



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 22 April

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 25th - Friday 29th April	MFL Speaking Exams
Thursday 28th April	Junior UKMT Maths Challenge (Years 7 & 8) Trip Design Ventura Celebration Event London (all day)
Friday 29th - Saturday 30th April	Cambourne Community History Conference
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 4th May	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 5th May	Year 10 Parent Consultation (P1-4 taught). School Finishes at 1.30pm for ALL PUPILS

Year 11 MFL Speaking exams

Years 11s will be doing the speaking component of the MFL GCSEs during the next week. They have been given their time slots, but if unsure, they can ask their tutors or check with the Exams Office.



Year 11 Offer Holder Days

Please see below dates of Year 11 offer days at local colleges and sixth forms. **Students will receive direct communication from post 16 providers regarding attendance at these.** If your child's chosen provider is not shown below, this is because dates are yet to be confirmed.



CAST	7th and 8th July
Long Road Sixth Form College	w/c 4th July
Parkside Sixth	14th July
Hills Road Sixth Form College	5th and 6th July
The Oakes	21st June
Bishops Laney	28th June
Comberton Sixth Form	28th June
Cambridge Regional College	w/c 27th June

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](#).

- **Part-time Teaching Assistants**
- **Cover Supervisors**
- **Exam Invigilators**
- **Level 1 Teaching Assistants**





Instrumental Lessons

Would your child like to start instrumental or singing lessons? Your child could receive instrumental lessons on any of the following instruments:

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Trumpet

They can also have singing lessons!

If you would like to sign them up to start lessons, then please fill in the online form:

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

If your child receives the Pupil Premium they are able to get a big discount towards the cost of lessons, so if they are interested please do fill in the form, or email gpage@cambournevc.org

Music Clubs

Music Clubs are starting again this week, and there are lots of different musical activities your child can join:

Monday (3-4pm): Concert Band (*All instrumentalists Years 7 – 11 welcome*)

Tuesday lunchtime: Junior Choir (*Years 7 & 8*)

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

Wednesday lunchtime: Beginner Ukuleles (*Years 7 & 8*)

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

All pupils are welcome, whether they've attended before, or not. We are looking forward to all these groups performing in this term's Summer Concert!

Community Conference

All current students, parents, carers, and members of the community interested in History are invited to attend our **first free History Community Conference** on **Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April**.

About the event: This is an exciting opportunity to take part in externally led lectures hosted by prestigious historians and academics. The Conference is open to all, and we look forward to welcoming both our students, parents, carers, members of our community, as well as local schools to the event. Everybody is welcome!

The Conference will be held over two days and our programme can be seen on the next page.

Students, parents, carers, members of the community hoping to join us on **Friday or Saturday** should register their interest using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/D8EAEKKSui> to give us an idea of numbers. **Everyone is welcome to attend!** Please note that you can arrive on the day without registering; this is just to give us an idea of numbers so we can plan ahead.



Join us for our first
free community
conference!

The lectures are
open to all and will
be hosted at CamVC
and streamed via
Microsoft Teams.

Community
Conference

29th-30th April
2022

FREE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

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: Professor Penelope M. Allison (University of Leicester): *Pompeian houses and households: the archaeology of Roman families*

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 a garden near you*

Find out more
information & register
your interest here:



Follow us on Twitter @Historic_All for updates.

For more information contact:
Jess Angell
jangell@cambournevc.org



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.



PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – April 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Athletics – Field

Year 8 Football – Astro

Glow in the dark team games – Performance Hall

Netball – Hard Courts

Golf – Field

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 7 Football – Astro

Year 9-11 Football – Astro

Dance – Drama Studio

Cricket – Field

Table tennis – Performance Hall

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

GCSE Catch Up – meet at PE office

Year 7 girls football training – Astro – Football Activators

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Team games – Hard Courts (SL)

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

Chance to Shine Cricket leadership course – 3:15-4:15pm – Astro – Speak to Miss Gassner

Your time leadership course – 3-4pm – Speak to Miss Curtis

FRIDAY 3-4pm

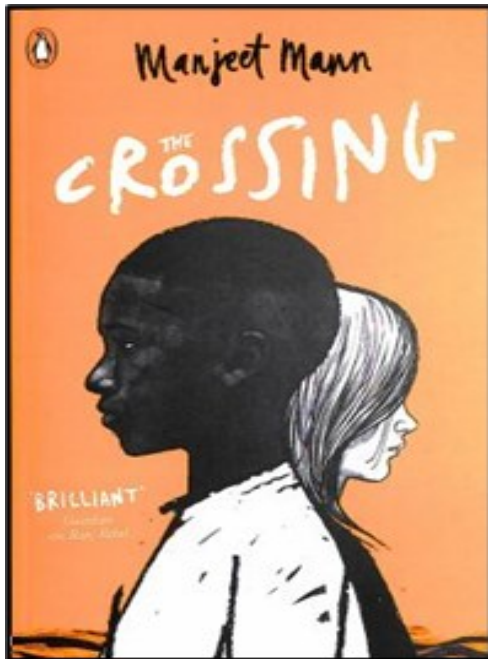
BTEC Catch Up – IT04

Glow in the dark just dance – Performance Hall

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

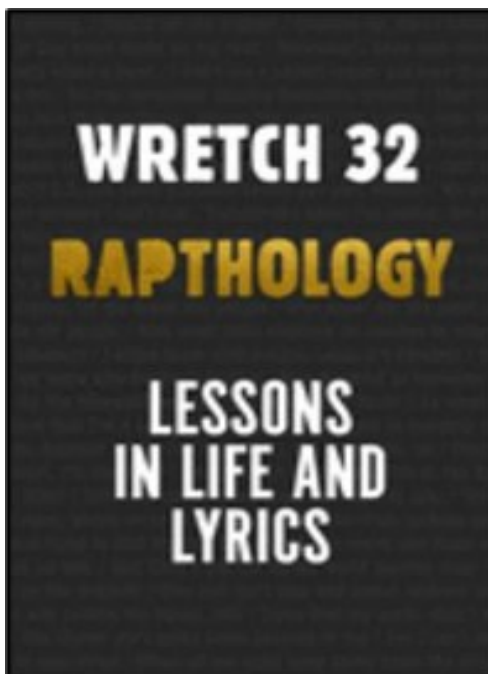
Girls changing – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The crossing by Manjeet Mann

Natalie's world has turned upside down. She's lost her mum and her brother is descending further and further into anger and violence with a far-right gang who march the streets of Dover. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes is a step into the unknown - into a strange country and a hidden future. A twist of fate brings these two teens from opposite sides of the channel together, but will their journey end in hope or despair? **Shortlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal. (Available from the School Library and on SORA)**



Raphthology: lessons in life and lyrics by Wretch 32

Wretch 32, one of the most influential musicians at work in Britain today, provides a lesson in lyric writing, taking us through his own creative process, from the first flashes of inspiration to final edits and improvisation. *Raphthology* is also an anthology of the songs that have shaped him over the last thirty years, from gospel music to dancehall anthems to the most innovative emerging young voices. Step by step, Wretch 32 explains what each song means to him, why it matters and how it has become so popular, and so powerful. The result is a ground-breaking autobiography, a guidebook to the music that matters, and an insight into the artistic process of one of the most inspiring artists of a generation. **(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](#)

Apprenticeship scheme at Cambridge University Hospitals (Addenbrookes Hospital and the Rosie)

- We would like to raise awareness that there are around [350 different roles across the NHS](#), and although doctors and nurses are incredibly important, and we have a great apprenticeship degree pathway for nursing, we also have roles and apprenticeships in a range of different areas which include; admin, management, radiography, occupational therapy, science and Estates and Facilities, amongst others.
- We have over 400 apprentices on around 22 different qualifications currently. These include people in a range of ages, roles, backgrounds and academic ability.

NHS apprenticeship routes vary from Level 2 to Level 7. Some are available immediately for new starters, and others can be obtained when already working as a staff member at the hospital. We recruit at varying times of the year, depending on when departments have appropriate vacancies.

Please note apprenticeships are *not* an easy route. It is challenging for anyone to work in a fulltime role and study and succeed in a qualification at the same time, but the work based learning and development, funding for the qualification and salary received can offer a great alternative to traditional college or university qualifications.

Please see the flyer below and look through the websites listed. Also, although not listed on the flyer, our team facilitate apprenticeships and widening participations programs for Royal Papworth Hospital. They have less routes available for direct school or sixth form leavers, but we can inform about their career options. Feel free to [email](#) for more information.



What is an Apprenticeship?
An Apprenticeship is a nationally recognised qualification where you learn practical skills on the job and knowledge whilst studying for the qualifications. It is a great way to earn whilst you learn.



Are you thinking about an Apprenticeship?

Why not start a career in the NHS?

What Types of Apprenticeships can I do?

• Payroll	• Healthcare	• Business
• Occupational Therapy	• Lab Technician	• Administration
• Finance	• Carpentry	• Customer Service
	• Nursing	• Healthcare Science

Details of the different types of apprenticeships CUH offer:
www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/apprenticeships/



Apprenticeship Application Criteria:

- 16 or over depending on Apprenticeship.
- Right to work in the UK and have had UK residency for the last 3 years.
- Not currently in full-time education.
- Some apprenticeships require certain GCSE grades, depending on the qualification offered, however you will need basic literacy and numeracy skills for all apprenticeships.
- Level 2 Apprenticeship requires Grade 3 (D)
- Level 3 Apprenticeship requires Grade 4 (C)

What are the benefits of being an apprentice?

- Paid annual leave (27 days)
- No College or University debt! (paid for by employer)
- Training role with lots of support from Line- Manager, Mentors, College Assessor and pastoral care support from the Work Opportunities Team (CUH)
- NUS/NHS Discounts

How to apply:
Apprenticeships are advertised regularly and you can apply on the CUH website:
www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk/current-vacancies/
NB; Any offer of employment will be subject to passing a Literacy and Numeracy screening.
You can also contact the Work Opportunities Team on 01223 349341 or 01223 349385
Or by email:
apprentices@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

Websites you might find useful:
<http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>
<http://www.cuh.nhs.uk/addenbrookes-hospital>
<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk>
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>



Together-Safe | Kind | Excellent

Dear Parent/ Guardians

Spaces on NCS this summer are filling fast, we wanted to keep you updated and let you know how many spaces are left. **Key details are below.**

Wave	Date	Spaces available	Week 1 residential Location
1	Monday 27 th June to Friday 8 th July	4	Overstrand Hall, Cromer
2	Monday July 11 th to Friday July 22 nd	Waiting list open	Green Park, Aylesbury
3	Monday Aug 1 st to Friday Aug 12 th	4	Green Park, Aylesbury

- Week 1 of the programme will be a residential. **Transport will be provided** from central pick-up points for this week.
- **Week 2 locations** will be in Cambridge, Fenland and Ely. You will need to attend daily.
- Each week will be **Monday to Friday only**, weekends are free.
- **Choose** your preferred wave date and your preferred location for week 2.

To book your teens place and avoid missing out, go to www.wearencs.com

NCS programme price	Or	NCS bursary programme price
£50		£10

Bursaries are available for young people that are:

- Eligible for free school meals
- On an EHCP
- In or have recently left care
- A young carer

If you have any questions, please contact one of our team:

Kim Jeffries, on **07920029496** or via email Kim.Jeffries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Becky Nerou, on **07551279218** or via email Rebecca.Nerou@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Natalie Taylor, on **07825905841** or via email Natalie.Taylor@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Donna Malinauskaite, on **07887304581** or via email Donata.Malinauskaite.gov.uk



PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Get the information you need to support your young people on their career journey

Parent Workshop – Career Conversations with your child(ren) - Monday the 25th of April at 6pm

Form the Future are running a free online workshop series to help parents and guardians support their children to make informed careers decisions and choose the best pathway for them.

The next workshop, on **Monday the 25th of April at 6pm**, will look at how you can have a career conversation with your child/ren. Whether your child/ren have a clear idea of what they'd like to do beyond school or whether they have absolutely no idea, the workshop will share some approaches for how you can engage your young person in thinking about and planning their next step.

[Register here for free.](#)

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>



A course that will help you to:



- use play and praise to build a more positive relationship and increase your child's self esteem
- support language, social and emotional development
- establish clear routines

Incredible Years Parenting Course

Friday 29th April – 15th July
from 9.30am - 11.30am

This is a free parenting programme for parents of children aged 2-8 years where you can build on the foundations of parenting by enhancing and learning new skills through play and time spent with your child.

For more information and to book your place telephone 01954 284 672 or email us on Childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Blue School, Classroom 2
Eastgate, Great Cambourne CB23 6DZ

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/child-and-family-centres



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Contact
us to
Book

Cambridgeshire
**Child and Family
Centres**

This course focuses on adolescent behaviour, goal setting, strategies to manage behaviour and teach self-regulation. Appropriate for parents of teenagers up to 16 yrs.

- Melbourn Village College, Community Centre, The Moor, Melbourn, Royston SG8 6EF

Starting from
Wednesday 27th April
to Wednesday 15th June
weekly 1pm - 3pm

CALL US 01954 284 672

CHILDANDFAMILYCENTRE.SOUTH@CAMBRIDGESHIRE.GOV.UK

THE
LIBRARY
PRESENTS

Cambourne Library

(Outside, behind library)

Sackville Way, Great Cambourne CB23 6HL



Samba Drumming Workshop

Saturday 28 May

Running time: 2 hours

Suitable for:

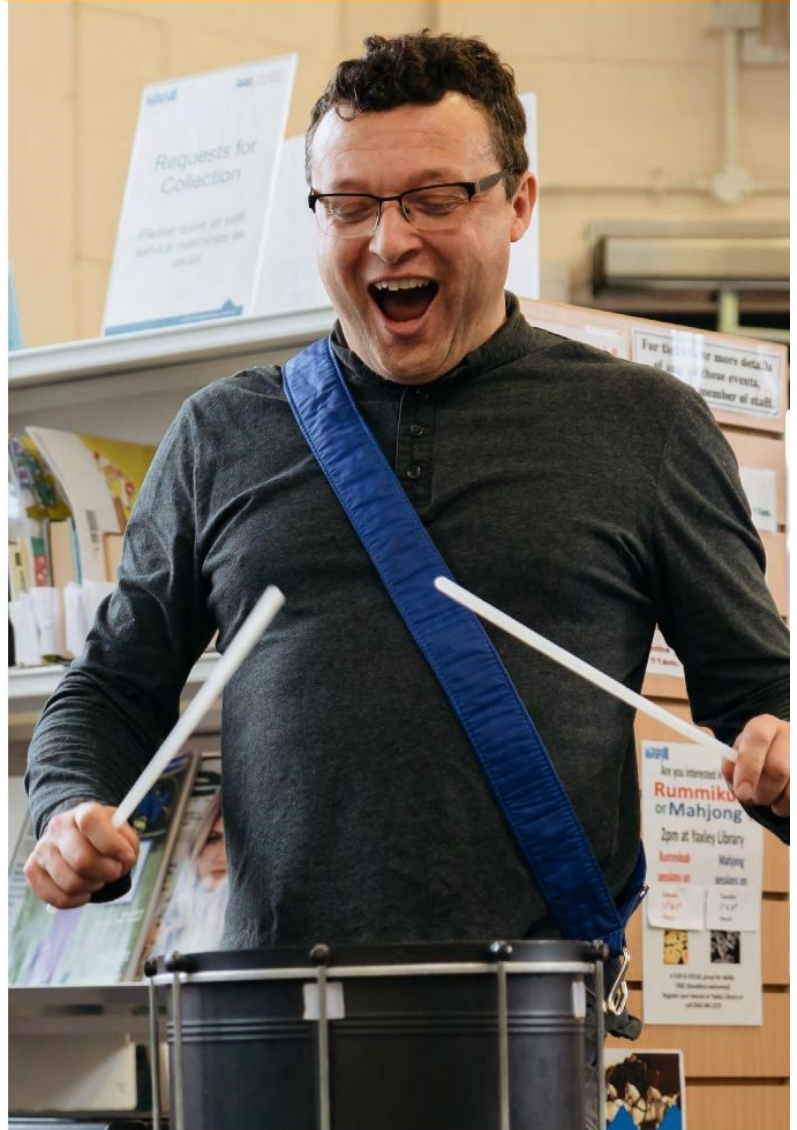
Adults and young people 7+ yrs

Tickets: £6 / £3

Start time: 11am

A high energy all-inclusive experience. **Anthony Paul** will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythms using an exciting range of percussion instruments.

No musical experience required.
All instruments provided.



'Great interaction with a range of ages and entertaining the whole way through'

Haddenham participant

To book tickets and to see access information and full detail of the whole programme visit www.library.live/the-library-presents



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Bringing arts activities to locations across Cambridgeshire

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

ATTENDANCE

Requesting authorised absence for Eid-Al-Fitr

Many Muslim families will be celebrating Eid at the beginning of May. The school understands that some students may take time off for religious observance. This is an authorised absence, but we still require families to inform us of their intention for their child to be absent for this day and a [Request Form for Planned Absence](#) must be completed and returned to the Schools Main Reception at least 2 school days prior to Eid.

In line with the Government guideline, it is only the official day set apart by the religious body that can be approved for religious observance.

Planned Absences Request

For any planned absences from school, other than medical appointments, a planned absence request form must be completed and returned to the Attendance Officer at least 2 weeks prior to removal of the child from school. This is so the school can consider each application individually and request further information or evidence if required for approval.

When considering requests for term-time absence, we will take into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request. A pupils attendance records and prior requests for leave will also be taken into consideration.

If due to circumstances you are unable to give 2 weeks' notice, please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can still review your request. If you take your child out of school without prior approval this can be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Term Time Holidays

If you are planning a holiday during term time, please be aware that it is the Academy's policy not to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Cambridgeshire County Council states: *The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are "rare, significant, unavoidable, short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.*

Please refer to [Cambridge County Council](#) for initial guidance on term time holidays before completing the college's [Request Form for Planned Absence](#).



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

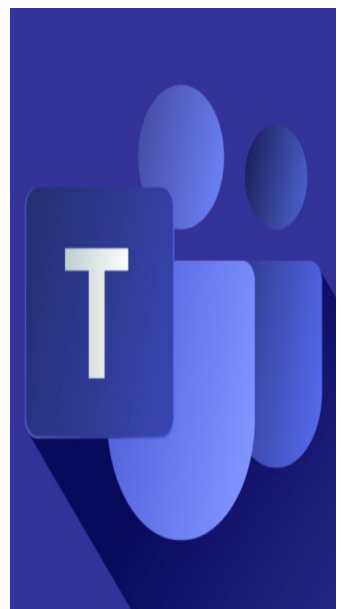
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

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

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