc.) please email me (gpage@cambournevc.org) for more details.

Instrumental Lessons

If your child would like some additional one-to-one music lessons (on a range of instruments, or as a singer) then please consider signing them up for instrumental lessons. They can start at any time.

Further information, and a new online sign-up form can be found on the school website: [Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](#)

If you would like your child to have instrumental lessons, and they receive the pupil premium, we are able to contribute significantly towards the cost of these lessons. Please contact gpage@cambournevc.org for further details.

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.

Please click [here](#) to view the entire **#LongRoadLife** Pre-Application Newsletter (as previewed below)



Hill Roads Sixth Form

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>



Robinson College, University of Cambridge: Access Programme

Robinson College are running an online scheme aimed at preparing students for university. The "Year 11 sessions will introduce you to what university is, how it works, and what it's like to be a student, alongside content that will help you develop your study skills."

The programme is for UK state school students. You can sign up here https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RDbdraRHqOD7cG until **17th December**.

Contact Miss Angell if you need any helping signing up or have any further questions.

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](https://twitter.com/Education_All)

Our next **FREE** lecture is perfect for anyone interested in History! You can join online or watch it in Miss Angell's room afterschool.

Thursday 2nd December: Dr Neil Cocks (Associate Professor of Literary Perspective, University of Reading). English Public Lecture: The Uncanny

Lecture details: The uncanny is odd. It is an unsettling feeling that something is both familiar and strange; homely and foreign; alive and dead. It upsets the rational, oppositional structures we are accustomed to using when making sense of the world. No wonder it has fascinated writers and critics of The Gothic.

In this lecture, Dr Neil Cocks will offer a brief introduction to the strange world of the uncanny through story-telling, and a close reading of a seemingly non-Gothic text: The Third Ladybird Book of Nursery Rhymes. In the topsy-turvy world of the uncanny, will it come as a surprise that this work can exemplify so much of what defines The Gothic?

**Thursday 2nd
December
3.30-4.30pm**
Join via Microsoft
Teams:

<https://bit.ly/2YTCnS6>



SCAN ME

Follow us on Twitter [@Education_All](https://twitter.com/Education_All) and [@Historic_All](https://twitter.com/Historic_All) for updates.

For more information
contact:
jangell@cambournevc.org



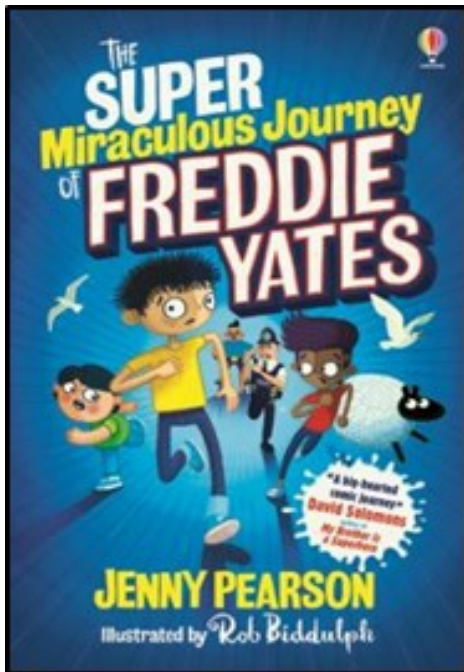
The Reading Room

The **CamVC Reading Room** is open in **Pink 12** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** lunchtime for **anyone** who would like a calm and quiet place to read a book. Encourage your children to bring their own books, borrow one from the library or read one of ours.

For years 7 and 8:

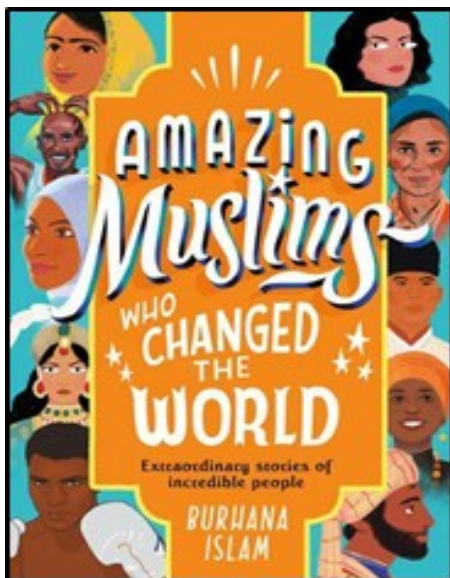
The Cambookworm reading group meets after school on **Mondays, 3-4pm in Pink 12.**

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates by Jenny Pearson

A young boy heads off on an adventure trying to find his biological father. Freddie Yates loves facts. A fact can't leave you and no one can take it away. But when he learns the surprising fact that his biological dad might be living in Wales, Freddy and his best friends sneak off to find him, unwittingly causing a chain of 'miraculous' events involving an onion-eating contest, superhero scarecrows and life-saving sheep. **(Available from the School Library and on the SORA app)**



Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World by Burhana Islam

Meet just some of the amazing Muslim men and women who have changed our world - from pirate queens, nurses, warriors, scientists, actors, and mathematicians, to courageous ordinary men and women doing extraordinary things. You'll find people you might know, like Malala Yousafzai, Mo Farah and Muhammad Ali, as well as some you might not.

(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](#)

ADULT EDUCATION

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 or phone: 01223 264721 for more information.



Vacancies at Cambourne Village College

Cambourne Village College is currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- **Senior Science Technician**
- **Science Technician**
- **Cover Supervisors**
- **Senior IT Technician**
- **Level 1 Teaching Assistants**
- **Exam Invigilators**

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

<https://www.cambournevc.org/contact-us/vacancies>

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**

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 thecollege@cambournevc.org **before 8:30am in the morning**. 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 thecollege@cambournevc.org. 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 [planned absence request form](#). 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.



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 cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org

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
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.

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

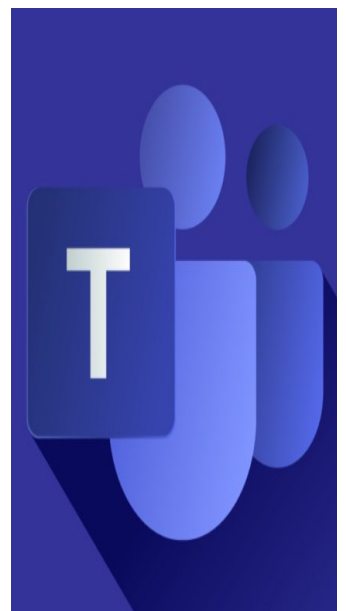
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments:

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

[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](#))



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.

LOST
PROPERTY

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



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 cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Louise Boyd cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Melanie Stanford cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Kayleigh Blane cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year11@cambournevc.org

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

STAY ~~POSITIVE~~ NEGATIVE

✓
Get
Tested

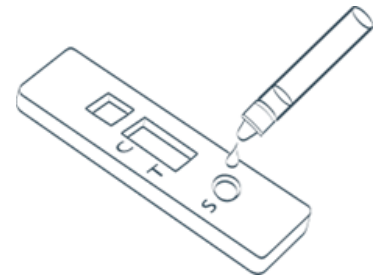
✓
Get
Results

✓
Get Peace
of Mind

COVID Testing - LFD testing

What is LFD

- Lateral Flow Device
- These are used for screening purposes only and should **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 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 thecollege@cambournevc.org

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 emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org **making sure the full name of the student and their tutor group is included with the date, symptoms and the test undertaken.**



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 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.