



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 1st July 2022

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 4th - Tuesday 12th July	Year 10 Exams
Wednesday 6th July	Staff Training Day - remote working for all pupils.
Thursday 7th July	Whole School Recognition Event (4.30pm onwards)
Friday 8th July	Honouring the Heroes with Henri Obstfeld BEM (Year7 in school)
Tuesday 12th July	Trip: UEFA Womens Euro 2022 (Denmark v Finland)





PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS before the summer holidays.

There are still a number of books out on loan to pupils. We would appreciate your help getting the books back onto our shelves. However, do please note that books may be borrowed over the summer with permission from library staff.

If a book is lost, we ask that you please replace the book (or provide a suitable alternative) or contribute towards the cost of replacing the book (£5 fiction or £10 non-fiction).



LIBRARY AMAZON WISHLIST

During their time at CamVC, our students spend much time in the library. They may attend library lessons, borrow books, do homework, or simply come to read somewhere warm away from the main school hubbub.

We aim to keep our stock up to date, as well as replacing much loved titles as they suffer from their popularity. If you would like to help us with this ongoing and expensive task, please see our Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/bz1SSR7>

If you do decide to donate a book, please remember to fill in the gift message so that we can put a bookplate inside the front cover of your chosen book to acknowledge your kind donation.

Many thanks for considering this idea.



Equipment needed for Y10 exams

Year 10 exams continue next week, in the more formal setting of the exam hall. We would like to acknowledge and praise our Year 10 pupils for all their work in preparing for this first set of mocks.

Please support your child with making sure they have the correct equipment for each exam. They need to have: 2 pens (preferably black), a sharp pencil, eraser, ruler, protractor, compasses, and scientific calculator. They may also find a highlighter useful. Pencil cases should be clear. **Phones, watches and headphones are not allowed in the exam rooms.**

Year 9 options



On Monday, Year 9 pupils received an email confirming their allocation to option subjects for Key Stage 4. If you or your child have any queries or would like to request a subject change, please email CAM-Options@cambournevc.org by Friday 8th July.

Please note that, whilst change requests are always considered, it may not be possible to accommodate them. There are still some spaces in after school groups for GCSE Film Studies, GCSE Ancient History and GCSE Art. Please email CAM-Options@cambournevc.org to request a space.

Battle: Cambourne is back!

Record the distance you physically travel every day for two weeks between Monday 20th June and Friday 1st July for your Cambourne Region!

The winning region will hold the Battle: Cambourne Trophy. Prizes awarded to the top 3 individuals who record the most miles.

Walk, bike, swim, cycle as many miles as you can for your region!

Log your distance using this link - [Battle: Cambourne - Log your distance](#)

BATTLE: CAMBOURNE
Monday 20th June – Friday 1st July

Log the distance you run, walk or cycle every time you head out your front door.

The region who travel the farthest, will reign supreme!

GREAT CAMBOURNE
YOU CAN ACHIEVE GREATNESS

UPPER CAMBOURNE
KEEP GOING, NEVER GIVE UP

LOWER CAMBOURNE
REFUSE TO LOWER YOUR STANDARDS

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE

TOGETHER EXILES SUCCEED

QR Code: [Battle: Cambourne - Log your distance](#)

Design Ventura 2021-22 Winning Product Eco Seed



As we continue to share the success of our **Year 10 team winning the [Design Ventura 2021-22 competition with their Eco-Seed](#)**, new articles have been published celebrating this on the Design Museum website.

Please click on the links below for Information about:

The **Winning Product** article is [HERE](#).

The **Celebration Event** article is [HERE](#).

There is also a video to watch from the pitching day: [HERE](#)

This display, including the Eco-Seed and past winning products, are part of an exhibition that will run at the Design Museum in London until [26th June 2022](#).

The Year 10 team also talked on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and there is a further article on [Hort News](#).



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!

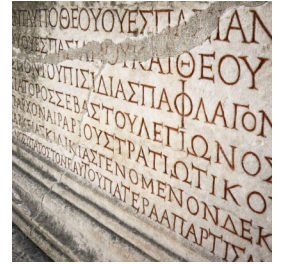




Why learn Ancient Greek?



- 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



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SCHOOL CLASSICS PROJECT

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*)

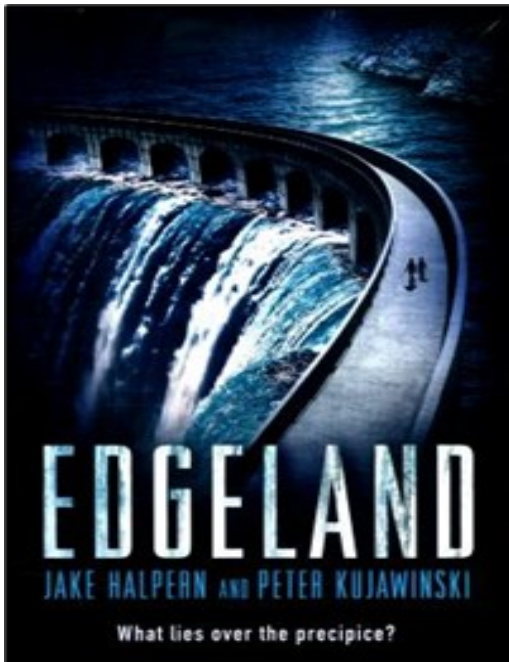
Tuesday (3-4pm): Jazz Band (*Years 9 – 11*)

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

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

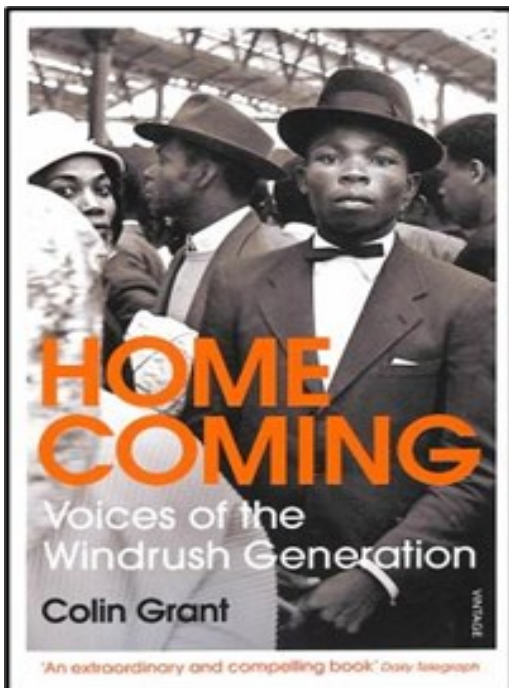
All pupils are welcome, whether they've attended before, or not. We are looking forward to all these groups performing in this term's Summer Concert!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Edgeland by Jake Halpern

Thousands of miles due south from the Polar North is the island of Edgeland. Here, day and night last for 72 hours. And here is one of the natural wonders of this world: the Drain, a whirlpool thirty miles wide and a hundred miles around. Anything sucked into its frothing, turbulent waters is never seen again. Wren has spent most of her life on Edgeland, watching people bring their dead to the island's famous bone houses to be blessed and prepared for the afterlife. There the dead are loaded into boats with treasure and sent over the cliff, and into the Drain. Orphaned and alone, Wren dreams of escaping Edgeland, and her chance finally comes when furriers from the Polar north arrive with their dead. With the help of her friend Alec, Wren plans to loot one of the boats before it enters the Drain. But the boat - with Alec and Wren onboard - is sucked into the whirlpool. What they discover beyond the abyss is beyond what either of them could have imagined. **(Available from the School Library)**



Homecoming: voices of the Windrush generation by Colin Grant

Homecoming draws on over a hundred first-hand interviews, archival recordings and memoirs by the women and men who came to Britain from the West Indies between the late 1940s and the early 1960s. In their own words, we witness the transition from the optimism of the first post-war arrivals to the race riots of the late 1950s. These are stories of hope and regret, of triumphs and challenges, brimming with humour, anger, and wisdom. Together, they reveal a rich tapestry of Caribbean British lives. *Homecoming* is an unforgettable portrait of a generation, which brilliantly illuminates an essential and much-misunderstood chapter of our history. **(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](#)

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



Cambridge Maths School - Open Events

Cambridge Maths School are hosting their Open Events which will take place during the morning of **Saturday 9 July** and from 6.30pm on **Tuesday 12 July**.

These events are aimed at **Year 10 students** but open to all year groups for students who are starting to consider their A-Levels. [Click here](#) for more information.



June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Oakes College Summer Open Evening – Wednesday 13th July 6.00 – 8.30pm

I hope that you and your family are well and that your child is enjoying Year 10.

We are delighted to invite you to our open evening at the Oakes College on 13th July. Our students cannot wait to show you around our buildings, share their experiences of their studies and what life is like as an Oakes student. Our teachers will also be present to answer questions on the courses on offer, to advise on good combinations and reassure regarding the application process.

Without doubt, visiting a centre in person is the very best way of experiencing the atmosphere and community of a sixth form. We are confident that you will come away from The Oakes with a clearer perspective of how we have created such a positive and successful college, tailored to the needs of individuals.

The events begin at **6.00pm on Wednesday 13th July** with presentations about Oakes College and its provision.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening.



Yours sincerely

Karim Marsaoui
Deputy Principal
Head of The Oakes College Cambridge

Head of College: Karim Marsaoui
Deputy Heads of College: Robert Syposz Emma Hayward Tom Watkins
Pastoral Support: Helen Davis

Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 9NN
Tel: 01223 869327
Email: office@oakescc.org
www.oakescc.org

Open Eve/2022/Summer Term/Year 10 PC





Summer Open Evening



Wednesday 13th July
6.00pm – 8.30pm
www.oakescc.org



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)

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.

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 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.



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

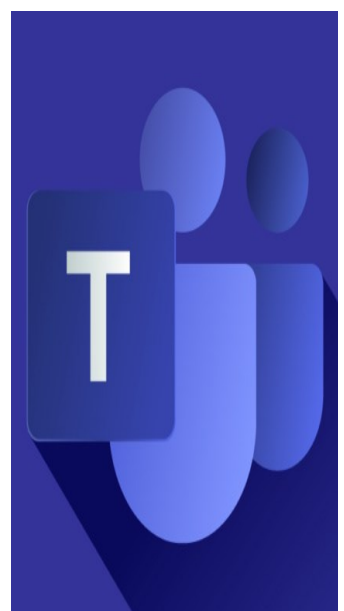
Microsoft Teams, Teams assignments, and OneNote are becoming increasingly more central to the way we are providing and receiving work. Below are some resources to help you support your children with these services.

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.