



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 28th April

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

Monday 1st May	Early May Bank Holiday - school closed for all pupils
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike Day - Year 10s & Year 11s only in school
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 10 Politics Club (3pm)
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation - school closed for all pupils
Tuesday 9th May and Wednesday 10th May	GCSE Final Art/Photography Exam - all day
Tuesday 9th May	HPV 1 Vaccinations (Yr 8) & HPV 2 Vaccinations (Yr 9)
Wednesday 10th May	Year 8 Social to Obstacle Course (3pm onwards)
Thursday 11th May	Year 7 Parents Consultation (periods 3-6 taught) - school finishes at 1:30pm for all pupils



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE:

PLEASE READ



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are aware that in an ever changing world more and more young people are communicating, socialising and exploring the world using online platforms. Following the return from the Easter break, we are concerned about reports of young people sharing images or videos of a sexual nature on social media platforms or via text messages with peers.

We regularly cover online safety in school within PSHE lessons, tutor times and assemblies and as part of our duty to safeguard pupils in school, we will follow up with pupils and parents where we are made aware that a situation of this nature may have occurred in order to support all the pupils involved.

We explain to pupils that when you are under 18 it is against the law to take, send or receive nude or sexual images or videos of anyone under 18, including yourself. It is also against the law for anyone to save or share a nude or sexual image or video of you even if they are under 18 themselves. We reassure pupils that the law is there to protect young people and not to get anyone in trouble.

We would ask you to support these conversations by speaking with pupils at home around anything they may have seen or been sent on their phones. We ask parents and carers to regularly check devices to ensure there is no upsetting or harmful content that could be circulated and to ensure that items that could contain harmful content are deleted.

More information can be found here to support with some of those conversation which we understand can be difficult, but which we know, will ensure we are working together to keep young people safe online and for them to feel confident knowing what action to take if something goes wrong.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/online-abuse/>

Childline also operate a system called Report Remove which allows young people to report sexual images or videos of themselves and get them removed from the internet.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>

If you have specific concerns or questions please contact the Safeguarding Team directly on: cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org

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.

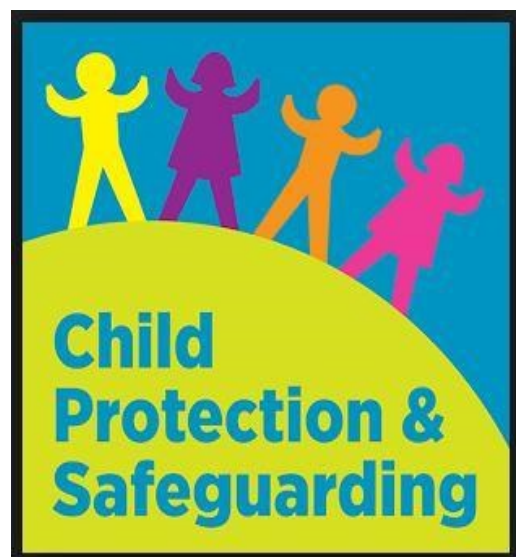
We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

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



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](#))



We are working towards the **Rainbow Flag Award accreditation** to formally recognise Cambourne Village College as an LGBTQ+ friendly and inclusive school.

We are delighted to have been awarded 2 standards so far: 'Skilled Teacher' and 'Pastoral Support'.

We have submitted 2 further sections today - 'Supportive Governors and Parents' and 'Student Voice' - then will have 2 remaining until we achieve the final award.

Watch this space!



For our families living in **West Cambourne** - please note that there is now a shuttle bus to connect the new development with the rest of the town, including a stop at Cambourne VC.

Please see the timetable below. This is also published on the Cambourne Town Council Website here: [West Cambourne Shuttle Bus - Cambourne Town Council](#)

Valid from Monday 24th April 2023



WEST CAMBOURNE SHUTTLE BUS

Vectare will be operating the Cambourne West Shuttle Bus Service from Monday 24th April 2023 until further notice. The service will operate with high specification midibuses, and will be free of charge to all passengers. If you need support with this service please contact Vectare on contact@vectare.co.uk or telephone 0115 777 3187.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY / Including Bank Holiday Mondays

Cambourne West > Woodfield Lane > Monkfield Park Primary School > De La Warr Way > Cambourne Village College

	WEST CAMBOURNE SHUTTLE BUS																				
Cambourne West (Cavell Avenue / Dobbins Avenue)	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:15	9:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	13:15	13:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	15:30	15:45	16:00	16:15
Woodfield Lane bus stop (CoOp)	8:05	8:20	8:35	8:50	9:20	9:50	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50	13:20	13:50	14:20	14:50	15:20	15:35	15:50	16:05	16:20
Monkfield Park Primary School bus stop	8:07	8:22	8:37	8:52	9:22	9:52	10:22	10:52	11:22	11:52	12:22	12:52	13:22	13:52	14:22	14:52	15:22	15:37	15:52	16:07	16:22
De La Warr Way bus stop (Morrisons)	8:09	8:24	8:39	8:54	9:24	9:54	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54	12:24	12:54	13:24	13:54	14:24	14:54	15:24	15:39	15:54	16:09	16:24
Cambourne Village College	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	15:45	16:00	16:15	16:30
De La Warr Way bus stop (Morrisons)	8:20	8:35	8:50	9:05	9:35	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05	13:35	14:05	14:35	15:05	15:35	15:50	16:05	16:20	16:35
Monkfield Park Primary School bus stop	8:21	8:36	8:51	9:06	9:36	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	13:06	13:36	14:06	14:36	15:06	15:36	15:51	16:06	16:21	16:36
Woodfield Lane bus stop (CoOp)	8:23	8:38	8:53	9:08	9:38	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	13:08	13:38	14:08	14:38	15:08	15:38	15:53	16:08	16:23	16:38
Cambourne West (Cavell Avenue / Dobbins Avenue)	8:28	8:43	8:58	9:13	9:43	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	13:13	13:43	14:13	14:43	15:13	15:43	15:58	16:13	16:28	16:43

P.E. Clubs

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – April 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

Rounders – Hard courts

KS3 football – Astro

KS4 football – Astro

Table tennis – Dining hall

Athletics – Field

Rugby – Field

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio

Golf coaching – Sign up on ParentPay – CCC

Girls Football – Astro

KS4 table tennis – Dining hall

Cricket – Sports hall/Field/Astro

Rowing / Fitness – Performance Hall

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

GCSE Catch up – O11

CAMBOURNE
VILLAGE COLLEGE

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

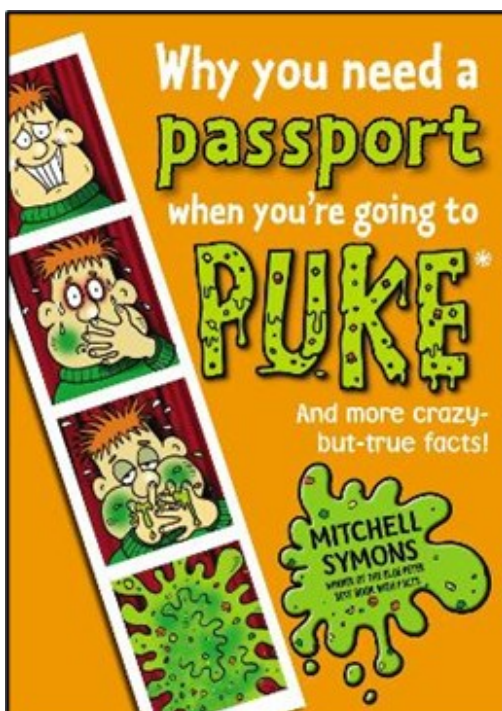
Girls – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The spell tailors by James Nicol

A young boy dreams of becoming a spell tailor who can stitch magic into clothing. Thanks to new factories, spell tailors are struggling. Hen's Uncle Bertie's fancy shop has shut down, and when he, Aunt Lucia and stuck-up cousin Connie move in, it's a disaster for all the family. Then Hen stumbles upon a new kind of stitch - one which causes Nana and Bertie to ban him from sewing. What is the power of the stitch that can sew memories into clothes, and could it be the very thing to save them all? Most things can be mended – dresses, shirts, friendships even family. *(Available from the School Library)*



Why you need a passport when you're going to puke

by Mitchell Symons

Interesting facts and trivia from around the world. Did you know the following facts? Square watermelons are sold in Japan, there is a River Piddle in Dorset and Americans use enough toilet paper daily to wrap around the world nine times. *Why you need a passport when you're going to puke*, lets you discover where a three-headed turtle was discovered in 1999, where the first toothbrush was invented, which country has summer as the only season and where you can buy square watermelons. *(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](#)



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

May half-term

Netball camps

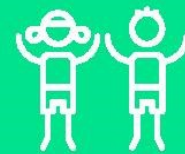
Fun and fitness for children
during the school holidays



Wednesday
31 May
10am to 3.30pm



Impington Village
College Sports
Centre, CB24 9LX



For children in
Year 3 to Year 9
of all abilities



£25 per child per day
£22 per child per day
each for families, or children
attending multiple days
(netball and athletics)



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In a safe setting,
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Book now for a place on our May half-term athletics camps!

For more information:

✉ holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk

☎ 01954 713070

To book:

🖱 www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps





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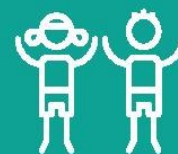
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Tuesday
30 May
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Athletics Track
CB3 9AD



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Waresley Colts Cricket 2023 Season

Firstly, training will start on **Friday 21st April** and coaching will run at the following times:

- Allstars: 1700-1800
- U9's and U11's - 1730-1830

U13's + U15's - 1830-2030

Whilst these are the structured coaching times, the children are welcome to come down to the ground to practise whenever they wish. In order to avoid issues with conflicting traffic flows on the driveway we ask that for those arriving for the 1830 session that they do so at least 5 minutes before the start time in order to avoid the clash with the earlier departing session.



Friday night coaching will be run by Evolution cricket. During these sessions they will provide 2 coaches per session. We will also have our overseas pro's and occasionally some members of the first team down to help as well. However, we did find that over the winter smaller groups gave the best progression to the kids so we will still need help (especially for the U9's and U11's) to run constructive sessions. Please feel free to volunteer.

We require registration in order to safely support training and playing, please register using the link below. Please try and do this before coming down on Friday as it will make our lives a lot easier.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0bj6G9relpylag6xwwQdbvplrMhB2Sy8k91cKtt3trlbRkA/viewform?usp=sf_link

There is a £50 Club membership fee to pay the professional-led training (14 x Friday sessions by "Evolution Cricket"). Please make the payment to:

Account Name: Waresley CC
Account Number: 10024643
Sort Code: 204363

(Please add your child's surname as a reference)

If you have any issues making the payment please reach out to one of the colts committee.

We will be coordinating the training and matches via Spond this year. This should help us provide better communication about the training and games. Spond is available as an App on all operating systems. Once you have registered your child (using the link above) we will add them to the Spond group and communicate via that channel.

As info for those that didn't attend winter training, we have a new colts sponsor this year in Waresley Park Estate. They have kindly offered to fund playing shirts for the junior section. We are ordering these centrally so need numbers for sizes. This info is part of the registration form. We have also made available a hoodie which is available for £20 from Mr Cricket, once that is available we will send out the link. For those that need cricket equipment Evolution Cricket will be able to help, they will be setting up a club shop for us and will be able to advise on any purchases that should be required on the Friday night. The link for this club shop will also follow.



A career in teaching?

<https://ctsncitt.info/>

Come along to one of our summer term teacher training information events to find out more

CTSN SCITT is recruiting to its 2023-24 school-based teacher training programmes. We offer primary & secondary, salaried & non-salaried, full-time & part-time initial teacher training across Cambridgeshire west Suffolk, north Essex as well as south and east Norfolk.



Tuesday 18th April, 4.30-5.30pm online via Zoom
Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602488317777>

Thursday 27th April, 11am-12 noon online via Zo
Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602520975457>



Wednesday 3rd May, 5-8pm face-to-face in Cambridge
Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/230503-get-into-teaching-east-of-england>

Tuesday 9th May, 6-7pm online via Zoom
Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602538317327>



Thursday 18th May, 10-11am online via Zoom
Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602536000397>

Wednesday 7th June, 4.30-5.30pm online via Zoom
Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602540283207>



For more information Contact Jane Catley: jcatley@camteach.org.uk

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

Teen First Aid (13-16 years) £30

- 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

- 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](#)



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](#).

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**

Reporting your Child's Absence from School:

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.

Planned Absence Request:

For any planned absence which is not a medical appointment, please complete a [planned absence request form](#). If possible, please submit this form two weeks before the absence. This will enable us to give you a response before the absence is taken. If a request for planned absence is not made, it is likely to be recorded as Unauthorised on your child's attendance record.

All pupils leaving early for appointments need to be collected by a parent to sign them out through our main Reception.



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 48 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 |



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

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