



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 25 March

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Tuesday 29th March	Years 9, 10 & 11 History trip to Cambridge American Cemetery (10am - lunch) Easter Concert (7.30pm - 8.30pm)
Wednesday 30th March	Year 10 Political Literacy Course (3.10pm - 4.10pm) Year 7 Social: Film Evening (5.30pm - 7.30pm)
Friday 1st April	Final day of term
Monday 4th to Monday 18th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19th April	Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS
Wednesday 20th April	All pupils return to school

VACANCIES

Current Cambourne Village College vacancies

Please see the most recent vacancies at Cambourne Village College - all relevant paperwork, including the adverts, job descriptions, person specifications and application forms, can be found on the vacancies page of the website: www.cambournevc.org/contact-us/vacancies. Please feel free to share these amongst friends and family.

Should you like to speak to anyone regarding these vacancies please contact the HR team on 01954 284034 or email our [HR department](#).

- **Afternoon Receptionist**
- **Teacher of Maths**
- **Independent Study Room Supervisor and Teaching Assistant**
- **Pastoral Support Assistant - Maternity Cover**
- **Cover Supervisors**
- **Exam Invigilators**
- **Level 1 Teaching Assistants**



Year 10 Work Experience Reminder



Year 10 Work Experience Reminder 13th - 21st July 2022

Please can completed work experience forms be returned as soon as possible.

Completed forms can be handed into Reception, for the attention of Ms Larbey-Douglas, or emailed directly to klarbeydouglas@cambournevc.org.

The [work experience form](#) to be completed can be downloaded from the Year 10 page of the website. A hardcopy is also available from Reception.

[Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide which may be useful in supporting your child to secure a placement.

A template email/letter that can be used to approach organisations is [available here](#).



Year 11—GCSE Exam Period

All year 11 parents will have received a letter on School Post this week giving full details of arrangements for the Summer exam period. This letter gives full details of when students are expected to be in school, along with dates.



Activities Week

Activities Week is an annual action-packed week comprising of fun activities and new experiences for Cambourne Village College students.

This year Activities Week is from Monday 18th July to Thursday 21st July.

Friday 22nd July is a half day.

Students break for the summer holidays at 12:40pm.

Year 7 students are invited to a four-day residential at Beaumanor Hall. Communication regarding this went out on 14th December 2022 and can be found [here](#). Those students who do not wish to participate in this will work together for the four days through a package of activities put together by staff on site. Details of this will be sent nearer the time. There is expected to be a small contribution for this.



Year 8 & 9 will take part in exciting and stimulating activities both within school and off-site. More details of the activities available can be found in the [Activity Week booklet](#).

Year 10 are off site on work placement.

If your child is in **Year 8 or 9**, hopefully, you received an email earlier this week asking you to submit the activities your child would most like to participate in.

If you have not received this email please contact Mrs Pearce at VPearce@CambourneVC.org.

We would be grateful if you could submit your child's preferences by **Wednesday 30th March**; this will enable us to allocate places and notify students the week beginning the **25th April**.



Easter Concert
7:30-8:30pm
Tuesday 29th March

*A series of solos for
instrument and voice,
from some of CamVC's
most talented musicians!*

FREE
admission



Lunchtime Music Clubs

Tuesday lunchtime: Junior Choir

Wednesday lunchtime: Beginners Ukulele Club

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 music 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)

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 \(cambournevc.org\)](http://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.

Physical Education

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 term.

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

PE Fixtures

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

Barons' Sporting Bursary

We have been incredibly lucky to work alongside Barons BMW in Cambourne to create the Barons' Sporting Bursary. This bursary is awarded to any student who would like to join a community sports club or to participate in a sporting festival or event but cannot afford the membership or associated costs.

Its aim is to ensure that every student at CamVC can participate in sport, dance and physical activity regardless of costs and is primarily aimed at students of families who cannot afford to pay for these opportunities. Some examples of how the bursary can be used are:

- *Paying for a year's membership to a Sports Club, e.g. Cambourne Netball Club*
- *Paying for transport costs to get into Cambridge to participate in a club*
- *Paying for additional equipment e.g. a new hockey stick*
- *Paying for the entry costs of an event like the Cambridge Schools Cross Country*
- *Paying to attend a sports coaching or refereeing course such as a FA young officials course*

If your son/daughter would like to apply for the bursary then please encourage them to fill out the form [HERE](#) with as much information as possible about themselves and the sporting opportunity.





Year 9 Girls Cricket Leadership Course

A 6-week leadership course starting on Thursday 21st April. Learn more about cricket and leadership – a fantastic opportunity if you are thinking about becoming a sports leader or are taking BTEC/GCSE PE. Sign up outside the PE office.

Thursday 21st April 3-4pm

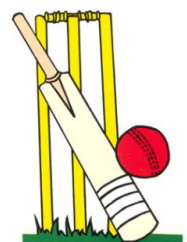
Thursday 28th April 3-4pm

Thursday 5th May 3-4pm

Thursday 12th May 3-4pm

Thursday 19th May 3-4pm

Thursday 20th May 1:30-2:30pm





Cricket Umpiring Course

Who is it for?

Anyone aged between 13 – 18 who would like to learn more about umpiring and scoring cricket and is keen to volunteer some of their time to do so.

What will I learn?

The basics of being an umpire, including the major laws, set up of the game, hand signals, game management and how to score.

Are there any other benefits?

This course is free! You will also receive a free officials t-shirt to wear when umpiring, a free umpire clicker and membership of the ACO. You will also be asked to umpire at county competitions in the summer.

When will this take place?

Thursday 31st March, 3:15pm, meet outside the PE office.

If interested, sign up outside the PE office!

For more information, speak to Miss Gassner.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – February 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football – Astro

Year 9/10 Football – Astro

Glow in the dark club – Performance Hall

Netball – Hard Courts

Boys' Basketball – Sports Hall

Boys' Rugby – Fields

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 8 Football – Astro

Table tennis – Performance Hall

Girls' Basketball – Sports Hall

Volleyball – Gym

Girls' Rugby – Fields

Dance – Drama Studio

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

GCSE Catch Up – meet at PE office

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Team games – Sports Hall (SL)

Football Leadership Academy – 3:15-5:15pm – Speak to Mr Young

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

HISTORIC | *all*

Community Conference

COMING SPRING 2022



follow @Historic_All
for updates



Introducing our first FREE HISTORY COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 29th-30th April 2022

Register your interest here <https://forms.office.com/r/D8EAEKKSui>

Last academic year we hosted public lectures in the early evenings at school, which had been very well attended. More recently, these lectures have moved online via Microsoft Teams, and have had over 200 people – pupils, staff, members of the community as well as pupils and teachers from other schools – attending and contributing to discussions. We have so far hosted lectures with academics from the universities of Cambridge, Nottingham, Durham, Oxford, Southampton, and numerous others. You can view recordings of some of these lectures via our school website: <https://www.cambournevc.org/news-and-events/historic-all>

We have kept these events free of charge to reinforce our belief that education should be for all. The aim of these lectures is multifaceted: they expose our students and the wider community to academics and scholarly debate, and they are also intended for teachers to continue to build subject knowledge as a form of Continued Professional Development.

We have been overwhelmed with the positive response we have had from these lectures, and now are looking towards a face-to-face event to showcase the joy in learning about History! We plan to host a free 'Community Conference' 29th-30th April 2022 for our students, staff, local schools, and the wider community. We aim to have a programme that encompasses:

Friday 29th April

- 2pm-3pm: Dr James Crossland (Liverpool John Moores University): "The First War on Terror": Bomb-Throwers, Spies and Panic in the Victorian Age
- 3.30pm-4.30pm: Professor Malcolm Gaskill: Witches on the Frontier: A Seventeenth-Century American Tragedy

Saturday 30th April

- 11.30am- 12.30pm: Family lecture TBC
- 1pm-2pm: Chris Thatcher (Oxford Archaeology): Cambourne's Archaeology
- 2.30pm-3.30pm: Professor Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln): Digging pandemics: how to find the Black Death in your back garden.



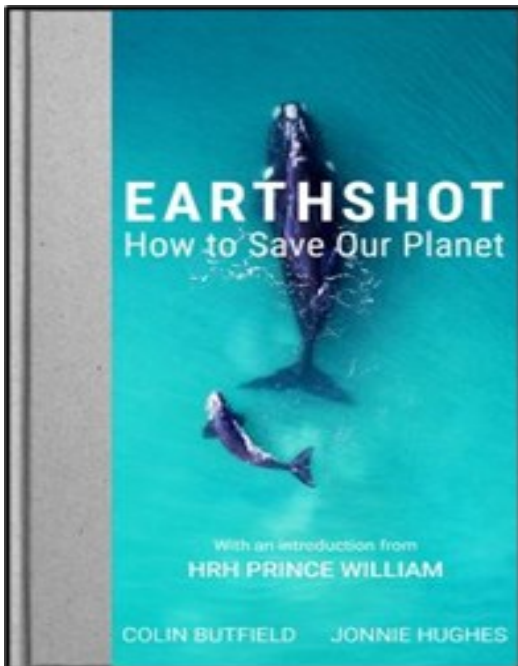
SCAN ME

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Guard your heart by Sue Divin

Derry. Summer 2016. Aidan is Catholic, Irish, and Republican. With his ex-political prisoner father gone and his mother dead, Aidan's hope is pinned on exam results earning him a one-way ticket out of Derry. Iona, Protestant and British, has a brother and father in the police. At a post-exam party, Aidan wanders alone across the Peace Bridge and becomes the victim of a brutal sectarian attack. Iona witnessed the attack; picked up Aidan's phone and filmed what happened and gets in touch with him to return the phone. When the two meet, alone and on neutral territory, the differences between them seem insurmountable. Despite their differences and the secrets they have to keep from each other, there is mutual intrigue, and their friendship grows. It seems like everything is keeping them apart, when all they want is to be together. **Shortlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal.** (Available from the School Library)



Earthshot: how to save our planet by Colin Butfield

The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests - a decade of action to repair the Earth. The Earthshot concept is simple: Urgency + Optimism = Action. We have ten years to turn the tide on the environmental crisis, but we need the world's best solutions and one shared goal - to save our planet. It's not too late, but we need collective action now. The Earthshots are unifying, ambitious goals for our planet which, if achieved by 2030, will improve life for all of us, for the rest of life on Earth, and for generations to come. *Earthshot: How to Save Our Planet* is the first definitive book about how these goals can tackle the environmental crisis. It is a critical contribution to the most important story of the decade. (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](#)



Caring in the NHS

Are you interested in a career in the NHS?
 Are you in year 9- 13?

If so, come and join a range of live virtual sessions discussing different roles within the NHS.

Insight into Bioinformatics and Genomics (Genetics)
 Thursday 7th April 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Audiology
 Wednesday 27th April 2022
 5-6pm.

Insight into Nursing Adult/ Paediatrics, Apprentice Nursing Associate and Play Specialist
 Tuesday 26th April 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into the Roles in Theatres, Physician's Assistant and Mental Health,
 Wednesday 4th May 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Pharmacy, Midwifery and Roles in the Ambulance Service
 Tuesday 17th May 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Dietician, Prosthetics and Speech & Language
 Thursday 5th May 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Life Sciences
 Wednesday 18th May 2022
 5-7pm

Insight into Clinical Research
 Tuesday 7th June 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Imaging Ionising and Non- Ionising (Radiology / Radiography)
 Wednesday 25th May 2022
 5-6:30pm

Insight into Human Resources, Finance and Administration
 Wednesday 8th June
 5-6:30pm

Insight into being a Doctor
 Tuesday 21st June
 5-6pm

Insight into Support Workers in Nursing, Maternity and Theatres
 Tuesday 14th June 2022
 5-6pm

Insight into Apprenticeships and Careers in the NHS, Your Questions Answered
 Tuesday 28th June
 5-6pm

To register for any of these events and receive joining details please click on the link below and complete the relevant online application forms on our website.

<https://www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/where-could-i-work/work-experience/insight-programmes/>





Cambridge University Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

Insight into Roles in Estates – You will be surprised what is available Tuesday 29th March 2022 5-6pm

Did you know the NHS has more jobs other than medical and clinical?

Did you know that it is not always patient facing?

Look at what is available within our **Estates Department**. Cambridge University Hospital will not be able to run without them!

The session to include information:

Portering, Water Quality Processors, Electricians, Carpenters, Plumbing, The Contact Centre / Voice Services, IT Data Installers including Home working and 4G, Administration, Fitness and Wellbeing, Postal Services, Property Management, Security and Parking.

There are so many options have a look by joining our programme.

To register for this event and receive joining details please click on the link below and complete the application form.

<https://addenbrookes.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/insight-into-roles-in-estates-you-will-be-surprised-what>



workexperience@addenbrookes.nhs.uk Work Opportunities Team

Insights: Your Guide to SEND Careers, taking place on **28th April, 5.30pm – 7.00pm**. You can register for the event by clicking on the following link: <https://bit.ly/FtFInsights8>

Insights: Your Guide to SEND Careers

28th April, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Find out about the different options available to you when you leave school, and learn about the different employers that welcome SEND candidates.

More information about who will be attending will be available in the coming weeks.

This free online event is for students in Year 8 and above, their parents and guardians.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/FtFInsights8>

 FORM THE FUTURE



“The teaching is a joy and I have the flexibility to deliver a course that engages and empowers the children in a fun way.”

an Outspoken cycle instructor

We're searching for new Cycle Instructors

Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

Outspoken Training are looking for confident communicators to enthuse school children to make more journeys by bicycle.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Employed—Variable Hours

Hourly Rate: £12

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability

Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Graham:

jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk

01223 473820



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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

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.

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 Eadie 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](#).



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](#))





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 Eadie

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.