



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 31st March

The Week Ahead

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Extra-Curricular Clubs	Please CLICK HERE to see our current programme
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Key Dates

Easter Holidays	Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April
Monday 17th April	Staff Training Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 18th April	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 19th April	Year 10 Politics Club (3pm) Trip: Year 9 to Cambridge Arts Theatre (Of Mice and Men) 6pm
Thursday 20th April	Year 8 Careers Carousel (11am) Trip: Spelling Bee (Peterborough - 3pm)
Friday 21st - Monday 24th April	Art Trip to Berlin
Friday 21st April	Trip: Over the Border (Cambridge Union) - all day



Summer Exams for Year 11s



The summer exams table has been updated. Please see the exams page of our website for the latest version: [Exams - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://cambournevc.org)

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](#).

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](#).



PE

Notices



After School Clubs

To prevent personal items going missing in the changing rooms after school, we are recommending all pupils store their bags and belongings in their lockers once they are changed, instead of leaving them in the changing rooms.

Pupils will be informed about this after the holidays, but please encourage your child to be getting into the routine of storing their belongings in their school locker during clubs.

Signs will also be up in all changing rooms to remind pupils.

An updated list of afterschool clubs starting in the summer term can be seen on the next page.

Lost Property Reminder:

Your stuff misses YOU too.



We still have a large number of unclaimed items in lost property.

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

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

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – April 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

Rounders – Hard courts (HC)

KS3 football – Astro (LY)

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Table tennis – Dining hall (CS)

Athletics – Field (LW)

Year 9, 10 & 11 Cricket – Sports hall/Field (KR)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio (JR)

Golf coaching – Sign up on ParentPay – CCC (LG)

Girls Football – Astro (LY)

KS4 table tennis – Dining hall (LW)

Year 7-8 Cricket – Sports hall/Field (KR)

Rowing / Fitness – Performance Hall (CS)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Girls active – Sports Hall (Sports Leaders)

FRIDAY 3-4pm

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (LG)

GCSE Catch up – O11 (HC)

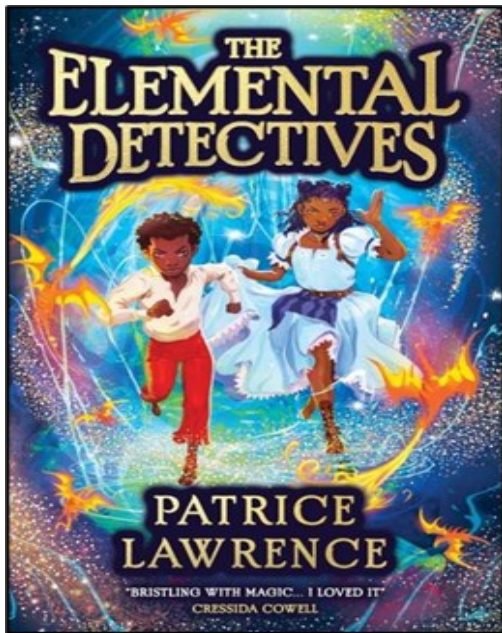
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CAMBOURNE
VILLAGE COLLEGE

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

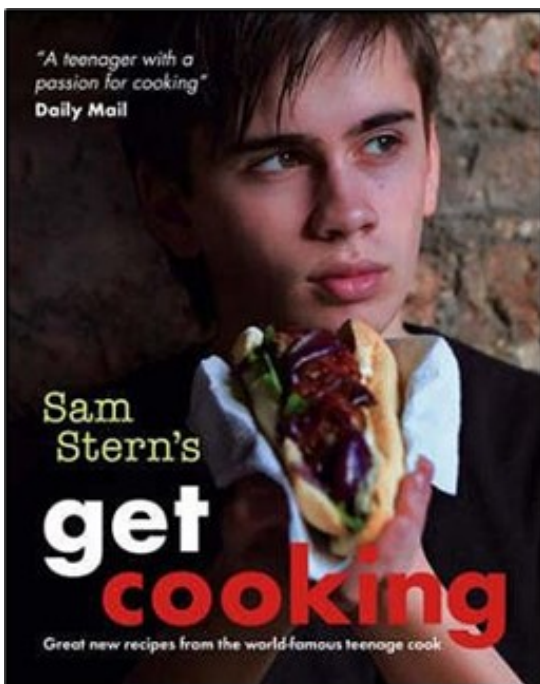
Girls – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The Elemental Detectives by Patrice Lawrence

Marisee and Robert are the Elemental Detectives chasing the clues to avoid catastrophe: they must face the ghosts of Hyde Park, the monstrous coiled snake of the Serpentine and a whole host of other fantastical creatures in their mission to top the Shepherdess and prevent London slumbering for all eternity. Step into a London lit up by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earth-bound Magogs. But humans have been causing chaos for centuries, trampling through the landscape trailing noise, mess and pollution. The revenge-fuelled Shepherdess, who moves between the everyday and the supernatural London worlds, is the perfect weapon. She brings a sleeping sickness down on the city with the destruction of society in her sights. **(Available from the School Library)**



Get cooking by Sam Stern

After his first two cookbooks, Sam wanted a challenge. And since there's nobody harder to please than your mates, he asked seven of his friends to choose their favourite ingredient so he could make dishes using the food they liked most. The result? A cookbook with eight tabbed sections, full of great tasting meals and snacks. Whether it's chocolate or cheese, tomatoes or pasta, there's something to suit everyone. Sam Stern's third cookbook contains fun, healthy recipes themed on different food groups. **(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](#)

Junior and Teen First Aid Courses at The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

Teen First Aid (13-16 years) £30

- Monday 3rd April 1pm-2.30pm,
- Wednesday 31st May
- 1pm-2.30pm



It is vital that all young people know what to do in an emergency, they are more independent and spend time alone or with friends, in public spaces, playing sports or going to parties.

This course is ideal for all teenagers. For those who work or play sports, babysitters, or those who just want the confidence to be able to do something.

Junior First Aid (9-12 years) Fun interactive hands-on session. £30

- Monday 3rd April 9am-12pm,
- Wednesday 31st May 9am-12pm

It is normal for children of this age to become independent, play out with friends, play sports or play out at the park.

Skills Training For Life helps your children to learn vital skills, gain confidence and teaches them what to do in an emergency or until help arrives.

Please click on the links below for more information.

TEEN
FIRST AID
TRAINING



Teen First Aid training Ages
13-16 year at The Vine Inter-
Church Primary School
CB23 6DY

£30.00

[Course Details](#)

JUNIOR
FIRST AID
TRAINING



Junior First Aid training
Ages 9-12 years. At The
Vine Inter-Church Primary
School CB23 6DY

£30.00

[Course Details](#)

Foster for us!

Why choose us?

- Local training and development
- Generous pay and benefits
- 24/7 support from a Supervising Social Worker
- Local support groups and networking opportunities



You can make a real difference to the lives of a child or young person by becoming a Foster Carer for your local authority.

You must be over 21, have a spare bedroom, and be willing and able to provide a stable and loving environment in which a child or young person can thrive. If this is you please get in touch.


 **0800 052 0078**

 **Text FOSTERING to 60777**

Email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

 Facebook @CCCFosteringService

 Instagram @cambspborofostering





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](#).



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.