



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 24th March

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Saturday 25th March	Cambourne Eco Festival
Tuesday 28th March	Trip: Year 11 GCSE English to ADC Theatre
Wednesday 29th March	Vaccinations: Men ACWY/DTP
Thursday 30th March	Trip: F1 East Anglia Development Region End of Term Concert
Friday 31st March	Study Extension Day (no pupils in school)
Easter Holidays	Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April
Monday 17th April	Staff Training Day (no pupils in school)

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, League One football tickets, family portrait photography vouchers, beauty treatment vouchers and many more...



University of Cambridge Sociology Photo Competition 2023

The University of Cambridge Sociology Photo Competition is open and again, and the theme for this year is the sociology of inequality. Judges are looking for entrants to think about – and capture in a photo – inequality in the world around them.

The first prize is £100 for the winning student, and £100 for the school. The winning photos will be displayed on the Department of Sociology website.

The competition is open to all Year 10-13 students in the UK and abroad, with a closing date of the **5th of May**. For more information please click [here](#).

Target Oxbridge Year 10 Programme

The Target Oxbridge Year 10 Programme provides students of Black African and Caribbean heritage with an insight into life as a student at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Consisting of four online webinars in Year 10, with a further two sessions in Year 11, participants will have the chance to hear from current students, find out more about how to apply and gain an insight into useful subject combinations they can study to prepare them for courses at both universities.

The Programme is open to UK-based state school students, who are predicted at least three GCSE's or equivalent at grade 7, or have the potential to achieve these grades but are in need of additional motivation and inspiration. To apply, students should visit the [applying page](#) and select the 'Target Oxbridge Year 10' programme. Applications close on **Sunday 26th March**.

Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge Summer Preparation Programme 2023

The Lucy Cavendish College Summer Preparation Programme 2023 is designed to bridge the gap between GCSE (National 5/equivalent) study to A-Levels (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent) by providing students with a month-long programme of academic enrichment tailored to their stage of the curriculum. The programme will consist of study skills workshops on a range of important themes such as time management and essay writing, university readiness sessions to support students as they plan their next steps to top Universities like Cambridge, and substantive knowledge sessions, designed to supplement students' foundational academic knowledge so that they can hit the ground running when they start their A-Levels (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent).

The programme will take place entirely online, and will run over the summer holidays for four weeks, from 24th July to 18th August 2023. The programme is open to high-achieving students in Year 11 currently attending a state school in the UK. Find out more and apply by the 16th June [here](#).



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/>

Year 10 Politics Club

We are offering a **new Politics Club for Year 10 students**. This will run **after school on Wednesdays from 3.05pm- 4.15pm**.



It will run for six weeks, starting the week commencing 19th April. The aim is to give your children an increased understanding of politics and political systems. Each week they will be assessed through a short-written piece or research; the final task will be a speech that they will write and perform about a political issue in which they are interested. They must attend all sessions— ask them to speak to Miss Angell if you (or they) have any questions!

The sessions will run on: 19th April, 26th April, 3rd May, 10th May, 17th May & 24th May.

There are 20 places available and there is a cost of **£6.50** . To register your interest sign up by using [ParentPay](#) by **Wednesday 29th March**.

ACRO AUDITIONS



ARE YOU LOOKING TO JOIN AN ACRO CLASS?!

MON 27TH MARCH

@ CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE

SESSION 1: 5-6PM

SESSION 2: 6-7PM

COME ALONG & AUDITION TO BE INVITED TO A CLASS SUITABLE FOR YOU!



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Are you fully Protected?

Offering All Childhood Vaccinations

Have you missed vaccinations at school?
Come and see us at our Walk-In

VACCINATION CLINIC DATES

**Saturday 25th March – 9-3pm at
Hartford Village Hall, Main Street,
Hartford, PE29 1YS**

**Thursday 6th April – 9-3pm at The
Priory Centre, St Neots, PE19 2BH**

**Saturday 15th April - 9-3pm at The
Gymnasium, Hinchingsbrooke
School, PE29 3BN**



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Providing children and young people with
the vaccines they need across
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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

hct.csaiscambspb@nhs.net

**NO APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**

LOST PROPERTY

After the successful lost property event last Friday (17th March). There are still a large number of items that have remained unclaimed.

If any of these items are not collected, they will be donated to charity after the Easter Holidays.

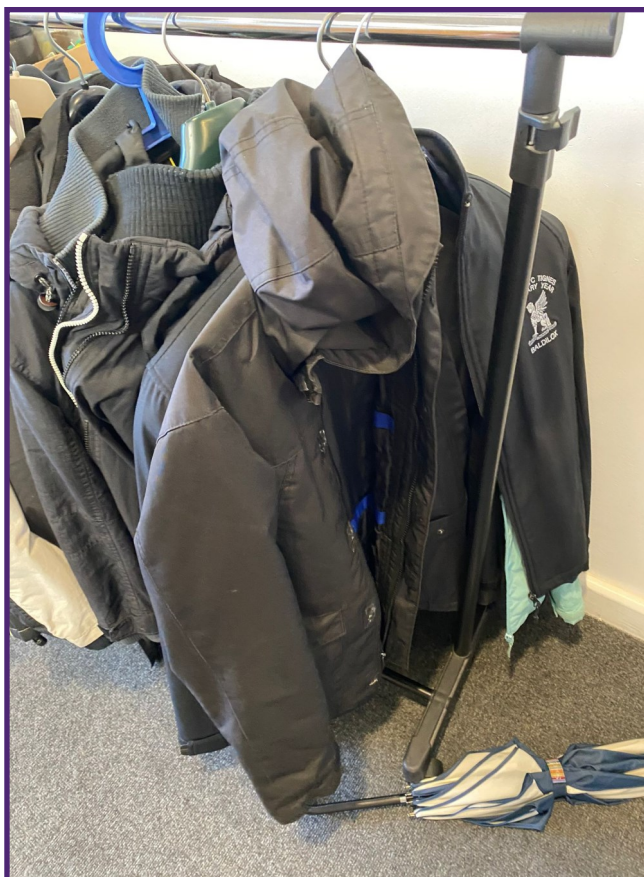


Lunch boxes, water bottles, small items...

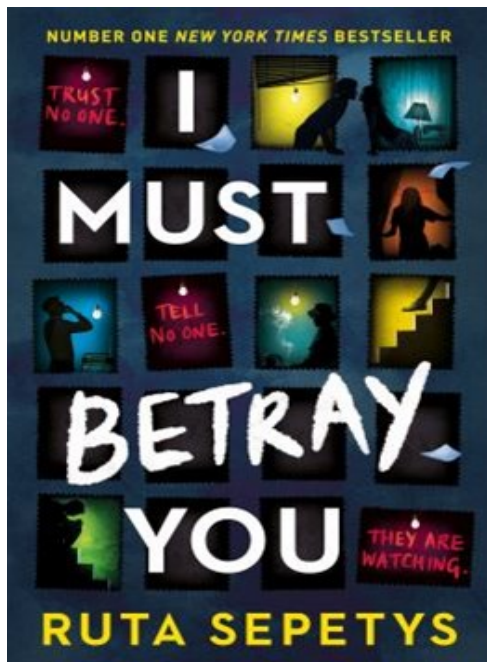


Lots of clothing items, and a few remaining school uniform items.

To prevent any future losses, please remember to label of all your children's school clothing.

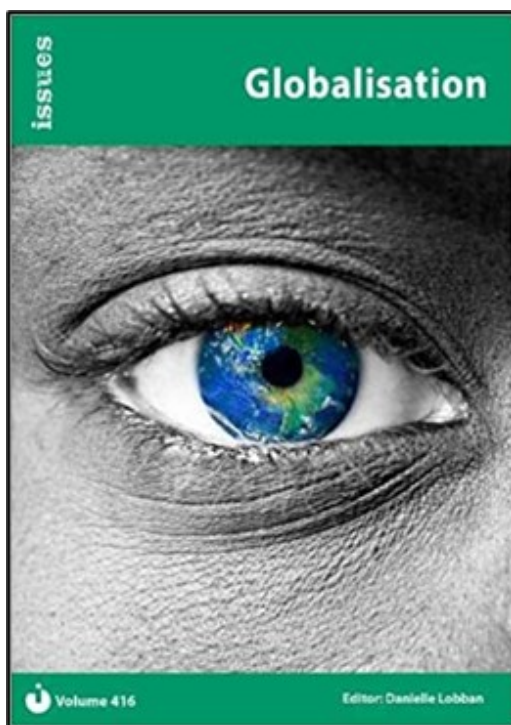


BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



I must betray you by Ruta Sepetys

Trapped by an evil dictatorship, will Cristian be forced to betray his family or will he risk everything he loves to resist? Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting? At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family? Closely based on the real events of the Romanian Revolution of 1989, this is a powerful, heart-breaking thriller. Shortlisted for the Children's Book Award 2020. *(Available from the School Library)*



Globalisation: Issues – Volume 416 by Danielle Lobban

Is the world really shrinking? Globalisation means that our world is ever connected, while some think it is in decline, others think it will continue to grow, or change shape. This book explores the effects of globalisation on different areas of our lives, from economic to cultural and beyond. *(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](#)

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



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.

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](#).

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



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.