



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 10th March

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Thursday 16th March	Year 11 Geography field work trip to London (all day)
Friday 17th March	The View: Karting visit (all day) Lost Property Event (3pm to 8:30pm)
Tuesday 21st March	Trip: Year 10 Maths Feast (Linton Village College)
Thursday 23rd March	Year 10 Parent Consultation. School finishes at 1:30pm for all pupils. Periods 1, 2, 5 & 6 taught. Easter Concert (7pm)
Saturday 25th March	Cambourne Eco Festival

GCSE Exams—Summer 2023

Summer 2023 External Exams

The external exams start next term, with MFL speaking exams running from Wednesday 19th April to Friday 5th May, then the Art/Photography exams running on Tuesday 9th May and Wednesday 10th May.

The main GCSE exam period commences on Monday 15th May and runs to Wednesday 28th June. Pupils are expected to be in school for 8.35am each day up to, and including, Friday 26th May. Year 11 will then go onto study leave after the May half term.

Information for candidates, plus the exam timetable can be found on the school website: www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/exams



Year 7 Science Tests

Year 7 students will be doing a science test in their first science lesson in the week commencing 20th March. The test will be on material they have been studying this term and will be 60 minutes long. Revision resources have been shared with students by their class teachers on Satchel One and on Microsoft Teams.

Please encourage them to revise!



The Not Just Black and White Diversity Event!

Friday 17th March, 6-8pm

Artwork has been submitted, songs and dances have been auditioned, poetry has been written, recipes have been planned – this is shaping up to be a really great celebration of the richness of our school community.

Everyone is welcome – parents, former students, aunties, cousins, friends... – so please do come along. We will gratefully accept donations towards the cost of the event and towards a charitable donation for our school's chosen causes.

An abstract sculpture of a human face, rendered in vibrant shades of blue and purple. The surface is highly reflective and distorted, creating a wavy, liquid-like effect. The sculpture is positioned on the left side of the poster, with its head tilted slightly upwards and to the right.

MARCH 17

NOT
JUST
BLACK
AND
WHITE

ART EXHIBITION

Dress code: Smart clothing or cultural clothing.

Entrance is free, but a donation will be appreciated.

6:00-8:00 PM



FESTIVAL

At Cambourne Village College

Saturday 25th March 2023

11am-4pm

- Hands on activities all day
- Get a new wardrobe for free with clothes swap – just donate or bring an item of clothing to swap before or at the event.
- Inspiring speakers throughout the day
- Get something to repair for free – remember to book in advance on <https://cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/cambourne-repair-cafe/>
- Have a go at making bird feeders, furniture upcycling, log piling, planting.
- Look at models from award winning Mole architectures Ltd and learn about sustainable building.
- Walk round the art gallery to look at the best entries for the “Our World, Our Future” competition – winners will be revealed on the day

Free Event
and Activities

Come and join us



Clothes Donation Wanted for the Swish Clothing Event at the Eco-festival 25th March 2023!

Clothes must be in good/excellent condition and clean

Update and refresh your wardrobe with pre-loved clothes without splashing the cash!!

How?

Look in your wardrobe for any clothes that you no longer love or wear. Donate before the event if possible or bring it to the event and join us at the Eco-festival on 25th March 2023 at Cambourne Village College. Swap this with a new (to you) clothing.

Good for the environment and “new” wardrobe for free.

Please can donations be brought to reception - Thank you.

Also, the Cambourne repair cafe will be at this event. If you have any items that you would like fixing, and have a free refreshment at the same time, more information and the booking form can be found on this link:

<https://cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/cambourne-repair-cafe/>

Our lifestyle has a profound impact on our planet. Our choices matter!

Draw a picture/make a collage (A4 size)
inspired by the title:

“Our World, Our Future”

Small prizes will be given to the
winner of each age category:

KS1 (Reception, year 1 and 2)

KS2 (year 3,4,5 and 6)

KS3 (year 7, 8, 9)

KS4 (year 10, 11)

With the overall competition winner
to win a Apple Mac computer!

All entries must include the pupil's
name, age, school year and school and
must be their own work. Closing date:
20th March 2023

Artwork must be sent to Cambourne
Village College, Reception area by the
closing date

The best entries will be displayed at the Eco-festival Art Gallery at Cambourne Village College on 25th March 2023, with the winners announced at the festival.

Art Competition Terms and Conditions

The closing date for entries is 20th March 2023.

Artwork must be the artist's own work and have their name, school, age and school year clearly stated on the back of their work.

Artwork should be no larger than A4 size.

Artwork must arrive at Cambourne Village College, given to the reception by the closing date.

The best entries will have their work displayed in the art gallery at the Eco-festival. One winner will be selected for the following categories and given a small prize:

- KS1 (Reception, year 1 and year 2)
- KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5, and 6)
- KS3 (Year 7, 8, and 9)
- KS4 (Year 10 and 11)

The winners will be selected by an independent judge.

The overall winner will win an Apple Mac Computer.

No cash or alternative prize is available or transferable.

The winners for each category and the overall winner will be announced at the festival.

By participating, you have agreed for your work to be displayed at the Eco-festival and shared on social media. Pictures of the winners with their work will be displayed and shared.

Cambourne Village College Charitable Trust Grand Raffle

Our project to create an Arts Centre and Community Cinema for Cambourne is in its final phase.

We are seeking to raise a final £30,000 to:

1. Build a storage shed to house school equipment while the theatre is in use = £10,000
2. Install a Cinema projector in a new Sixth Form Centre Lecture Hall to provide a Community Cinema for Cambourne (Completion 2024) = £20,000



We will be holding a grand spring raffle, for which tickets are on sale now until the 30th March 2023.

The draw will take place on Friday 31st March and all winners will be notified directly.

To buy a raffle ticket (at only £1 each), you can find the link on Parent Pay here: <https://app.parentpay.com/PPManager4W3/PaymentItems/Item/?pi=3178317>

Buy directly through our Raffle page here:

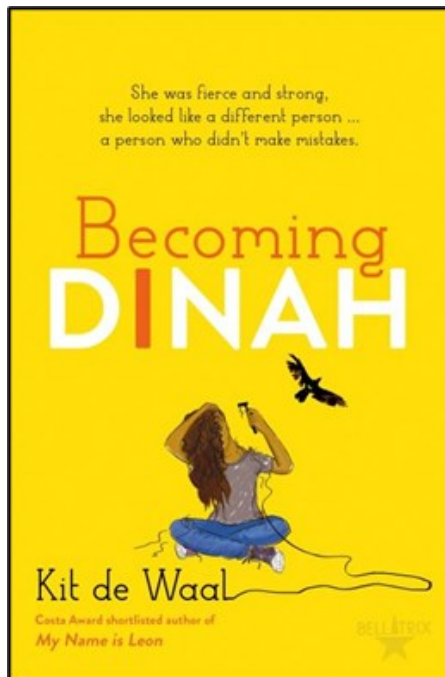
<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/grand-raffle>

or scan the QR Code



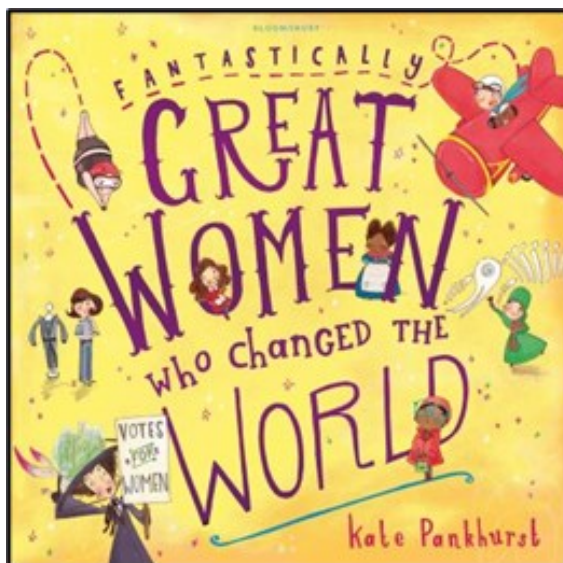
PRIZES INCLUDE: BMW weekend car hire, food and drink hampers, restaurant vouchers, Premier League and League One football tickets, family portrait photography vouchers, beauty treatment vouchers and many more...

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Becoming Dinah by Kit de Waal

A girl goes on a road trip with her grumpy neighbour after an argument with her mother who lives on a commune. Dinah is running away from the commune she was raised in, from the wreckage of her family, and from everything she used to be. But when her grumpy neighbour Ahab persuades her to take a road trip to chase a stolen campervan, she finds herself on a very different journey from the one she'd planned. One that will risk her life but might finally show her which way to turn. Carnegie Longlist 2020. Shortlisted for the Children's Book Award 2020. **(Available from the School Library)**



Fantastically great women who changed the world

by Kate Pankhurst

Kate Pankhurst, descendent of Emmeline Pankhurst, has created this wildly wonderful and accessible book about women who really changed the world. Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in. Fly through the sky with the incredible explorer Amelia Earhart and read all about the Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole with this fantastic full colour book. **(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](#))



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.



DOUBLE HEADER



**TIP-OFF AT
4:00PM**



**TIP-OFF AT
12:30PM**

SUNDAY 5 MARCH | COPPER BOX ARENA

Sunday 5th March

WBL: London Lions Women v Oakland Wolves at 12:30 PM – Tip Off - <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/wbl-championship-london-lions-women-v-london-05-03-2023/event/35005E38957E2F8B>

BBL: London Lions v Caledonia Gladiators at 4 PM – Tip Off - <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/35005D8DB8ED38FC?did=bronze5lions>

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – March 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

KS4 trampolining – Gym

KS3 football – Astro

Table tennis – Dining hall

Netball – Hard courts

Year 9, 10 & 11 Indoor Cricket Nets – Sports hall

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio

KS4 Football – Astro

Girls Football – Astro

KS4 table tennis – Dining hall

Year 7-8 Indoor Cricket – Sports hall

Rowing / Fitness – Gym

Handball – Hard courts

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04

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

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

UPDATED

CAMBOURNE
VILLAGE COLLEGE



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!

**A GREAT
PLACE TO
VOLUNTEER**



NHS
Cambridge
University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Young Person's Volunteering Programme

Want to gain **valuable experience** and **transferrable life skills**?

Keen to **give back** to your local community?

Considering a **career** in the NHS?

Aged between **16-18** years?



Why not join the YPP this summer?

Programme scheduled to run for six weeks from **Monday 17th July - Friday 25th August 2023**

Applications open:
6th - 19th March 2023

For more information visit:

www.volunteering.cuh.org.uk



Contact us on:

cuh.volunteer@nhs.net

01223 586616



[@CUH_Volunteers](https://twitter.com/CUH_Volunteers)



Easter Holiday Scheme Places for free

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Easter where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of income-related free schools meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for 16 hours.

Other children may also be eligible, visit the County Council webpage for details.

Further information:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)

Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk





Cambridgeshire County Youth Orchestra & County Ensembles



**If you are a young musician
working towards Grade 6 or above,
join the celebrations at our
Histon Music Centre.**

Weekly term time rehearsals

Saturday 11am-12.30pm

Easter Course 1st-2nd April

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Summer Course 9th-10th & 15th July

Summer Prom Concert Saturday 15th July

www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk

Preparing for Adulthood



[Preparing for Adulthood Event](#)
held on 24th March 10-2pm:
at Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU

A message from Cambridgeshire County Council:

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are holding a **Preparing for Adulthood Event on 24th March 10-2pm, at Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU** to support parent carers who have young people with additional needs, aged 11 –25 years. The event will be the themes of Preparing for Adulthood:

- Health: including health transitions and annual health checks for children and young people with learning disabilities
- Post-16 education, training, and employment
- Community inclusion and friendships
- Independence pathways

Event structure: There will be opportunities to hear general information from various stallholders and expert speakers, as well as to talk one to one with various professionals and organisations. **The event is flexible, Parent/ carers can choose which sessions they would like to attend and do not need to attend the whole day.** Sessions will be repeated during the event, and will be based on the Preparing for Adulthood themes as noted above. Parent carers will have the opportunity to provide feedback about their experiences on the day.

Event sign up: Please reserve your ticket via the link on Eventbrite [Preparing for Adulthood Conference Tickets, Fri 24 Mar 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Coffee and refreshments: available on the day. There is also a Café at the leisure centre open during the day.

Travel: Please be aware that [Burgess Hall | One Leisure](#) carpark can get very busy during the morning. There are good bus links if you would prefer to use public transport, please see the following useful link: [Routes & Times | The Busway - connecting Huntingdon, St Ives & Cambridge](#)

Access Guide: Burgess Hall has disability access, as well as a disabled toilet with handrails. Please contact Joe Keech, Burgess Hall Operations Manager for any further accessibility information: joe.keech@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Contact: If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Preparing for Adulthood Team

Martine.Simpson-Thomas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Maddie.Alpar@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CRC Apprenticeship Jobs & Careers Fair

Explore career options and apprenticeship opportunities at Cambridge Regional College jobs fair as part of National Careers Week 2023!

Come along to our Cambridge Careers Fairs as part of National Careers Week in March. Explore career options and apprenticeship opportunities with local recruiters. This event is open to all ages, including adults & professionals who are unemployed or looking for a career move.

Tuesday 7th March 2023, 4:30pm to 6pm at CRC, King Hedges Road, Cambridge, CB4 2QT

[Register Here](#)

APPRENTICESHIP JOBS & CAREERS FAIR



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Service**

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the next step

**and many
more...**

NCW
National Careers Week

APPLICATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY 2023

BECOME AN APPRENTICE IN THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY AND EARN WHILE YOU LEARN



As an apprentice you will have a paid job that offers hands-on work experience and off-the-job training

From bricklaying and project management to engineering and decorating, the Home Building industry offers a broad range of career opportunities.



SCAN TO BROWSE HOME BUILDERS IN YOUR AREA TO FIND LOCAL APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

housebuildingcareers.org.uk

"Having control of the finished product and being responsible for carrying out your own work is really rewarding."

MAISIE LAPHAM, APPRENTICE PAINTER & DECORATOR AT CREST NICHOLSON



"I have been able to complete 3 years at university whilst working. The home building industry is fast-paced and will introduce you to new skills and technologies - every day is different."

RAYYAN MOHMED, MANAGEMENT TRAINEE AT VISTRY GROUP



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](#).



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

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.