



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 9th September

The Week Ahead

Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Sports Clubs and Fixtures	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Thursday 15th September	Aachen Visit Information Evening (6pm onwards)
Monday 19th September	Pupil Photographs (Years 7 and 11 only)
Wednesday 21st September	HPV1 Vaccinations (Year 8s only)
Thursday 22nd September	Meet the Tutor event (Year 7s only)
Monday 26th September	Post-16 Information Evening (6pm onwards)
Friday 30th September - Monday 3rd October	MFL trip to Aachen in Germany



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.

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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

Update to School Food Prices:

2021-22 TARIFF CHANGES

Breakfast	2021	2022	Difference
Free Porridge	Free	Free	
Morning Break	2021	2022	Difference
Small Street Food Pot	£1.00	£1.20	0.20
Panini	£1.85	£2.20	0.35
Bacon Roll	£1.00	£1.40	0.40
1/2 Panini	£1.00	£1.20	0.20
Beans on Toast	£1.00	£1.10	0.10
Cheese on Toast	£1.00	£1.10	0.10
Cheese Bagel	£1.00	£1.20	0.20
Pizza Veg	£1.00	£1.15	0.15
Pizza Meat	£1.00	£1.15	0.15
Sausage Roll	£1.00	£1.20	0.20
Veggie Sausage Roll	£1.00	£1.20	0.20
Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Pot	£0.90	£1.00	0.10
Pancakes x2	£1.00	£1.10	0.10
Hot Food	2021	2022	Difference
Main Meal	£1.85	£1.85	0.00
Main Meal & Dessert / TrayBake	£2.35	£2.35	0.00
Tray Bake	£0.85	£0.85	0.00
Jacket Potato with One Filling	£1.65	£1.65	0.10
Jacket Potato with One Filling & Tray Bake	-	£2.35	£-
Jacket Potato Plain	£1.00	£1.10	0.10
Pasta and Sauce	£1.85	£1.85	0.00
Pasta Sauce and 1 Topping & Tray Bake	£2.25	£2.35	0.10
Panini and Traybake	-	£2.35	£-
Plain Pasta	£1.55	£1.55	0.00
Hot Sandwich	£2.00	£2.30	0.30
Cold Grab & Go	2021	2022	Difference
Grab Bag	£2.35	£2.35	£-
Large Salad Pots	£2.10	£2.10	£-
Grazing Pots from	£1.00	£1.10	£0.10
Sandwiches from	£1.10	£1.25	£0.15
Baguettes from	£1.80	£2.10	£0.30
Small Pasta Pots	£1.15	£1.30	£0.15
Freshly Prepared Fruit Pots	£0.95	£1.20	£0.25
Freshly Cut Fruit Bags	£1.00	£1.00	£-
Homemade Bakes & Cakes from	£0.85	£0.85	£-
Dessert Pots from	£0.70	£0.80	£0.10
Drinks	2021	2022	Difference
Milkshake	£0.85	£0.85	£-
Fruit Juice Carton 125ml	£0.65	£0.80	£0.15

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2022

MONDAY 3-4pm

Trampolining – Gym
Year 7 rugby – Field
Year 8 rugby – Field
Glow in the dark sports – Sports hall
Girls' football – Astro

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio – STARTING IN OCTOBER
Table tennis – Performance Hall
Hockey – Astro
Basketball – Sports hall
Volleyball – Gym

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04
GCSE Catch up – O11
KS4 football – Astro

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board
Girls active – Sports Hall – Sports Leaders

FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports Hall & Gym
Boys' football – Astro
Netball – Hard courts
Girls' rugby – Field

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

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

Physical Education

A quick reminder to all parents, carers and students of the health and safety rules in PE lessons.

Students should not be wearing earrings or any jewellery in their PE lessons. The covering of earrings with tape is not a sufficient safety measure; students should be fully removing all earrings in order to participate in their practical PE lessons.

Additionally, long nails, acrylics and nail extensions also pose a significant health and safety issue during PE. Please ensure all long nails or acrylics are cut short or removed

These rules are to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your support with ensuring students can abide by them.

PE Fixtures

There are a large number of fixtures that take place across the year and many pupils are selected for these based on their participation in clubs.

Parents should note that pupils will be selected and informed about fixtures prior to the event and given the timings of these and details about the location and what to wear. This information is displayed on the board outside the PE office for all pupils to see.

It is expected that it is pupils' responsibility to pass on this information to parents.

We therefore do not get written consent for every fixture each week.

If any parent does not agree with their child being selected and taken on fixtures in this way, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Parents (and visitors) attending sports fixtures

If any parent would like to come along to one of our PE fixtures and watch, they are more than welcome to do so **after 4pm**. If any parent arrives before 4pm, they will be politely asked to wait off site until 4pm. Parents should also note that there are no toilets available.



School Production!

There will be a meeting on **Monday 12th September** at the start of lunch in Music Room 1 when we will be announcing this year's school production – and explaining what pupils need to do if they would like to get involved.

Anyone who is interested – or even possibly interested – in being involved should come along to this meeting, whatever their interest (acting, singing, dancing, band, tech team, backstage, props, set design, costumes...)

Any pupils who would like to audition to be in the school production should attend an audition from 3 – 5pm on **Thursday 22nd September**. Further information will be given about how this audition will run at the meeting on Monday, and will be sent out to parents.

It's going to be a great show!!

Instrumental & Singing Lessons

In Cambourne we have nearly 200 pupils regularly doing Instrumental & Singing lessons in school!

These lessons are mostly starting next week, although due to lots of new sign-ups we are hiring a new piano / keyboard tutor who will be starting in a couple of weeks.

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, or get singing lessons – then it isn't too late to sign them up – and for most instruments they would be able to start almost straight away.



We currently offer instrumental lessons for:

- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone
- Piano, Keyboard
- Drums
- Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar

And singing lessons for all varieties of singer – including pop / classical / musical theatre!

If you would like to find out more about how instrumental & singing lessons work, then visit the school website for more details:

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

And then fill in the online form here:

[Application form for instrument and singing lessons at Cambourne Village College \(office.com\)](http://office.com)

If you have any questions about instrumental & singing lessons, please contact Geoff Page (Head of Music) – gpage@cambournevc.org

Music Clubs

There are lots of different clubs that your child can come attend if they want to develop their musical skills and get to know other musicians in the school!

Clubs are free to attend, and the different groups often get opportunities to perform in school concerts, as well as opportunities outside of school.

The following clubs are starting next week (in the Music Block):

Band (Monday 3-4pm), all instrumentalists, all years

Junior Singer (Tuesday lunchtime), years 7 & 8

Jazz Band (Tuesday 3-4pm), years 9-11

Ukulele Club (Wednesday lunchtime), years 7 – 9

Friday Choir (Friday 3-4pm), years 9-11

If your child is interested in joining a musical club, they are welcome to attend (whatever their ability) and see how they get on!

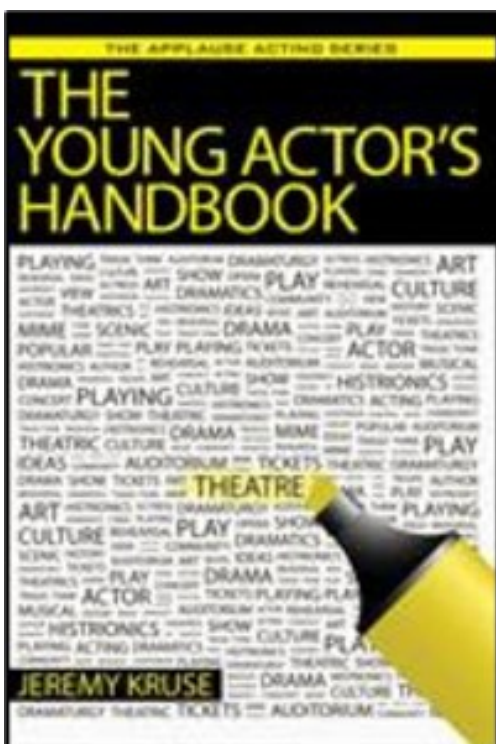
We look forward to seeing them there.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Fowl twins by Eoin Colfer

Eleven-year-old Myles and Beckett Fowl are twins, but the two boys are wildly different. Beckett is blond, messy and sulks whenever he has to wear clothes. Myles is impeccably neat, has an IQ of 170, and 3D prints a fresh suit every day - just like his older brother, Artemis Fowl. A week after their eleventh birthday the twins are left in the care of house security system, NANNI, for a single night. In that time, they befriend a troll on the run from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun both of whom need the magical creature for their own gain... Prepare for an epic adventure in which The Fowl Twins and their new troll friend escape, get shot at, kidnapped, buried, arrested, threatened, killed (temporarily)... and discover that the strongest bond in the world is the one that exists between a pair of twins. **(Available from the School Library)**



The young actor's handbook by Jeremy Kruse

Created especially for young or beginning actors who have little or no experience or anyone seeking easily understandable information about acting, this work presents a comprehensive and detailed explanation of the artistic aspects of acting and what it means to be an actor. It also provides guidance on a wide range of topics, such as script analysis, camera technique, the audition mindset, getting agents, working with agents, and what a professional actor's life is like. The book is also an insightful, inspiring, and practical guide for filmmakers who need to know the actor's mindset, for the schoolteacher who is teaching an acting class or directing a play, and for anyone who wants to better understand acting. **(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](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
7+

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and use, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>



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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/>



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](#))



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 evening reception hours (6pm to 9pm) each weeknight (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



Thank you for your continued support with your children's return to school by sending them back in such smart uniform.

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 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Lorraine Lye cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Louise Boyd cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Mel Stanford cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Kaleigh Blane cam-year11@cambournevc.org

Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).



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 Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Louise Boyd

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSA Kayleigh Blane

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.