



# WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 23rd September

## The Week Ahead

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## Key Dates

<b>Monday 26th September</b>	Post-16 Information Evening (6pm onwards)
<b>Thursday 29th September</b>	Colour Run
<b>Friday 30th September - Monday 3rd October</b>	MFL trip to Aachen in Germany
<b>Wednesday 5th October</b>	Pupil Photographs (Years 7 and 11 only) Open Evening
<b>Thursday 6th October</b>	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 24th - Friday 28th October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

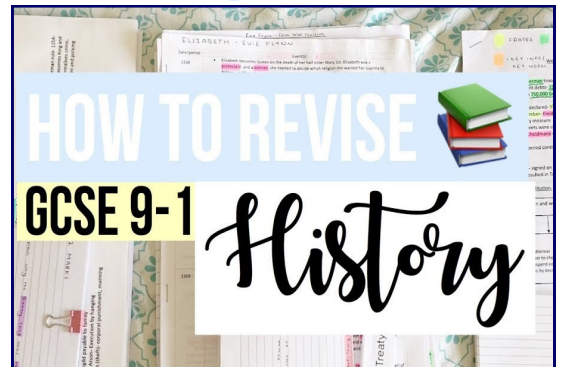
## Year 11 History Revision

Year 11 GCSE History revision sessions are starting on **3<sup>rd</sup> October!**

They will be every **Monday 3.10pm - 4pm** with Mr Green and Mr Olivey.

Come upstairs to the Blue wing to take part.

Please remind your children that they should be using their revision schedule, and to speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions or concerns.



## Cuts to Stagecoach Bus Routes

You will have heard that Stagecoach are cutting a number of services including the **18** to Comberton (and the 4 which will no longer go to Cambridge via Hardwick or Madingley but straight to the science park).

Obviously, this is going to affect lots of people in Cambourne and particularly our students who choose Comberton 6th Form and want the flexibility of a public bus which is cheaper and more frequent than the one Comberton runs itself.

The re-routing of the **4** may also affect those going to sixth form in town.

**If you would like to sign the petitions to save the bus routes, please use the links.**

For the Number 4: [Petition · Stop Stagecoach changing the Citi 4 service · Change.org](#)

and for the Number 18: [Petition · Don't let Stagecoach cancel the 18! · Change.org](#)

Thank you.



## 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 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

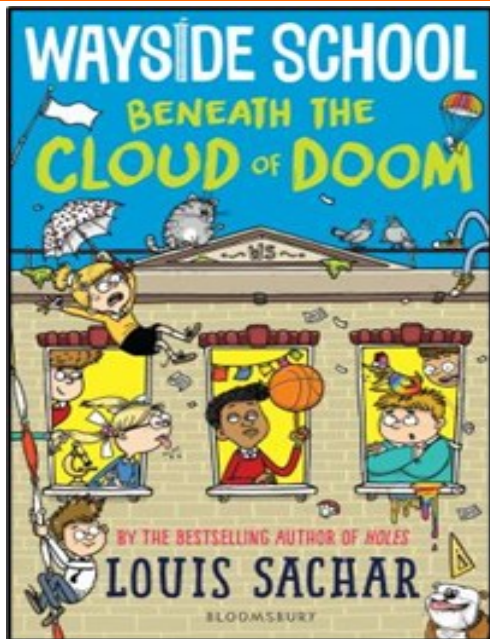
**Boys** – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms

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





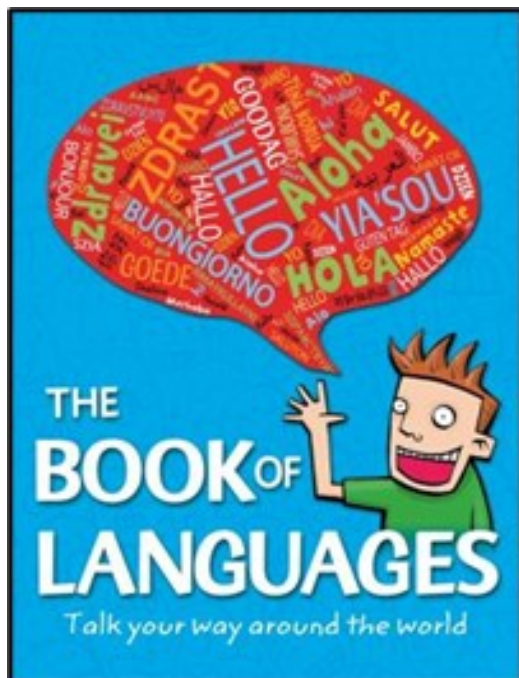
# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



## *Beneath the cloud of doom* by Louis

Sachar

Strange things continue to happen at Wayside School as a huge cloud gathers over the building. It's a new year at Wayside School, and Mrs Jewls's class on the thirtieth floor has a LOT to deal with. First of all, they must prepare to face The Ultimate Test, which involves a fiendishly difficult Spelling Bee, upside-down singing and blindfolded smelling. Meanwhile the paperclips are triple-locked in a safe so no one can access them, Miss Mush is threatening to serve rainbow stew for lunch - and a CLOUD OF DOOM is gathering over the school. It can only mean one thing... the kids at Wayside School are in for their strangest year yet! **(Available from the School Library)**



## *The Book of Languages* by Mick Webb

Did you know that there are nearly 7,000 languages spoken around the world? This book introduces you to a wide variety of different languages to start you off on your language-learning journey. Find out where languages come from and where they are spoken. From Arabic to Zulu, Morse code to whale song, this book is packed with language facts and phrases to help you communicate all around the world. It includes basic vocabulary and short dialogues to practise, maps, and flags to show where languages are spoken and information on non-verbal languages, including sign language. **(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.

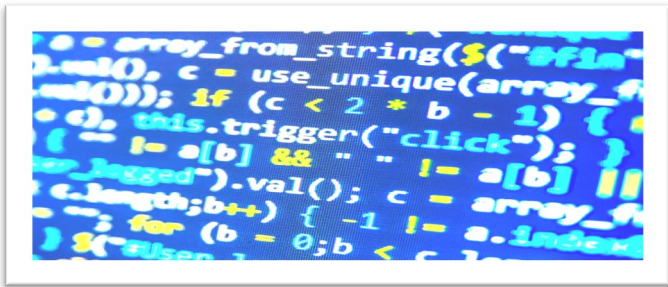
Find it here: [Recommended Articles](#)




An unique opportunity at your doorstep for your child to build up their 21st century computational skills by taking part in a **FREE hands-on projects based workshop on Robotics**, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet-of-Things (IoT), Hardware and Sensors.


The workshop will also focus on building a rover based on BBC Micro:bit.


Free registration for the family-fun learning workshop at <https://tinyurl.com/stem-2022>







**Free Workshop  
For Students**

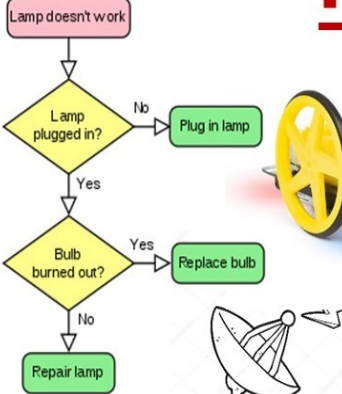





# Robotics, AI, IoT, Hardware & Sensors









**Mentored By:**  
**Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya**  
PhD, ME, BE, PGDOM, SMIEEE, FIETE  
**Aerospace Engg, EdTech Expert**




**Date : Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**  
**Venue : Cambourne Hub, CB23 6GW**  
**Time : 11.00am to 5.00pm (UK)**  
**Register : <https://tinyurl.com/stem-2022>**





Cambridge Digital Consultancy



Cambridge Innovation Foundation

A white humanoid robot with blue accents and a woman in a living room. The robot is standing in the foreground, and the woman is standing in the background near a sofa.

**FREE  
Workshop  
on AI, IOT,  
Hardware,  
Sensors**

**4 sessions from  
11:00 - 3.30pm  
lunch will be  
provided.  
Book it now**

**24th  
Sept  
Sat**

# **LEARN ROBOTICS**

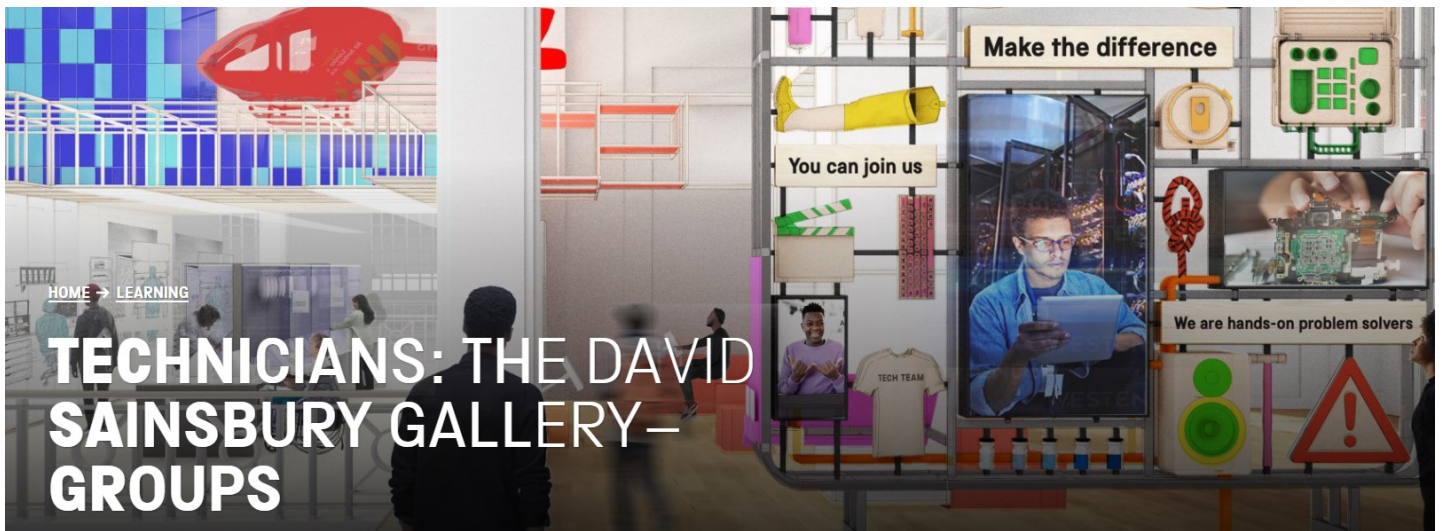
**Hub Community Centre, Cambourne  
CB23 6GW**

**Email to book the place to  
shrobona@gmail.com**

**Hosted by CamCareUK, CERC, CiF, CamDiCon**

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Getty Stock





# TECHNICIANS: THE DAVID SAINSBURY GALLERY – GROUPS

The new and free interactive careers gallery, [\*Technicians: The David Sainsbury Gallery\*](#), opens for KS3-4 students (ages 11+)

Opening on 3 November 2022, the gallery offers students a unique insight into a range of technical careers, and supports in achieving the Gatsby Good Career Guidance benchmarks.

A visit to the gallery is guaranteed to set your children's imaginations soaring as they:

- Get hands-on with interactive careers-related exhibits and meet a technician in our [free careers workshop](#).
- Experience what it's like to create visual effects, create lifesaving drugs, and operate advanced technology.
- Explore their own skills and interests to consider their career options.

This information is from the Science Museum (not Cambourne Village College), so [please see the links below for more information or to contact them directly.](#)

[Click here to book tickets.](#)

[Click here to explore the gallery.](#)

[Click here for more information about the free workshop.](#)



**Science Museum**

033 0058 0058

[info@ScienceMuseumGroup.ac.uk](mailto:info@ScienceMuseumGroup.ac.uk)







## Springpod - helping students prepare for their future!

Springpod have created a vast line of live and on-demand “Virtual Work Experience Programmes”, which are free for students in years 10 and 11 and are designed to improve the quality of their CV’s and personal statements.

The vast range of experiences (see below) are great for anyone who is considering their next steps, and with each one only taking around 10 hours, the work can be scheduled around their studies.

Click on the programmes below to see the [Springpod website](#) and further information.

# Virtual Work Experience Programmes




**Graphic Design**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Technology**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Engineering**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Finance & Accounting**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Journalism**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**TV & Film**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Law**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Marketing**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)



**Sustainability**

Programme start date: 24th October  
Application deadline: 19th October

[More info](#)

**BOURNPLAYERS**  
production of

# CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

The most FANTASMAGORICAL stage musical in the history of everything!



Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th,  
& Saturday 25th March 2023

## OPEN AUDITIONS

AT HARDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL - HARDWICK VILLAGE

**THURSDAY 6TH OCT**

CHILDREN 11+  
6-8PM

ADULTS  
8-10PM

**THURSDAY 13TH OCT**

CHILDREN 11+  
6-7PM

ADULTS  
7-10PM

MORE INFORMATION ON THE SHOW AND ROLES IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.BOURNPLAYERS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BOURNPLAYERS.ORG.UK)

*This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International*



# 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](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](#))



# 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.

### **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.



Tell Someone  
 Emotional Abuse  
 Listen Support Grooming  
 Child Protection  
 Report it Protect Safe  
 Sexual Abuse  
 Abuse physical Abuse  
 SAFEGUARDING  
 Help Children Policies Young People  
 Everyone's Business  
 Safety Anti-Bullying Training FGM  
 Sexting Working Together



## 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](mailto:cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cam-year7@cambournevc.org)

Year 8 - Lorraine Lye [cam-year8@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year8@cambournevc.org)

Year 9 - Louise Boyd [cam-year9@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year9@cambournevc.org)

Year 10 - Mel Stanford [cam-year10@cambournevc.org](mailto:cam-year10@cambournevc.org)

Year 11 - Kaleigh Blane [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto: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](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 Sam Tomlinson

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

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

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

Please email [cam-year11@cambournevc.org](mailto: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](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.