



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 20th May 2022

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu	Please CLICK HERE to see our current Menu
Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
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Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 16th May to Friday 27th May	GCSE Exams
Thursday 26th May	Year 7 Parents Evening (P.3-6 taught). School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	HALF TERM
Monday 6th June	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 8th June	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Thursday 9th June	Comberton 6th Form Taster day

The Young Quills Shortlist 2022



Recently the History department received a large bundle of historical fiction ready to review for the **Young Quills Historical Fiction award!**

Students across Y7-Y11 took part and had the opportunity to not only read a brand-new book but write a review.

We are thrilled that so many of our students' reviews are now available on the *Historical Association* website <https://www.history.org.uk/aboutus/module/8788/young-quills-reviews-2022>

These reviews have helped to create the shortlist for the Young Quills awards:

10-13 years

- *The Swallows' Flight*, by Hilary McKay, Macmillan Children's Books
- *Torn Apart: The Partition of India*, by Swapna Haddow, Scholastic
- *When the Sky Falls*, by Phil Earle, Andersen Press
- *The Week at World's End*, by Emma Carroll, Faber & Faber
- *Arctic Star*, by Tom Palmer, Barrington Stoke
- *Our Beautiful Game*, by Lou Kuenzler, Faber & Faber

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- *We Played with Fire*, by Catherine Barter, Andersen Press
- *A Rebel in Auschwitz*, by Jack Fairweather, Scholastic
- *Skin of the Sea*, by Natasha Bowen, Penguin

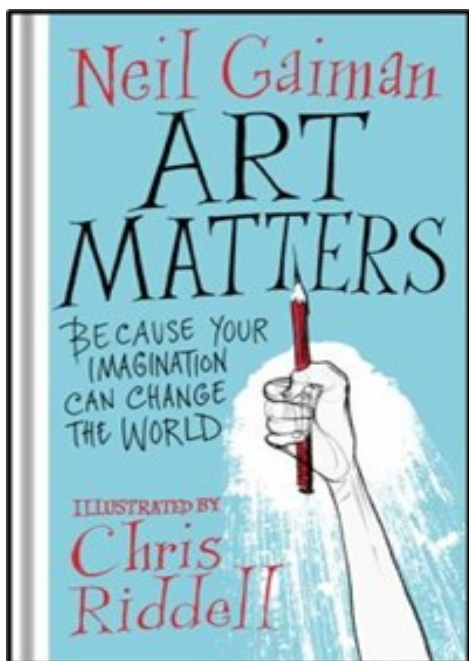
Copies of all these books are available to borrow from the History department.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

Franky can't wait to move to his new town - although he wishes he didn't have to leave his best friend Dani behind. But everything changes after the storm, when strange green lightning and powerful thunder crash down on the town. From that night on, the kids who live on Franky's street start to change. One by one, they become a little odd. A little unusual. A little... magical. Franky's always wanted to be part of an amazing gang - just like his hero, super-spy Zack Danger! And soon, he realises that there's real danger in store for himself and his new friends. And so, the Danger Gang is born... **(Available from the School Library and on SORA as an audiobook)**



Art Matters by Neil Gaiman

A creative call to arms from the mind of Neil Gaiman, combining his extraordinary words with deft and striking illustrations by Chris Riddell. *Art Matters* will inspire its readers to seize the day in the name of art. Be bold. Be rebellious. Choose art. It matters. Neil Gaiman once said that "the world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before". This little book is the embodiment of that vision. Drawn together from speeches, poems and creative manifestos, *Art Matters* explores how reading, imagining, and creating can change the world, and will be inspirational to young and old. **(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](#)

free school meals



could save
you up to
£450
a year
per child



To apply, visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Cambridgeshire
County Council

free school meals



If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, **up to £1,320 a year**.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, your child's school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding ... apply today!

Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

- The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on **31 August 2023**)
- The end of Year 11 (if they are in secondary school on **31 August 2023**)

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

To apply, visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



MUSIC CLUBS

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 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*)

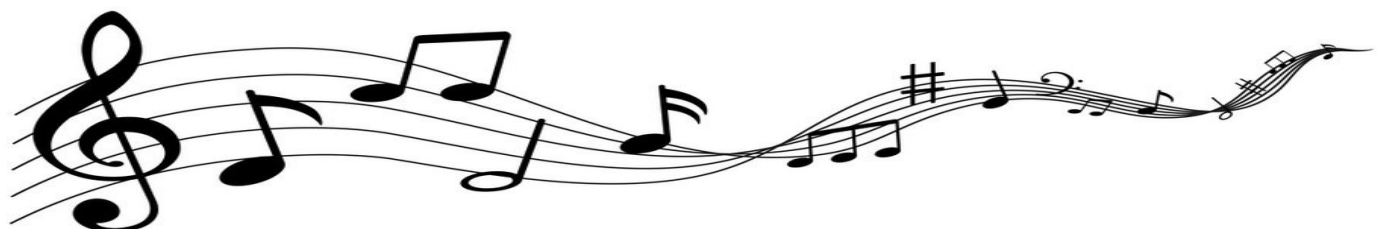
Tuesday lunchtime: Junior Choir (*Years 7 & 8*)

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!



Physical Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

The PE department are absolutely delighted to be running clubs and fixtures again, and it has been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

As you are probably already aware, the extra-curricular sport programme at Cambourne VC is exceptionally strong. It is our aim in the PE department to have every pupil access our extra-curricular provision at some point throughout the week. To help us achieve this, we have created a varied programme of clubs that will change on a termly basis, to allow everyone to find something they enjoy. Pupils can choose whether to come along and enjoy being active with their friends or to train to improve their performance. We would really love to see as many pupils there as possible!

Our pupils thoroughly enjoy these opportunities; however to continue to provide these, we require funding. Staff volunteer their time and expertise to run, coach and organise these additional sporting opportunities; however, money raised goes towards maintaining quality equipment, providing buses for travel to fixtures and for external qualified coaches to lead sessions. As such, we are asking any student who is attending extra-curricular clubs to make a £10 voluntary donation each term towards these running costs. This can be paid on ParentPay under the clubs tab.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Lindsey Gassner

PE Teacher and Sporting Opportunities Co-ordinator

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

Year 10s: Thinking about applying to Hills Road 6th Form College...

Please see their open days page of the website here: <https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/sixthform/how-to-apply/open-events>



Sat 16 Jul | **Mon 18 Jul**
10am-4pm | 5pm-8pm



Year 10: Open Events

Join us, and discover the many opportunities you could enjoy as a Hills Road student

Our Open Events enable you to explore the College campus, visit the subjects you are interested in and speak to our subject specialists.

Find out more about our extensive range of over 75 Enrichment activities and learn more about the planning and research skills you will develop with our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

You can also drop in to meet our Student Support and Guidance team to learn how we will support you throughout your time at the College, and don't forget to chat to our current students to find out what it's really like to be a Hills Road student!

Register here to be notified when our Open Event tickets go live in June.

[Register now](#)

Year 11 - Reminder for Long Road applicants



This is a reminder that if your child has applied to Long Road and would like to attend or keep this option open for September; they need to respond to any conditional offer/invitation to interview received if not done so already.

Long Road will be running Welcome Days on 7th and 8th July for Offer Holders; therefore, it is important that offers are accepted/interviews attended in order to be invited to a Welcome Day.

If you have any questions, Long Road can be contacted at admissions@longroad.ac.uk

A message from Long Road College:

Come and discover the *right road for you!*

Long Road Open Evenings: Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th July 2022

At Long Road Sixth Form College there's lots of choice: A levels, practical Diplomas, a mix of the two or GCSE re-sits.

Choose an Applied Science Diploma or an A level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Environmental Science, and you'll benefit from the college's well-established links with top universities and the local research community including the neighbouring Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

How about an Applied Diploma in Sport or a PE A level? Our on-campus sport facilities, basketball academy and hi-tech student gym is everything you need to stay both fit and focused.

If you're a creative individual, you could study an Applied Diploma in Art or Graphic Design, or an A level in Art, DT or Photography, giving you access to our bespoke art studios, specialist design workshops and photography darkroom. When you're ready, you can graduate to our Level 4 Foundation Art course to really kick-start your creative career.

Whichever direction you take, as a member of our friendly, vibrant and dynamic community you can develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward.

BOOK NOW: Long Road Open Evenings 5th & 6th July, 5pm – 9pm

To ensure our event is safe and enjoyable for everyone we are asking you to **book 1 ticket per person** for our Open Evening.

With staggered arrival times in place, simply select your preferred date and time slot and book your required number of tickets!

If you have any questions please contact us via email at hel-lo@longroad.ac.uk

We can't wait to meet you at our Open Evenings!

Best wishes, Long Road

**OPEN EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 STUDY
YEAR 11s ALSO WELCOME**

**ATTENTION
YEAR 10s**

**Don't miss out -
book now!**

www.longroad.ac.uk

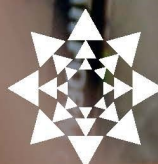
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#OPENROAD



**LONG
ROAD** SIXTH FORM
COLLEGE
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Insight into NHS Careers Virtual Summer Programme 2022

27th & 28th July 2022, 10am - 3pm

There are over 350 roles in the NHS and not all of them are patient facing care or in a hospital setting. Have you thought you might like to be in engineering? Did you know you could do this and many other roles in the NHS?

Join us for a 2-day programme where you'll have the opportunity to find out about some of the roles available in the NHS:

- Digital Communications
- Speech and Language
- Mental Health Care Roles
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Allied Health Professions
- Portering
- Pathology
- Medical
- Social Care
- Social Worker
- Midwifery
- Radiology
- Nursing
- Healthcare Science
- Water Quality Team
- Information Technology
- Ambulance Service
- Apprenticeships
- Operating Department

To register - www.bit.ly/nhsSummerProgramme2022

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/


WORK.


TRAINING.


SKILLS.

How long will I be employed for?
A standard Apprenticeship at CUH is for a minimum fixed term of 16 months up to 4 Years.

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

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



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](#).

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**

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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

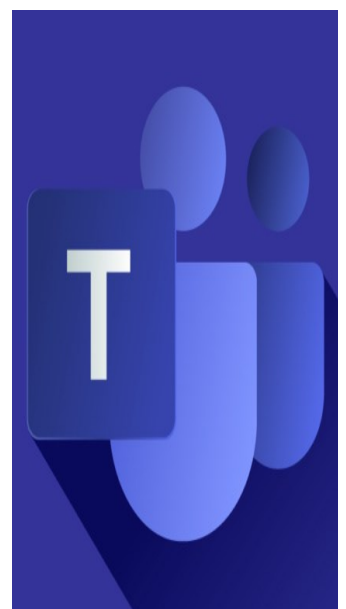
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

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

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.