



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 22nd July 2022

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

<b>Monday 25th July - Thursday 1st September</b>	<b>Summer Holidays!</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th - Thursday 25th August</b>	Uniform Sizing Events (5pm-7pm). All Years welcome
<b>Thursday 25th August</b>	GCSE Results Day
<b>Thursday 1st September</b>	School Closed - staff training day
<b>Friday 2nd September</b>	<b>Year 7 pupils only in School</b>
<b>Monday 5th September</b>	<b>All pupils in school</b>
<b>Monday 19th September</b>	Pupil Photographs (Years 7 and 11 only)



# REMINDERS



## **LOST PROPERTY**

**Any lost property item not claimed by the end of the summer term, will be donated to charity over the summer holidays.**

If your child has lost an item, please contact reception either in person between 8am and 4pm or via email on [thecollege@cambourenvc.org](mailto:thecollege@cambourenvc.org)

### **Go4Schools Parent and Student Access**

Access to Go4Schools will be suspended at the end of July, to allow the system to be set up for the next academic year. Students and parents will have access to the system again on the first day of school in September.

GO 4 SCHOOLS

### **GCSE Art Starter Packs Payment reminder:**

If you would like to purchase an art starter pack for your child we have **extended the deadline until the end of July**. We highly recommend purchasing via school as it will offer considerable savings in cost to you and will contain 'essentials' that they will need for their course. Please make payment via your ParentPay account.

### **Current Vacancies at Cambourne Village College:**

Please see the most recent vacancies at Cambourne VC - all relevant paperwork is on the [vacancies](#) page of the website. Please feel free to share these vacancies amongst friends and family.

Should you like to speak to anyone regarding these vacancies please contact the HR team on 01954 284034.

#### **Exams Officer**

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 26—32.5hrs per week
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 25 July 2022

#### **Department Administrator**

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 34hrs per week
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 25 July 2022



## Current Vacancies at Cambourne Village College:

### Campus Manager

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: Full time, 52 weeks per year
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 1 September 2022

### Remote Learning Teaching Assistant

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 30hrs per week
- Contract: 1 year Fixed Term
- Deadline: 1 September 2022

### Sports Graduate

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 20hrs per week
- Contract: 1 year Fixed Term
- Deadline: 1 September 2022

### HR Manager

- Start Date: ASAP in the Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 37hrs per week
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 1 September 2022

### Site Assistant

- Start Date: ASAP
- Hours: 37hrs per week
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 31 August 2022

### Assistant to the SENCO

- Start Date: ASAP Autumn Term 2022
- Hours: 32.5hrs per week
- Contract: Permanent
- Deadline: 29 July 2022





Enjoy summer reading - wherever you are!!



Get your children reading more over the summer by looking at the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website.

This has information for parents, grandparents and carers as well as how to find out about your local library, it provides summer reading suggestions, a reading club, games and activities and so much more!!!

Have a wonderful summer full of reading!

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS



SUMMER  
READING





**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.





## **Instrument and Singling Lessons**

Over 150 pupils currently have instrumental and singing lessons at Cambourne Village College each week – but the good news is there are still spaces for all instruments and singing!

So if your child would like to start lessons, either on a new instrument, or continue developing and extending their skills on an instrument they already play – then sign them up for instrumental or singing lessons!

They can learn to play: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Piano, Keyboard, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums or do singing lessons (pop, musical theatre, classical!)

If you would like them to start in September, then please complete the online form by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, or as soon as possible.

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

If your child receives the pupil premium, we are able to support you in paying for these lessons, so please sign them up by filling in the form!

If you have any questions about instrumental and singing lessons, please email me ([gpage@cambournevc.org](mailto:gpage@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](mailto:gpage@cambournevc.org)**

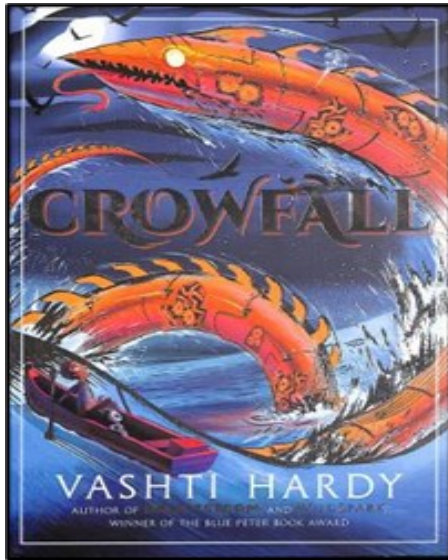
### **Free Keyboards – to budding any keyboard players!**

We have some keyboards in the department, where the power inputs no longer work, but still function using batteries. These have recently been replaced in the classrooms, but we would love the keyboards to not go to waste.

If your child enjoys playing the keyboard (in class lessons or instrumental lessons), and you would like one of these keyboards, then you would be very welcome to have one.

Please email [gpage@cambournevc.org](mailto:gpage@cambournevc.org) to request one.

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



## *Crowfall* by Vashti Hardy

Cast out from the clockwork island of Ironhold, where mechanical technology controls everything, Orin Crowfall finds himself adrift on a small boat in the middle of the ocean. As Orin and his robot friend Cody struggle to make sense of the events that brought them here, the one thing they know for sure is that Ironhold is in trouble. They need to get back, whatever the cost. Plagued by perilous seas and freak storms, and with a terrifying sea monster on their tail, Orin soon realises their journey won't be easy. It will take courage and strength, trusting in new friends and embracing the spirit of adventure, if Orin wants to save his home. **(Available from the School Library)**



## *Taking up space: the black girl's manifesto for change* by Chelsea Kwakye

and Ore Ogunbiyi

Recent Cambridge grads Chelsea and Ore experienced being a minority in a predominantly white institution first-hand and wrote *Taking Up Space* as a guide and a manifesto for change. FOR BLACK GIRLS: Understand that your journey is unique. Use this book as a guide. Our wish for you is that you read this and feel empowered, comforted, and validated in every emotion you experience, or decision that you make. FOR EVERYONE ELSE: We can only hope that reading this helps you to be a better friend, parent, sibling, or teacher to black girls living through what we did. It's time we stepped away from seeing this as a problem that black people are charged with solving on their own. It's a collective effort. And everyone has a role to play. Featuring honest conversations with students past and present, *Taking Up Space* goes beyond the buzzwords of diversity and inclusion and explores what those words truly mean for young black girls today. **(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](#)





# SUMMER YOUTH ROWING COURSE

**13-18YR OLDS**

Learn to row

JULY 2022  
25TH-29TH

AUGUST 2022  
1ST-5TH AUG



## NO PREVIOUS ROWING REQUIRED

Your opportunity to learn the most iconic sport in Cambridge - in the most fun way possible!

- 5 day course at £150pp (+ booking fee)
- Learn and perfect the full rowing technique
- Proven to aid college and university applications
- Learn to row in an 'eight' boat - same as the Cambridge-Oxford Boat Race
- Work together as a team

**\*\*Limited spaces available\*\***

- ✓ Safest boat in the fleet
- ✓ Led by a club captain
- ✓ includes land and water training
- ✓ Row on the iconic River Cam

✉ [info@cambridgerowing.com](mailto:info@cambridgerowing.com)

🌐 [www.cambridgerowing.com/summer-course](http://www.cambridgerowing.com/summer-course)





**Cocks and Hens Tennis Club**  
**Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED**

## **Summer Holiday Tennis Camps!**

- Week 1 – 25 to 29 July 2022
- Week 2 – 1 to 5 Aug 2022
- Week 3 – 8 to 12 Aug 2022
- Week 4 – 15 to 19 Aug 2022
- 6 to 10 yrs / 11 to 16 yrs

Age	Time	Dates	Cost per day	<b>Book for the 5 days each week and pay for only 4!</b>
6 – 10 yrs	10:00 – 12:00 (2hrs)	25 to 29 July 1 to 5 Aug 8 to 12 Aug 15 to 19 Aug	<b>£20</b> Discounts: 10% for members	<b>£80</b> Discounts: 10% for members,
11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	25 to 29 July 1 to 5 Aug 8 to 12 Aug 15 to 19 Aug	<b>£35</b> Discounts: 15% for members	<b>£140</b> Discounts: 15% for members,

**Come and have some fun, improve your game and learn some new skills!**

More details on our website:

[www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps](http://www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps)

[www.facebook.com/socksandhenstennis](https://www.facebook.com/socksandhenstennis)

or for more information contact Justin Layne on [cockshenscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:cockshenscoaching@gmail.com)

Find us off Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED. Access on foot/bicycle via Fulbrooke Road or by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway before the national speed limit sign.

FROM THE HEAD MASTER OF ETON COLLEGE



**For the attention of Year 10 parents:**

Are there talented boys in your current Year 10 who might benefit from a fully funded Sixth Form boarding place at Eton?

If so, we would love to make them aware of the Orwell Award. This is a Sixth Form programme targeted at boys with academic potential, for whom an opportunity to go to a boarding school, free of charge, might be transformative. While students with this profile have been coming to Eton since 1440, and are absolutely integral to our vision of the education that we offer, this award seeks to reassure and encourage boys, especially those with some particular reason to board, that a place at Eton is within their grasp.

**Up to 12 free Sixth Form places a year will be offered as Orwell Awards to Year 11 boys studying in UK non-selective state schools. The deadline for applications is 23 September 2022.**

The easiest way for your students to find out more is through the suite of films that we have uploaded to [www.etoncollege.com/OrwellAward](http://www.etoncollege.com/OrwellAward). They can find out more by contacting the Admissions Office [admissions@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@etoncollege.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from them.

For an applicant to generally be successful in gaining an Orwell Award, we would expect them to be achieving the majority of their GCSE grade at a grade 7 or, ideally, above. The Orwell Award will, however, recognise that academic achievement may have been held back by personal circumstance, and so will not be offered to only those with the highest grades. Applicants will also be assessed on academic potential and against specific criteria such as if a boy has refugee status or is a Looked After Child, if a boy is in the first generation of his family to go to university, or if they are in receipt of the Pupil Premium.

The Award is named after author and Eton alumnus George Orwell, himself the recipient of financial aid, and aims to give recipients access to a transformative experience. Funding will cover a Sixth Form place, including boarding, and includes additional financial allowances to enable boys to fully participate in the life of the school.

We are keen to develop our partnership programme with 11-16 schools in the state sector all over the UK. If you might like to bring some students to Eton, or if you might be interested in visiting yourself, then please contact Tom Arbuthnott, our Deputy Head (Partnerships), by email at [t.arbuthnott@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:t.arbuthnott@etoncollege.org.uk).

With very best wishes,  
Simon Henderson

**Orwell Award**

**The Orwell Award is a Sixth Form scholarship programme that offers fully funded places to talented boys whose life opportunities have been limited.**



Mon 5 Sept

5pm-8pm



Year 10:

# Open Events

[www.hillsroad.ac.uk/open-events](http://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/open-events)



## News from Hills Road Sixth Form College.

We have been able to issue additional tickets to our Open Event on Monday 5 September, from 5pm-8pm.

If you have not been able to book a ticket to our Open Events, and would like to attend, please book your ticket now.

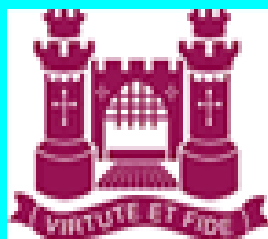
[Booking link for Monday 5 September >>](#)

If you had a ticket booked for Monday 18 July, this has been rolled over to Monday 5 September, so you **do not** need to book another ticket.

We hope you have a great summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you at our Open Event in September.

Many thanks,

Hills Road Admissions Team



Hills Road  
Sixth Form College  
Cambridge

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

[https://catrustorg.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CambourneVCPublic/Eckeb-WkJX1NoaAciPBjAScBG\\_cU4zuSmd0A0WEUDyO-Fw?e=OgjANx](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](#))





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org) | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org) | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org) | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org) | PSA Kayleigh Blane

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cambournevc.org)

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.