



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 16th December

The Week Ahead

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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

Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term! School finishes at 1.30pm.
Wednesday 21st December to Thursday 5th January	Christmas Holidays
Friday 6th January	Staff Training Day (No pupils in school)
Monday 9th January	Start of term
Thursday 12th January	Rescheduled Christmas Concert & Father Frost Event!
Friday 13th January	Flu Immunisations (2nd visit) - Years 7, 8 & 9



Message from the Exams Team to Year 11s



We are aware that for a variety of reasons a number of pupils were unable to attend some of their Y11 mock exams. It is unfortunately not possible to re-timetable these to be done in exam conditions, but if you are concerned about your son/daughter missing an exam, please encourage them to speak to their teacher, and the paper can be issued for completion at home.

There are a further series of mock exams timetabled to take place from 3—10 Feb inclusive. It is extremely important that all students attend these exams, so please avoid arranging any medical appointments during this time if at all possible.

Please note that up -o-date guidance on what to do if your child is ill when they have an external exam scheduled, will be issued before the main exams start.



To Parents of Year 9 and 10 students,

In the new year, Year 9 and 10 will be receiving an assembly on County Lines Drug Trafficking. If you would like to find out more about what this is and why it is becoming more of an issue, especially in counties close to London, please visit this website:

[Protecting children from county lines | NSPCC Learning](#)



Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email at remilne@cambournevc.org

Many thanks,

Mrs Milne (Head of PSHE)

Dear Parents of Students taking Year 11 Psychology,

With the announced closure of school on Monday, we will continue ahead with the proposed Psychology mock exam, but this will take place at 9am - 11am (Period 1-2) instead of the usual after school slot. The exam will take place in Orange 11 which will be heated. The students have been informed by myself on Teams/Email. I will be there to invigilate and collect the papers.

Best wishes,

Mark Bryan (Teacher of Psychology)





2022/23 VOUCHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NAME

STUDENTS

£2

ACCOMPANYING ADULT

£10

ALL UNDER 14S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PLEASE PRESENT THIS VOUCHER AT THE TICKET OFFICE (TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9:30AM UNTIL 3:30PM OR MATCHDAY FROM 9:30AM) TO REDEEM FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FIXTURES:



PLYMOUTH
10/12/22
15:00



BRISTOL ROVERS
7/1/23
15:00



MORECAMBE
14/1/23
15:00

Subject to availability. All fixtures and kick-off times subject to change. Please check cambridgeunited.com for latest news.

Cambridge United have gifted the school a selection of vouchers to watch some upcoming football games on the 7th and 14th of January. These are vouchers and will need to be swapped at the ticket office in Cambridge for actual tickets. It will allow students to watch the game for £2 and adults £10.

If you are interested in one of these vouchers, please do come and collect from the school reception when the school is open.

There are a limited number and it will be first come, first served!



In our next year 7 PSHE unit, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule.

This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help



The lesson will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. These include:

- "appropriate" and "inappropriate" touching
- your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule.

Rescheduled Christmas Concert & Father Frost Event

Now: Thursday 12th January - 7pm

Full details about how to buy tickets, and reimbursement of tickets previously bought to follow shortly.



Christmas @ Cambourne

Thursday 12th January

Father Frost

Year 7 & 8 Christmas Production

Christmas Concert

Cambourne Band, Year 10 Band,
Junior & Senior Choir,
Massed Year 7 Choir,
Ukulele Orchestra,
Chicago Cast
+ Solos

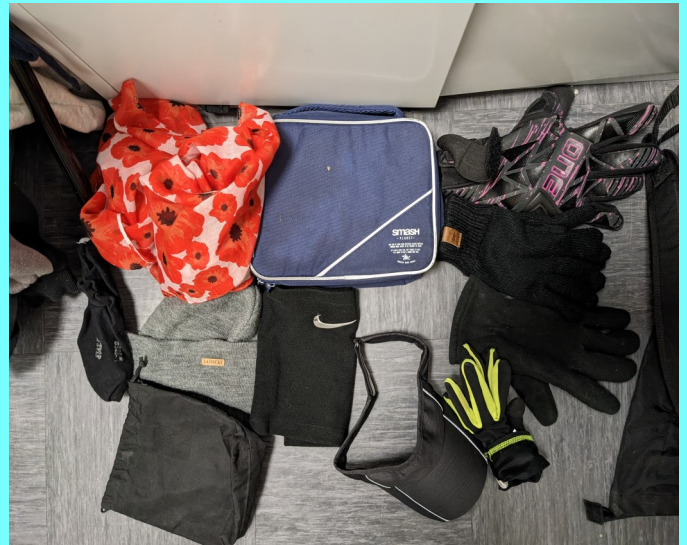
**Details about tickets
to follow shortly!**

Lost Property

Lost property items are building up again.

If your child has lost something, please ask them to collect these items at **break, lunch or after school** from the main reception.

Below are photos of a number of smaller items we have been handed, but we also have coats, PE kits, school uniform and non-uniform items.





**LOST
PROPERTY**



**WAITING
TO BE
CLAIMED**

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

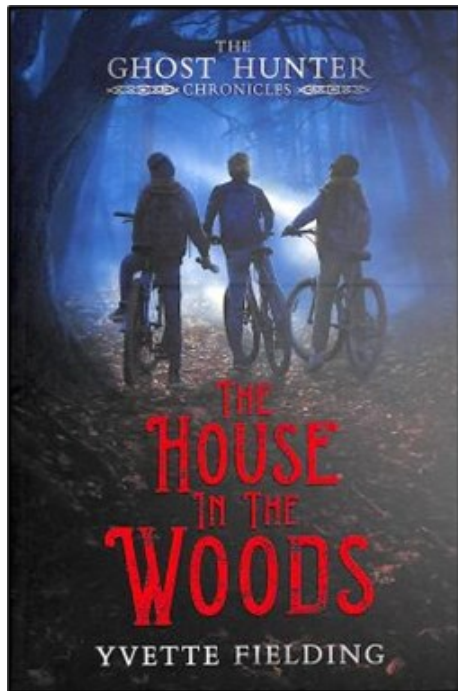
Year 9 - Louise Boyd cam-year9@cambournevc.org

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

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

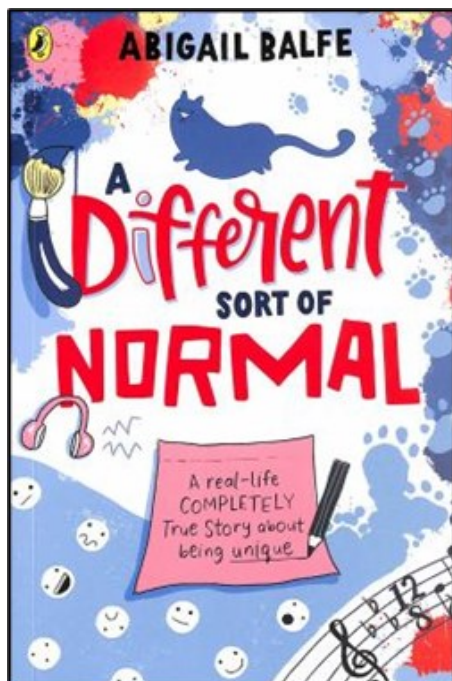
Our up-to-date uniform policy and suppliers can be found on the [school website](#).

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The house in the woods by Yvette Fielding

When Clovis, Eve and Tom decide to play with a ouija board in an old abandoned house on Halloween, none of them foresees the horrors they're about to unleash. What starts out as a bit of fun, soon transcends into something far more terrifying when a distressed and determined spirit follows them home. Before long the friends are caught up in a series of events beyond their wildest imaginings and their journey as ghost hunters begins... **(Available from the School Library and on the SORA app)**



A different sort of normal by Abigail Balfe

Hi! My name is Abigail, and I'm autistic. But I didn't know I was autistic until I was an adult-sort-of-person. This is my true story of growing up in the confusing 'normal' world, all the while missing some Very Important Information about myself. There'll be scary moments involving toilets and crowded trains, heart-warming tales of cats and pianos, and funny memories including my dad and a mysterious tub of ice cream. Along the way you'll also find some Very Crucial Information about autism. If you've ever felt different, out of place, like you don't fit in... this book is for you. I've never really felt like an actual-adult-person, as you'll soon discover in this book... Told through the author's remarkable words, and just as remarkable illustrations, this is the book for those who've never felt quite right in the 'normal' world. **(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](#)

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](#))



MUSIC

Instrumental & Singing Lessons

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

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!

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**

Wet and Icy weather

With the change of weather, we are aware that many more pupils are travelling into school by car. With only one narrow access road into the school we are seeing a rise in traffic problems and pupils arriving late to school. Please encourage your child to travel to school under their own steam wherever possible and ensure you leave additional time when travelling to school by car; pupils are expected within their form groups for registration at 8:35am. Any pupil who arrives after this time is registered as late unless there are exceptional circumstances, which we are made aware of prior to their arrival.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you have a legal requirement to inform the school **on each day of absence**. Please email (thecollege@cambournevc.org) or call the school on 01954 284000 **by 9am every day of the absence** and leave a message clearly stating the reason for absence and the child's full name and tutor group. If you fail to inform the school, we are legally required to make contact with you, to ensure the child's safety. Even if they have been absent on the previous day we cannot assume they are still at home poorly.

Appointments

If your child misses registration for a medical or dental appointment, this is counted as an authorised absence. Please give advance notice, ideally 2 school days, by emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org with the dates and times the pupil is expected to be out of school and preferably with a copy of the appointment card/notification so that the absence can be authorised. As much as possible, pupils should be in school prior to/ after the appointment and out of school for as little time as possible.

Prior notification ensures 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.



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



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

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.