



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 17 June 2022

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 20th - Friday 24th June	National School Sports Week - different PE activities/events all week
Monday 20th June	Sports Leaders: Chance to Shine competition (10am - 3pm) Year 10 Animal Care Coursework Session (P.5 & 6)
Tuesday 21st June	Cambridge Regional College Taster Day (all day)
Wednesday 22nd June	Trip: Royal Holloway University History Day (all day)
Thursday 23rd June	Sports Awards Evening (6.30pm onwards)
Friday 24th June	Trip: TUS University of East London (all day)
Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th June	School Production: The Addams Family!

Four stage lights are suspended from a black track at the top of the page, casting a soft glow downwards. The background is a dark grey gradient.

Cambourne VC Presents:

The Addams Family: A new Musical Comedy

We are excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for this year's school production of the smash-hit musical, *The Addams Family*.

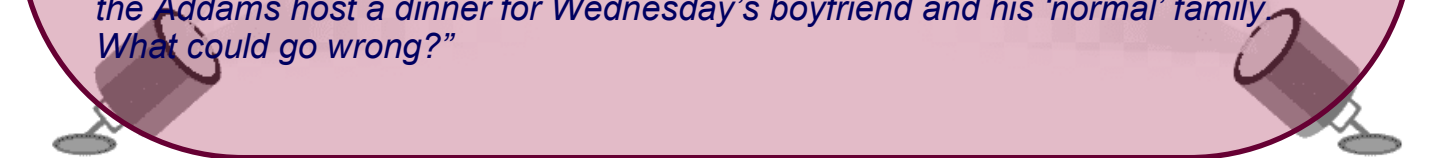
An amazingly talented cast have been busy rehearsing this fantastic show all year, and after two years of not being able to present a production in front of an audience, we can't wait for this show to hit the stage!

There are four public performances of the show, three evening performances and a matinee:

- **7:30pm, Monday 27th June**
- **7:30pm, Tuesday 28th June**
- **1:30pm, Wednesday 28th June (MATINEE)**
- **7:30pm, Wednesday 28th June**

Tickets for the show are **£8 / £5 (Concessions)**, and are available on **ParentPay** – so book your tickets as soon as possible. As for previous shows, some performances have sold out, as there is limited capacity in the hall.

“A musical comedy, embracing every parent’s nightmare! Wednesday Addams, known for her love of darkness, has fallen in love with a sweet man from a seemingly respectable and ordinary family. As Wednesday falls in love, family members begin to find out, forcing Gomez, her father, to keep a secret from his love, Morticia. Meanwhile, Pugsley and Grandma scheme and Uncle Fester relates by finding a love of his own. Everything will change on the dreadful night the Addams host a dinner for Wednesday’s boyfriend and his ‘normal’ family. What could go wrong?”

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The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

CAM VC PRODUCTIONS

7:30PM, MONDAY 27 JUNE | 7:30PM, TUESDAY 28 JUNE
1:30PM, WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE | 7:30PM, WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

Tickets: £8 / £5 (Concessions) available on PARENTPAY

To all parents/carers of students in Years 8, 9 and 10

Over the next two weeks, your child will be looking at Child Exploitation and County Lines in their PHSE lesson.

Please click on the information leaflet below that explains what these issues are and how to be aware of them. Do please take some time to read through the leaflet and, if you feel it appropriate, have a chat with your child after their PHSE lesson about what they learned.

Should you have any questions or concerns surrounding these issues, do please contact me at remilne@cambournevc.org

Rebecca Milne - Acting Head of PSHE



Child Exploitation



A Guide for Parents / Carers



Over the next few weeks, we will be holding and attending events in celebration of Pride month, a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ people around the world.

Please contact [Ms Weaver](#) if you would like more information about any of the notices below:



Ms Weaver is selling small pin badges with pronouns and flags at just £1 each. Pupils have been made aware of this.



There will be a cake and lolly sale in the performance hall at lunchtime on **Tuesday 21st June** to raise money for the young LGBTQ+ people charity called Just Like Us. Please ensure your young person has a few coins if they would like to buy something. If you would like to donate some baked goods - either homemade or bought and not containing nuts - it would be very much appreciated. They can be brought into school on Tuesday morning and left in the Centre. Thank you!



On **Thursday 30th June** we will have a movie and popcorn afternoon in school. We will be watching the 2018 drama comedy called 'Love, Simon', based on the YA novel 'Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda'. This event will be free to students, and everyone is very welcome.

(Please see [here](#) for classification information about the film - it is rated as a 12A and suitable for students in years 7-11.)



And finally, Ms Weaver will be at Cambridge Pride on Jesus Green on **Saturday 9th July**. There will be a river parade, food and drink, a wellbeing area, talks and entertainment. This won't be an organised Cambourne Village College trip so we cannot take responsibility for your young person, but I would be really happy to be joined by any students who would like to come along. It will be a very celebratory event. Once the organisers have finalised the timings I will send you meeting-up details, but it is anticipated to be around 10.30am.





Year 10 GCSE History Revision

3.10pm-4pm every Tuesday with Mr Green and Mr Olivey.

Please remind your children they need to come upstairs to the Blue wing to take part .

They should be using their revision schedule, but can speak to [Miss Angell](#) if you or they have any questions or concerns.



We are delighted to announce that homework club is running again for the rest of the Summer Term.

All students are invited.

If your child needs help with homework, a place to work or to use a computer, they can come to **Blue 13** on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** from **3pm to 4pm**.

This will always be supervised by members of staff.



Cambridgeshire Ancient Greek Online Academy for September 2022

After our very successful pilot year we are opening up registrations from Y8-Y10 students in any state secondary school in the area. Students are invited to register initially for an 'no strings attached' introductory term. After this introduction students are able to continue to a GCSE in Ancient Greek in three years. Although teaching is online there are also non-compulsory Saturday morning sessions at the Classics Faculty in Cambridge once a half term. All teachers are qualified and DBS checked teachers. All information is contained in the attached leaflet and the link for signing up to the Academy is here <https://forms.gle/otJHEHbVQs7Sbj4x8>. This is totally FREE for state school pupils. Please note that we were overwhelmed with interest last year and closed registrations within a week! Students are required to share a teacher contact - please use Miss Angell's email (jangell@cambournevc.org) for this and ask Miss Angell if you have any questions!



Cambridgeshire Online Ancient Greek Academy

is an initiative developed by Classics for All and with support from Cambridge School Classics Project (CSCP) and the University of Cambridge Faculty of Classics.



We offer the opportunity for students aged from Y8-Y10 the opportunity to learn Ancient Greek. Students will be able to work towards a GCSE over three years, and perhaps continue further!

All teaching and resources are **FREE** for state school pupils in Cambridgeshire.

Tell me more!

Weekly lessons are all ONLINE on a Tuesday evening 4.30-6pm during term time. Every half term there are optional face to face meetings including language teaching and lectures to introduce students to the Classical World, which are held at the Faculty of Classics in Cambridge on a Saturday morning.

All teachers are experienced and qualified DBS checked Classics teachers. No prior knowledge of Greek is required, simply the enthusiasm to give it a go. There is no obligation to continue after the first introductory term, although of course we hope you will wish to! Introductory classes will be between 20-30 students, but places are limited!

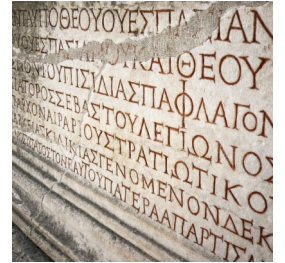




Why learn Ancient Greek?



- It's fun and challenging!
- Adds to your understanding of English
- Helps in learning other languages
- Makes links between languages, humanities, philosophy and the arts
- Improves your ability to think logically
- Great if you want to study law, medicine or sciences
- Stand out from the crowd on your University application
- Valued by many professions, from finance to law
- Read literature (including the New Testament), ancient literature and philosophy in the original language
- Enables you to understand classical references in art, theatre, film, computer games and literature



How do I join?

We are now registering students to join us in September 2022. We encourage students to give it a go, and if you find it is not for you, then simply let us know.

To register please fill in this simple form

<https://forms.gle/iaJoMyuBtkB8sMyr7>

or for any other information contact Angela Dix at

adixcfa@gmail.com,

East of England Coordinator Classics for All



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL CLASSICS PROJECT

Summer Holiday Scheme Places for free



Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this summer where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are all included?



Children in receipt of income-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours.



All refugee families welcome
Email HAF for further information

A unique booking code will be sent by email/text message to eligible parents on 13 June.



Further information:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)

Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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 – June 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Athletics – Field

Golf – Field

Box Fitness – PH

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Year 9-11 Football – Astro

Dance – Drama Studio

Cricket – Field

Table tennis – Performance Hall

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

Year 7 girls football training – Astro – Football Activators

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Team games – Hard Courts – Sports Leaders

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

FRIDAY 3-4pm

BTEC Catch Up – IT04

GCSE PE Catch up – Pink

Rounders – Field

Year 8 Football – Astro

Year 7 Football – Astro

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

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



As we come to the end of year 11 core PE, if there are any year 11 students who will no longer be using their CamVC PE kits we would really appreciate having them in the PE department to repurpose them to allow all our students to be able to access their PE lessons without the barrier of a lost or forgotten PE kit.

Donations of PE kit can be left at reception labelled for the PE department.

This also includes old trainers or Astros/studs that may longer be required.



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!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS




Wranglestone by Darren Charlton

In a post-apocalyptic America, a community survives in a national park, surrounded by water that keeps the Dead at bay. But when winter comes, there's nothing to stop them from crossing the ice. Then, homebody Peter puts the camp in danger by naively allowing a stranger to come ashore and he's forced to leave the community of Wranglestone. Now he must help rancher Cooper, the boy he's always watched from afar, herd the Dead from their shores before the lake freezes over. But as love blossoms, a dark discovery reveals the sanctuary's secret past. One that forces the pair to question everything they've ever known. *(Available from the School Library and on SORA)*

'Identity is like fire.
It can create warmth
and comfort, or burn
badly and destroy'

Who Are We?

How Identity Politics
Took Over the World

Gary Younge 

Who are we? How Identity Politics Took Over the World by Gary

Younge

In his ground-breaking book, Gary Younge argues that we have recoiled into refuges of race or class, religion or national identity to survive in a state seemingly indifferent to our lives. Ranging from his Stevenage childhood to present day America, from the borders of Europe to division in South Africa, Younge explores the issues that bind the powerful elite and the poor immigrant, the fundamentalist and the conservative. In this powerful dissection of modern society Gary Younge challenges us not to succumb to what divides us, but through solidarity to search for a common - and higher - ground. *(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](#)

Springpod's Virtual Work Experience Programme

Year 11s who missed out on their work experience placements last year may be interested in Springpod's programme of work experience placements, as below.

To apply and for more information please see [this pdf](#).

Submitting an application only takes 10 minutes, but any questions can be directed to Oscar Crickmer on: oscar.crickmer@springpod.com



Virtual Work Experience Programmes

Running in June and July 2022

Springpod

All of these programmes' deadlines are the 29th June

TV & Film Apply	Engineering Apply	Technology Apply	Dentistry Apply	Law Apply	Finance & Accountancy Apply
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Employer programmes

Deadline: 25th May JLL - Access to property Apply	Deadline: 25th May Admin & Clerical Support Apply	Deadline: 25th May AHP & Pharmacy Apply	Deadline: 25th May IOA - Careers in acoustics Apply
Deadline: 8th June Digital Careers in Health & Care Apply	Deadline: 8th June Healthcare support services Apply	Deadline: 22nd June Nursing & healthcare Apply	Deadline: 22nd June AHP - Liverpool Apply
Deadline: 29th June Aerospace with Airbus Apply	Deadline: 29th June Coventry Building Society Apply	Deadline: 6th July Non-clinical health care Apply	Deadline: 6th July Fujitsu WorkX Apply
Deadline: 20th July Dudley NHS Trust Apply	Deadline: 22nd July CAA - Aviation & Aerospace Apply	Deadline: 23rd July Nursing - Cumbria Apply	Deadline: 3rd August The Business of Logistics Apply
On demand AHP - Shropshire Apply	Nursing & Midwifery - Shropshire Apply	Medicine - Shropshire Apply	Employability skills Apply
AHP - North Cumbria Apply	Engineer your future Apply	AHP - South East England Apply	Returning to your studies Apply
Nursing with Cygnet Apply	Nursing - South East England Apply	Medicine - South East England Apply	

Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now

FREE WEBINAR



A message from Medical Projects:

“Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now”

A free webinar!

After last year's big demand, we've decided to run our 'Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now' event again in September 2022.

This is primarily aimed at your year 11s who will be starting A-levels (or equivalent) in September 2022. We will have current medical students covering the application timeline, work experience, entrance exams and everything students need to hit the ground running in September.

Title: Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now

Date: Wednesday, 14th September 2022

Location: Online

Suitable for: Current year 11 (going into year 12 in September)

Registration link: educationprojects.co.uk/project/timeline-of-applying-to-medical-school-what-you-need-to-do-now/

Last year around 10,000 students signed up for this event and we had to stop registrations weeks before the event itself. Early registration is crucial.



**MEDICAL
PROJECTS**





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

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

10am-4pm

Mon 18 Jul

5pm-8pm



Hills Road
Sixth Form College
Cambridge

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

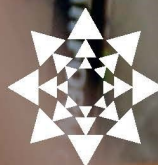
▶ **LONG OPEN ROAD EVENINGS**

5TH & 6TH JULY 2022, 5-9PM

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#OPENROAD



LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM
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Cambridgeshire Libraries are currently welcoming to refugees and other new arrivals. They are happy to provide library membership and support with using library resources. They are also aware that a number of Ukrainians have arrived recently in our area we have produced a library leaflet in Ukrainian, distributed via local council welcome packs and available in all library branches.

Here is general information about Cambourne Library, including opening hours, as it is local for most of your students and their families: [Cambourne Library \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

TOTAL
CLOTHING
SHOP
.CO.UK

Information from Total Clothing: School Uniform supplier

Parents will have the chance to “win back the cost of their school uniform order”, if they place their **order from 1st – 30th June**. (min order £35.00 max £150.00 back) .Please see the price guides on [our uniform page](#) of the website for more information.

The Total Clothing Shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am -5pm (from Monday 11th July, Monday to Thursday 9am -5.30pm and 9-5pm on Friday) **and on Saturday from 10.00am till 4pm from Saturday 16th July until Saturday 3rd September.**

This year they are offering a “**WALK IN**” service to all parents with no appointments necessary. This will allow us to service more customers at any one time and gives greater flexibility for your parents to visit our shop during the full opening hours.

As part of their sustainability journey, “ENZO” our eco turtle has been introduced to tell parents about their eco journey and can be [downloaded here](#).

An important date to note is **Wednesday 10th AUGUST** – PARENTS NEED TO HAVE PLACED ORDERS BY THIS DATE TO RECEIVE UNIFORM IN TIME FOR THE START OF THE NEW TERM IN SEPTEMBER.

Our other school uniform supplier is [Essential SchoolWear](#).
Their last order date online is **Friday 12th August**

Please also check out their website for 2022-23 uniform options and offers.

Essential Schoolwear



If you have any concerns about buying uniform for the next academic year, please speak to your year team.

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.



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**

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.

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

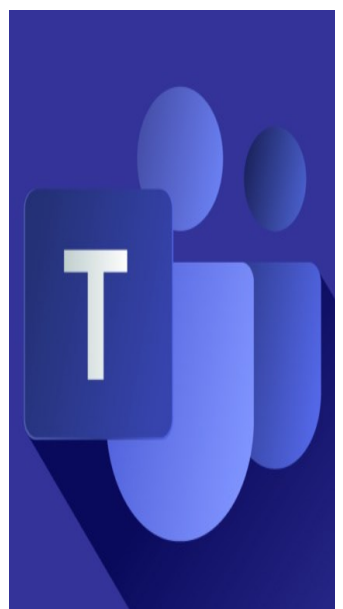
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

Click here for a guide to handing in Teams Assignments:

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[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](#))





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



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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