



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 13th January

The Week Ahead

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Vacancies	Please CLICK HERE to see a list of our current Vacancies

Key Dates

Monday 16th January	Trip: Design Eco Seed product launch in London (all day) BTEC Animal Care Exam (Unit 1 - Years 10 & 11)
Wednesday 18th January	Year 11 GCSE Art trip to Cambridge Museums (all day) 3.30pm: Year 10 Engineering trip to visit Carl Zeiss (Cambourne)
Thursday 19th January	Year 9 Options Evening
Tuesday 24th January	Curriculum Development Day
Thursday 26th January	Year 11 Animal Care trip to Hamerton Zoo (all day) 10am: In school webcast for Holocaust Memorial Day



Henry Morris Awards

Henry Morris was the Chief Education Officer in Cambridgeshire for over 30 years.

He re-organised the county's education provision and founded the Village Colleges.

After Henry Morris died, a group of his friends decided to remember him by setting up the Henry Morris Memorial Trust.

The Trust has a fund, and this fund is used to grant awards for **travel** and **home-based projects**. Young people in Cambridgeshire aged 13-19 can apply. You can apply alone, or with a friend or friends.

Watch this video to find out more and to learn how you can apply for a grant from the Trust! <https://vimeo.com/643432435>

Ask [Miss Angell](#) for more information or if you need help with your application. The deadline is 31st January!

Application form is [here](#).

More information is [here](#)



To all Y11 leavers from Summer 2022.

We are pleased to report that the certificates from the exams which took place during summer term 2022 are now ready for collection. This can be done any day between the 16th and 20th of January 2023 incl. Please come and collect the certificates from the main reception desk between 7:30 am and 4 pm OR between 6 pm and 9pm. You will need to bring some form of ID and they cannot be collected by anyone else on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please contact Cambourne Village College exams team at CAM-ExamsTeam@cambournevc.org

As an LGBTQ+ inclusive school, our latest initiative is a Rainbow Laces campaign. You may have seen this in the media recently as it is a wide-reaching scheme supported by the Football Association and leading LGBTQ+ organisations to raise awareness of related matters. It is a way for everyone - from the community or as allies - to show their support for LGBTQ+ equality and inclusivity.

We are selling rainbow laces for staff and students to wear in shoes until February half term, and in trainers all year. They are just £1.50 per pair and can be ordered via ParentPay or paid for with cash and collected from Mrs Weaver in The Centre. We only have 100 pairs, and these sold out last year so please get them as soon as you can. We also have a variety of pronoun and flag badges that many of our students and staff wear. Students can bring £1 into school for these and see Mrs Weaver.

We are currently working towards the Rainbow Flag Award. The first section of six was submitted today, and we will have lots of other events and initiatives during the year. Our 'We Are All Made of Molecules' club runs on Thursday lunchtimes.. If there are any events you would like to see or topics discussed in school, please contact me on zweaver@cambournevc.org.

Ms Weaver.

WHAT'S COOKING AT CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE

Enjoy

YOUR PLANET MATTERS

Reusable



Please ensure that you return your food pot to the clearing station.

Thank you!

Enjoy

WASTE MATTERS...

All Enjoy food wrappings and packaging are provided by Vegware - utilising plants, not plastics. Introduce in 2023, reusable pots to further reduce packaging waste.

We have removed 70% virgin plastics from our range of disposables. Building upon this achievement, we will

To encourage this initiative, there will be a 20p surcharge for the use of non-recyclable food pots.

We value healthy, nutritious food provided by ethical suppliers, and we choose our supply partners based on their commitment to sustainability.



60%

Within our seasonal menu cycle, 60% of our vegetarian choices are plant based dishes



100%

All of our meat and dairy produce is Red Tractor Assured



75%

We use 75% of British and seasonal produce in our menus



70%

We have removed 70% virgin plastics from our range of disposables

UK FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS IN THE WORLD. THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

The National Food Strategy report

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – January 2023

UPDATED

MONDAY 3-4pm

KS4 trampolining – Gym

KS4 basketball – Sports hall

KS3 football – Astro

Table tennis – Dining hall

Netball – Hard courts

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio

KS3 Basketball – Sports hall

Volleyball – Gym

KS4 Football – Astro

Girls Football – Astro

KS4 table tennis – Dining hall

Netball – Hard courts

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff)

GCSE Catch up – O11

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Girls active – Sports Hall (sports leaders)

FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports hall and Gym

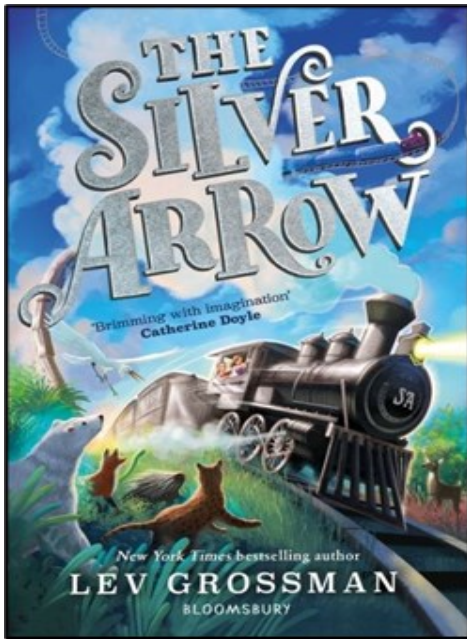
Girls' rugby – Field

Just Dance – Performance hall

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

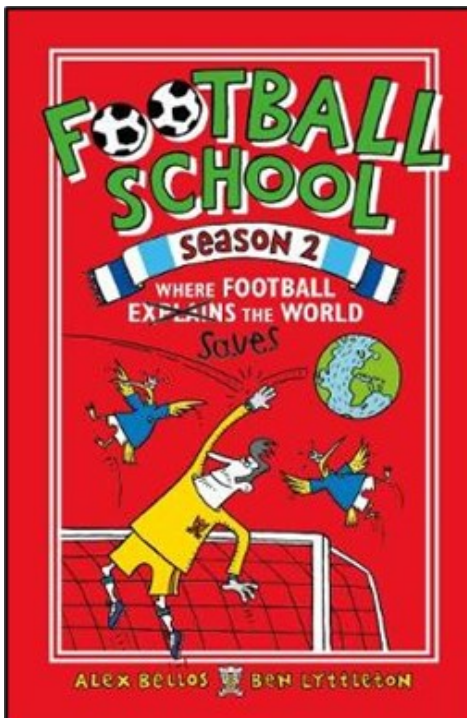
Girls – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Silver Arrow by Lev Grossman

On her eleventh birthday Kate and her younger brother board a magical train sent as a present by their uncle and begin an adventure to take rare and amazing animals back to their homes. Kate wasn't expecting much when she wrote to her wealthy estranged uncle to ask for a birthday present. Certainly, she wasn't expecting a colossal steam train called the Silver Arrow to arrive on her doorstep. Despite parental misgivings, curiosity overwhelms Kate and her brother Tom, and they climb aboard, only for the train's engine to roar into life. Soon they reach a train station where an assortment of strange and beautiful creatures are waiting with tickets in their mouths, and Kate and Tom begin to understand that their job will be to see them safely home - if they can. **(Available from the School Library)**



Football School: Season 2: Where Football Saves the World by Alex Bellos,

Spike Gerrell and Ben Lyttleton

A humorous look at the sport of football and how it influences world culture. The second book in the ground-breaking new series from two bestselling writers that teaches you about the world through the prism of football. This book is packed with awesome true stories, real science and fascinating facts and will make you laugh loads. Why are footballs round? When do footballers wee? Where are red cards from? You will find the answers to these questions and more in chapters on subjects such as biology, maths and history. Your coaches at Football School, Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, are journalists, broadcasters and award-winning science and sports writers. Their knowledge, enthusiasm and engaging writing make them the perfect team to teach you how to score with your head. **(Available from the School Library and on the SORA app)**

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](#)

Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with
Think Communities and South Cambs District Council



Cost of Living drop-in event

Organisations will be gathering together, all in one place, to provide advice and support to help you through this winter and beyond.

Call in for a warm welcome, a hot drink and a chat

Cambourne Library

Friday 20th January 2023

10am — 1pm • FREE drop-in event

**Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with
Think Communities and South Cambs District Council**

Come and meet these support organisations and see what help they can offer you -

- **SCDC Money Maximisation officer**
- **Household Support Fund** - Financial help for those on low incomes. To apply on the day - Please bring evidence of income / benefits, N.I number & bank statements. (Private space available for this service)
- **LEAP** – Warm homes. Energy advice charity
- **Runway Training** - Free budgeting skills courses
- **Cambridge Water** – Help to manage water bills
- **Social Prescriber** - Sign post to support & activities
- **How Are You?** – Information to support well being
- **Health Watch** – Have your say on Health & Social Care
- **Gam Care** – Info and support around gambling harm
- **Healthy You** – Info and advice on Healthy You services
- **Foodbank** – Information on accessing a foodbank
- **Early Years & Childcare service** - Holiday Activities & Food Programme, Funded Two's early learning offer and 50 Things to do before you are 5
- **Hope CIC** – Low cost food and cost of living advice
- **Wood Green** - Advice: pet food, enrichment & referrals

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!

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](#).

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](#))



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.