



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 17 December

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

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th January 2022	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5th January	Year 10 & 11 - AM Covid Testing (Test and stay in school) Year 9 - PM Covid Testing (Test and Go Home)
Thursday 6th January	Year 8 - AM Covid Testing (Test and Go Home) Year 7 - PM Covid Testing (Test and Go Home)
Friday 7th January	All Pupils in School GCSE Climbing Course (School Gym 3pm)
Monday 10th January	GCSE Climbing Course (Grafham Water 3pm)





Virtual Christmas Concert:

It has been great having so many pupils involved in extra-curricular musical clubs this term. Although we are not able to hold an in-school Christmas Concert as we had been hoping, there will be a virtual Christmas Concert featuring a number of the school ensembles (Concert Band, Jazz Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Beginner Ukuleles etc.) and solos performed by a number of our talented pupils!

The video can be accessed [here](#). You will need a school login to access.

We hope you will enjoy watching them – and some festive music will get you in the Christmas mood!



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!

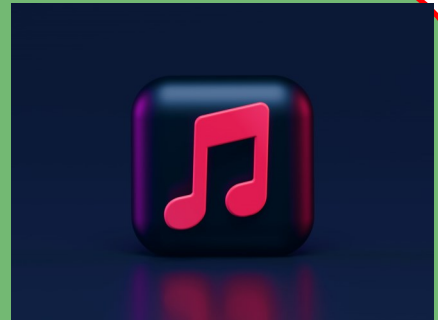
If you need advice on any other instruments (such as keyboards etc.) please email me (gpage@cambournevc.org) for more details.

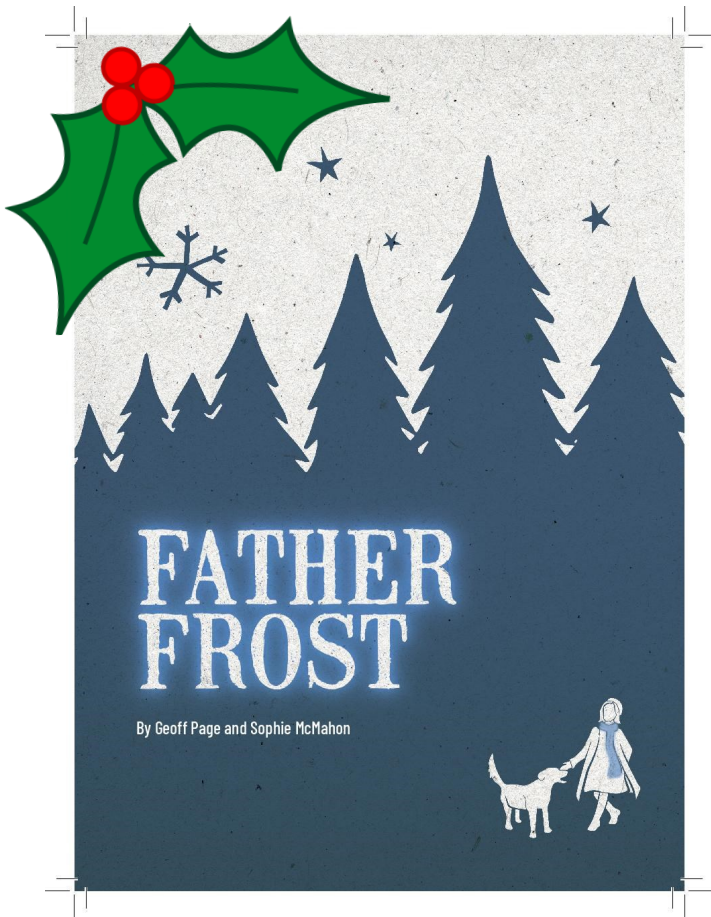
Instrumental Lessons

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





Father Frost:

Over the Christmas holidays, Father Frost (a musical written by Head of Music – Geoff Page) is being produced at the Town and Gown theatre in Cambridge, at 3pm on Monday 27th – Thursday 30th December.

If you are interested in going to see this show full of festive fun for all the family, then there are more details on the attached flyer, and tickets are available here:

<https://town-and-gown-pub-theatre.designmynight.com/6130fb3e80a6565d9b13a093/father-frost>



FATHER FROST

This beautiful wintry Russian fairy-tale is retold through a funny and heart-warming new musical for all the family.

With a spiteful stepmother and a spoilt stepsister constantly bossing her around, life isn't always easy for Alina, with Max the dog as her only companion. Still, Alina does what she can to remain cheerful, and to help those she sees in need all around her.

But just when she needs a friend more than ever before, she meets a kind and mysterious old man – Morozko, and his cheeky boy – Jack. Suddenly everything about Alina's life looks set to change forever...

Father Frost is a funny and heart-warming new musical retelling this classic wintry Russian fairy-tale. There are dancing trees, howling wolves and a singing dog in this fun-filled show for all the family, packed with catchy tunes and colourful characters!

Recommended for ages 6+

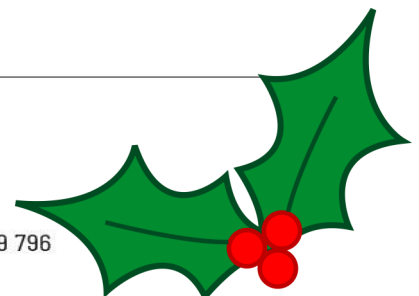
 **CORKSCREW
THEATRE**

The Town and Gown
POB & THEATRE

27-30 DECEMBER 2021 15:00

**THE TOWN AND GOWN THEATRE, CAMBRIDGE
TICKETS: £12.50 ADULT, £7.50 CHILD**

Box office: www.townandgown.co.uk/theatre | 01223 309 796



Covid testing kits:

The new LFD test kits for home are **Gene Orient**.



We now have three different types of home LFD test kits.

- **NHS**
- **Flow flex**
- **Gene Orient.**



Please remember to check which test kit you are using and to follow the instructions carefully for that specific test (as all three are slightly different).

Thank you.



Science tests

Students in year 9 and year 10 will be doing tests in the upcoming weeks. Full details are given below.

Year 10:

Students will be completing tests in the week after the Christmas holidays. For combined science, all students will take the test on **5th January**. The test will be 90 minutes, with equal length sections on Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Students taking separate sciences will have an exam per subject, with the length of each exam being approximately 60 minutes. Separate science tests will take place in the first week back – the exact date will be communicated by the class teacher. All tests will be on content that students have covered this term. Revision resources will be placed on Show My Homework and Teams for students to use!



Year 9:

Students will be complete a science test in class in the week commencing the **17th January**. Class teachers have communicated the exact date of the test with their class. The tests will be on material studied so far this year: Materials, Energy Changes in Chemical Reactions, Food and Digestion, and Electricity and Magnetism. Revision resources for the test have been placed on Show My Homework and on Teams for students to use. The test will be 80 minutes in length.



Work Experience Placement Form Reminder

This is a reminder that the deadline for the return of work experience placement forms is approaching. The deadline for work experience placements to be secured, and forms returned is 17th January 2022. Forms can be returned to reception or emailed to klarbeydouglas@cambournevc.org

Students who have not returned placement forms by the 17th January will be scheduled a 1-1 work experience appointment.

Attached is some guidance on finding a work experience placement. There is also advice on finding a work experience placement on the [careers page of the CATalogue](#) (scroll down to 'Year 10 Work Experience')



Beaumanor 2022

JULY 18TH - JULY 21ST



Year 7: Beaumanor trip - July 2022

Information about this trip is being publicised to Year 7 parents, but to find out more information now, please click on the link below:

[1. Beaumanor info evening to parents 2021 - PowerPoint Slide Show - 1. Beaumanor info evening to parents 2021 - 8 December 2021 \(loom.com\)](#)

Post 16 Application Support Survey

Thank you for engaging in the post 16 application process so far. Thank you also to those who attended student 1-1 Post 16 Guidance meetings. We hope that you have found the support provided so far useful. Please can you provide your thoughts and feedback by completing [this survey](#).




A quick reminder to all parents, carers and students of the health and safety rules in PE lessons. Students should not be wearing earrings or any jewellery in their PE lessons. The covering of earrings with tape is not a sufficient safety measure; students should be fully removing all earrings in order to participate in their practical PE lessons.

Additionally, long nails, acrylics and nail extensions also pose a significant health and safety issue during PE. Please ensure all long nails or acrylics are cut short or removed for the start of the Spring term.

These rules are to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your support with ensuring students can abide by them.





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.



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Vacancies at Cambourne Village College

Cambourne Village College is currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- **Head of English**
- **Cleaner**
- **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>



Years 9 and 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award - Groups!

The time has come for pupils to let Mr Savill know the members of their groups for practice and assessed expeditions!

A notice and group form has already been sent to all pupils involved via email, so please remind your child to look at this and submit it to Mr Savill before the **17th December**. Paper copies of the form can be collected from outside the PE office and returned to Mr Savill.

- Groups must be between 6 and 7 members and must consist of members of the same year group.
- Please make sure your child starts to discuss sleeping arrangements with their group (this will likely be in the form of 2 or 3 person tents)

Any issues or problems arising from this process, please encourage your children to come to the **PE office at break or lunch times** Unfortunately group requests cannot be accepted from parents or carers. Feel free to email Mr Savill on cam-dofe@cambournevc.org.



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.

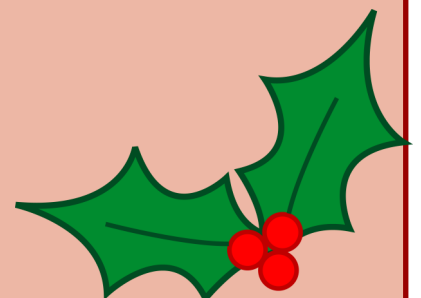
After Henry Morris died, a group of his friends decided to remember him by setting up the **Henry Morris Memorial Trust**. The Trust has a fund, and this fund is used to grant awards for **travel** and **home-based projects**. Young people in Cambridgeshire aged 13-19 can apply. Students can apply alone,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

If students would like any help or if they have questions, contact Miss Angell on jan-gell@cambournevc.org

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

- Monday 6th December
- Tuesday 7th December
- Wednesday 8th December

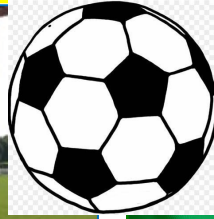




Football and education programme at Bishop Laney Sixth Form College and Impington International College.

Over the upcoming Christmas holiday, we are hosting a showcase fixture for anyone who is interested in what we have to offer. You can find out more about our programmes by clicking on the link to our website

Played at Ely City FC pictured below, the game will provide all interested players with the opportunity to discover more about our programmes, the way we look to try and play on a matchday and discover more about the education options available to you at the colleges. Please click the link for more information on our schemes <https://www.canaries.co.uk/rdp/football/football-education-programme>



On the day all players will:

- Play in the full Norwich City Kit
- See how our teams look to play on a game day
- Have a minimum of one hour of playing time
- Play in a non-league stadium, a similar setting to where RDP matches take place.
- Receive a recording of the fixture for you to watch following the game to analyse your own individual performance similar to what our players receive following game days.



You will also be able to attend a presentation from Luke Brown from Future Elite Sports on American Scholarship opportunities which a number of players on our programmes progress to see the exit routes available to players at the end of your time with us.

If this would be of interest to you please see full details for the day below.

Ely City FC

Tuesday 21st December

10 am - 1 pm

Click on the link below and complete the online registration form to confirm your place.

[Community Sports Foundation - Football and Education Showcase Fixture - Cambridgeshire](#)

Families are more than welcome to attend the day with Ely City opening their catering facilities to make the day enjoyable for all who attend.



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





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 :

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

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



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.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – January 2022

NEW!

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football – Astro
KS3 Dodgeball – Gym
Netball – Hard Courts/Sports Hall
GCSE Climbing – Out

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 8 Football – Astro
Girls' Basketball – Sports Hall
Girls' Rugby – Field
Dance – Performance Hall
Boys' Rugby – Field

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9/10/11 Football – Astro
Boys' Basketball – Sports Hall
Table Tennis – Performance Hall
GCSE Catch Up – SC11
Volleyball – Gym

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Team games – Sports Hall (SL)
Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports Hall & Gym
Girls' Football – Astro
BTEC Catch Up – IT04

Boys changing – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms

Girls changing – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

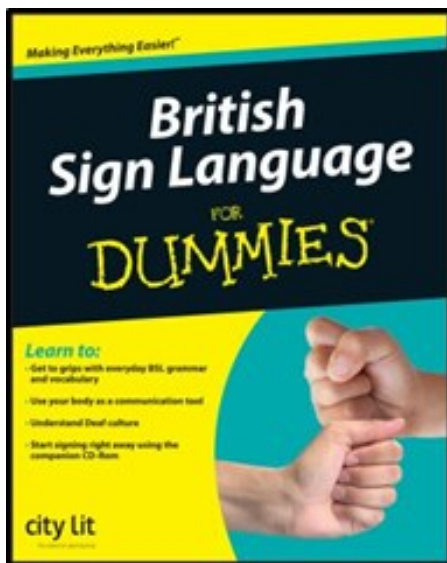


BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



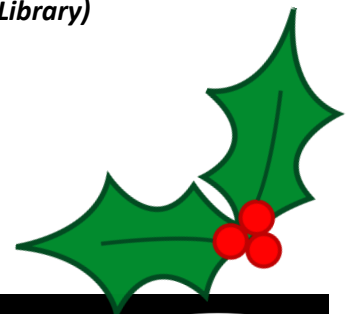
Words in Deep Blue by Cath Crowley

Rachel had a huge crush on Henry, but that was before she moved away, before her brother Cal drowned. Now, Henry works in his father's bookstore, Howling Books, with the famous "letter library", a section of the shop where customers are encouraged to circle words and leave love letters inside their favourite books. When Rachel returns from by the sea, the place that took her brother, she starts working beside Henry. At the bookshop, she must gain strength from the bond she shares with Henry and from the written word. Bit by bit, Rachel realises that to build a future, she must look to the words people have left behind. **(Available from the School Library)**



British Sign Language for Dummies

Outlines the basics of British Sign Language, focusing on communicating using BSL in a range of social situations. The illustrations depict both the actions and facial expressions used to sign accurately, while the companion CD-Rom features real-life BSL conversations in action. With these practical tools, you'll become an expert signer in no time! **(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](#)

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.

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, they should inform their teacher that they need to be excused early and make their own way down to Reception. The Reception staff will try to help locate children for appointments, but we do not always have someone available to do a collection 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.

STAY ~~POSITIVE~~ NEGATIVE

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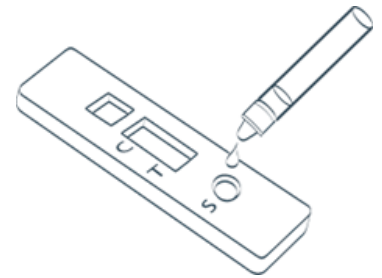
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Get
Results

✓
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.**



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

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

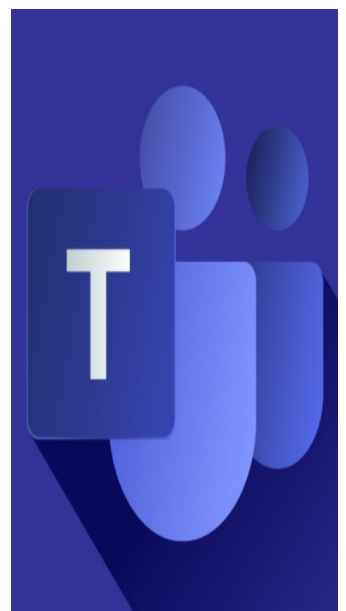
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

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](#).



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

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