



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 12th May

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu	Please CLICK HERE to see our current Menu
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 15th June	GCSE Exams start for Year 11s
Monday 22nd June	Form the Future Careers Guidance for Years 9 & 10
Monday 29th June - Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	GCSE Exams continue Form the Future Careers Guidance for Years 9 & 10
Tuesday 6th June	Year 10 History Walking Tour (PM)
Thursday 8th June	Year 10 Trust Sixth Forms Taster Event at Comberton 6th Form (PM only)

Year 10 Politics Club Speeches

Year 10 students at Cambourne Village College are taking part in a weekly politics club throughout April and May. The aim of the club is to learn more about politics and to end with a speech evening in which students write a short speech about an area of politics that interests them.



The speech evening will take place in the school library on Wednesday 24th May from 4-5.30pm. There will be refreshments available from 3.30pm.

Please do come along if you can and hear from our wonderful students!



Year 7 Parents Consultation

Thank you to all the parents who attended appointments with teachers at the Consultation yesterday afternoon; we had a very strong turnout at 91%.

If you were unable to attend and would like to speak with any of your child's teachers, please contact the Year 7 team to coordinate this: CAM-Year7@cambournevc.org

We are always grateful for parent feedback after such events; if you haven't already done so, please complete the parent survey on [this link](#).

General Notices



LOCKERS: Please remember that you are able to pay your non refundable deposit for your child's locker via ParentPay.

If you have any problems doing this please email your child's year team.

Cambourne Village College Chess Club!

Chess is becoming popular once again with young people and we are keen to encourage this at Cambourne Village College.

To this end we are looking to set up a chess club at school.

We are asking for donations of chess sets you may have but don't use, even ones missing a piece or two.

If you have these and are happy to donate please can they be taken to the school Library or to Mrs Gale's office downstairs in the Green wing. New chess sets are also very gratefully received along with any books on chess or chess clocks. Thank you.



The Anna Freud centre for children and families has launched a new online support project for everyone to access in order to gain trusted and up to date information on **youth mental health and wellbeing**. *On My Mind* is designed as a “one stop shop” for students, covering a comprehensive list of topics. Parents and carers, and teachers will also find the website useful, as there is a section specifically aimed at supporting them too.

The *On My Mind* link for young people can be found here [On My Mind - Anna Freud Centre](#). It is also on the school website, alongside other support websites, under the mental health and wellbeing tab: [Well-Being - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](#)

Supporting children and young people's mental health

Free online workshops for
Cambridgeshire/Peterborough Parents/Carers



We understand the challenges that parents and carers can often face when supporting their children with their mental health.

Cambridgeshire County Council are offering these **free online workshops** for all parents and carers to sign up to and join on various topics to do with child mental health. Please click on the links on each topic to get through to the courses you are interested in.

If you have any further questions please contact Elisa Kenton-Howells at CAM-Wellbeing@cambournevc.org

Monday
15th May

Gender Questioning

10.00 - 11.30 am

Tuesday
16th May

Peer support group

9:30 - 11.30 am

Monday
22nd May

Bereavement and Loss

1.00 - 2.30 pm

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Library Wellbeing Resources

It is now possible to access our wellbeing resources that are available in the library and on ClickView.

We have a large collection of fiction and non-fiction, as well as films and documentaries which can support with mental health and wellbeing.

A link to the resources is available on the CATalogue [here](#).

Barons' Sporting Bursary

The Barons' Sporting Bursary is awarded to any CamVC student who would like to join a community sports club or to participate in a sporting festival or event but cannot afford the membership or associated costs.

Its aim is to ensure that every student at CamVC can participate in sport, dance and physical activity regardless of costs. Some examples of how the bursary can be used are:

- Paying for a year's membership to a Sports Club, e.g. Cambourne Netball Club
- Paying for transport costs for you to get into Cambridge to participate in a club
- Paying for additional equipment that you require for your sport, eg a new hockey stick
- Paying for the entry costs of an event like the Cambridge Schools Cross Country
- Paying to attend a sports coaching or refereeing course such as a FA young officials course

If your child would like to apply for the bursary then please ask them to fill out the form [here](#) with as much information as possible about themselves and the sporting opportunity.

Barons' Sporting Bursary

The Barons' Sporting Bursary is awarded to any student who would like to play more sport but cannot afford the membership or associated costs.

Bursaries can be awarded from
£20-£200

Is there a new sports club you would like to join?

Do you need to pay expensive transport costs to get to a club or event?

Is there a coaching or referees course you would like to go on?



If the answer is YES to any of the above questions, then please complete the online application form.

Scan the QR code above

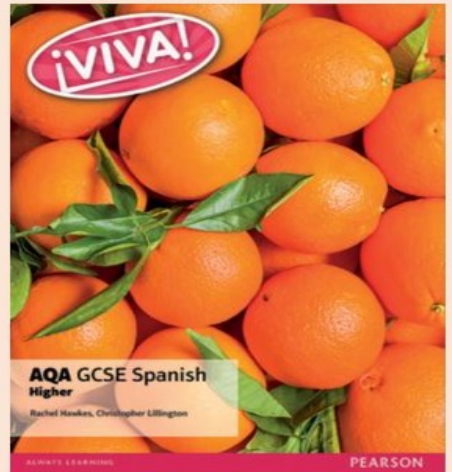




Time to give back!



Please return all course & library books
These are issued to you through the library and MUST be returned before you leave school!



If you need to check what you have on loan, please ask in the library

Valid from Monday 24th April 2023



WEST CAMBOURNE SHUTTLE BUS

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](#)

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



POST 16 OPEN EVENTS

Attendance at most of the events below are to be self-organised by parents/pupils. We will share all information received on these events, but it is pupils'/ parents' responsibility to register attendance with the individual sixth form/college and organise travel accordingly.

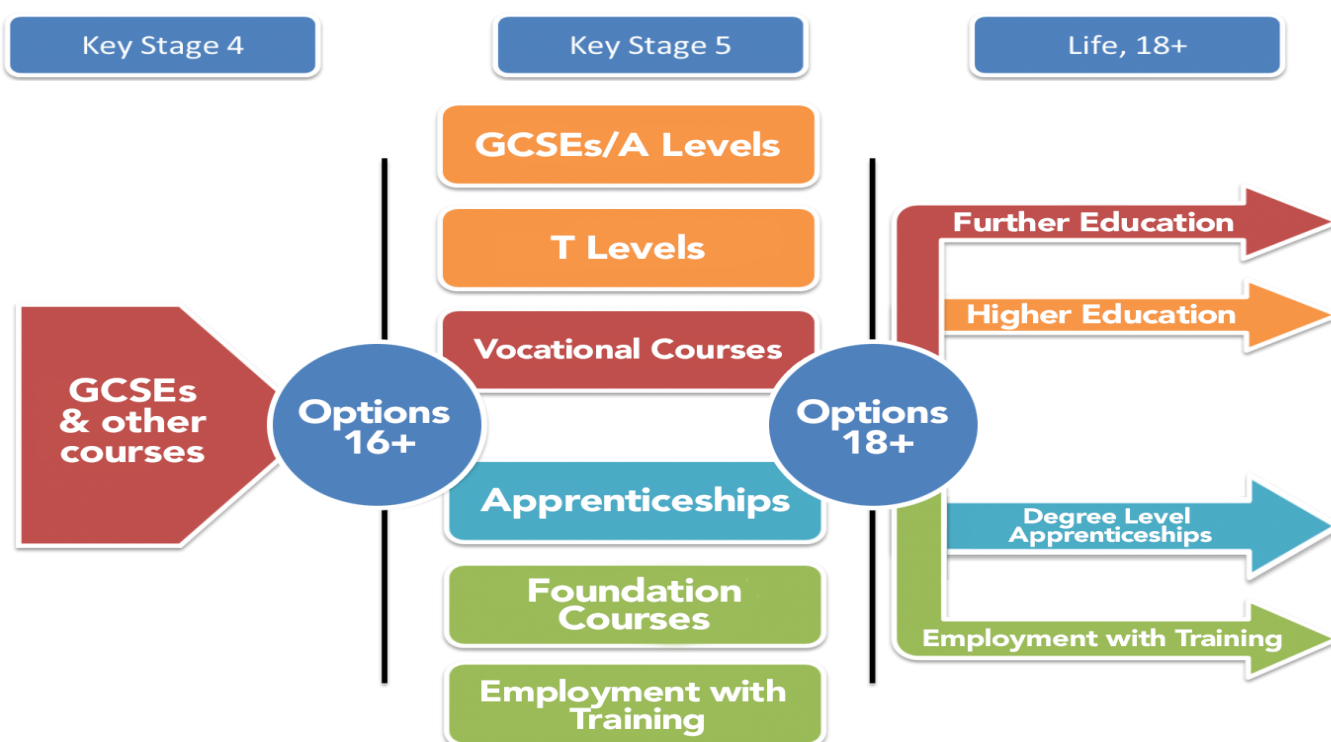
If attending an open event that falls during school hours, a planned absence form will need to be completed, so that student absence can be authorised. Completed forms should be returned to the attendance officer at thecollege@cambournevc.org or handed into reception. Planned absence forms can be found at: <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/absence.php>.

Pupils are normally limited to attendance at a maximum of two college open day/ taster day events during school time.

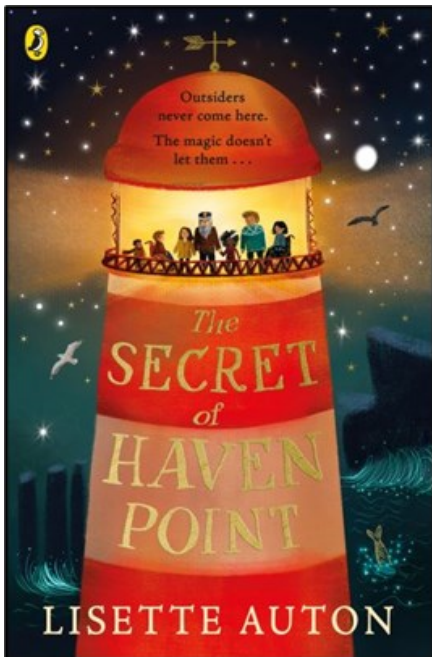
Summer Term 2023

Institution	Details
Bishop Laney, Ely	Taster Day, 11th July, all day https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Sixth+Form&pid=10
Cambridge Maths School	22nd June - Year 10 Eureka Day of enrichment and challenges for Year 10 students, intended to inspire young people to study maths, further maths and science A-Levels. https://cms.tela.org.uk/
CAST	Open Evening: 5th July, 5-8pm https://cast.education/
Cambridge Regional College	Open evening(s): Cambridge campus: 27th April and 4th July, 4.30-7.30 pm Open event: 21st June (cf. above); 7th July Huntingdon campus: 16 th May, 23rd May – insight mornings Year 10 Taster Day: Wednesday 21st June at Cambridge Campus - Attendance via Cambourne Village College School trip – please see above for more information Details of all events can be found on the college website: https://www.camre.ac.uk/events/
Chesterton Sixth Form	Open Day: 7th July, 9am-3pm https://csf.tela.org.uk/

Institution	Details
Hills Road Sixth Form	Open Day(s) Saturday 8th July, 10-4pm Monday 10th July, 5-8pm https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/
Impington International College	Open Day: 10th July https://www.impingtoninternational.org.uk/
Long Road Sixth Form College	Open Evening: 4th and 5th July, 5-9pm Booking required via the link on their website .
College of West Anglia (Milton)	Open Evening: Tuesday 25th April, 5-8pm Open Day 19th June 10am-2pm – register online . https://cwa.ac.uk/about/open-days
The Oakes Sixth Form College	Open Evening: 28th June, 6-8pm Taster Days: 9.45am-2pm, 4th and 5th July. Interested students should only attend one of those two days. https://oakescc.org/
Comberton Sixth Form	Open Evening: 21st June, 6-8.30pm provisionally – times TBC https://www.combertonsixthform.org/
Parkside Sixth	Taster Day w/c 3rd July https://parksidesixth.education/events/

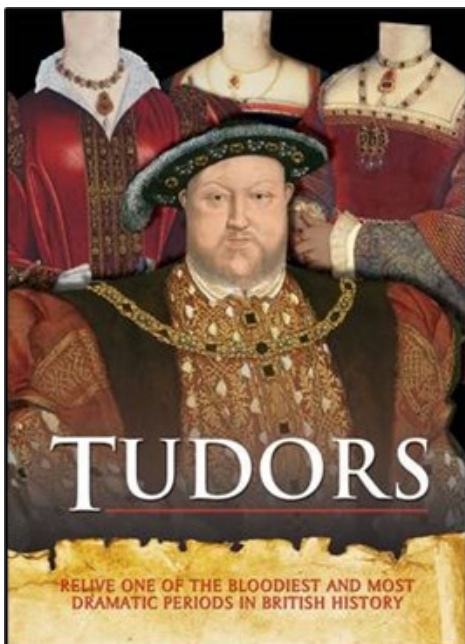


BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The secret of Haven Point by Lisette Auton

When you're a Wreckling, you mainly spend your days squabbling, eating and planning adventures. Oh, and Wrecklings also carry out wreckings, which is how we got our name. Washed up as a baby beside a remote lighthouse and raised by a mermaid, Alpha Lux was the first foundling at Haven Point. Now the lighthouse is a ramshackle home for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong. Looting from passing ships to make a living, they call themselves the Wrecklings, and for the children of Haven Point life is spent adventuring on the wild shore (and getting into trouble with the grown-ups). But when Alpha spots a strange light up on the headland, she realises that her beloved family are in danger of being discovered by Outsiders. **(Available from the School Library)**



Tudors

Looks at the characteristics of life in Tudor England, especially the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Take a journey through time and explore Britain's dramatic heritage. Learn about this extraordinary period of history through the life of the Tudor monarchs. Including: The birth of a new royal dynasty, great figures of the period from explorers to writers, how the Wars of the Roses nearly tore Britain apart, the reign of all the Tudor monarchs and from Henry VII to the tyrannical Henry VIII. A timeline runs through the book, with a simple key system to highlight major events. **(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](#)



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!

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



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

May half-term

Netball camps

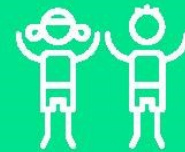
Fun and fitness for children
during the school holidays



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)



All coaches are
suitably checked
and qualified.



Appropriate footwear
and clothing for
outdoors is essential.



Snacks and lunch and
plenty to drink should
be brought.



In a safe setting,
children can develop
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into practice

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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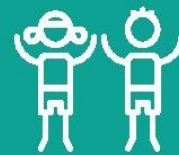
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Tuesday
30 May
10am to 3.30pm



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Athletics Track
CB3 9AD



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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.

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

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](#))



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.

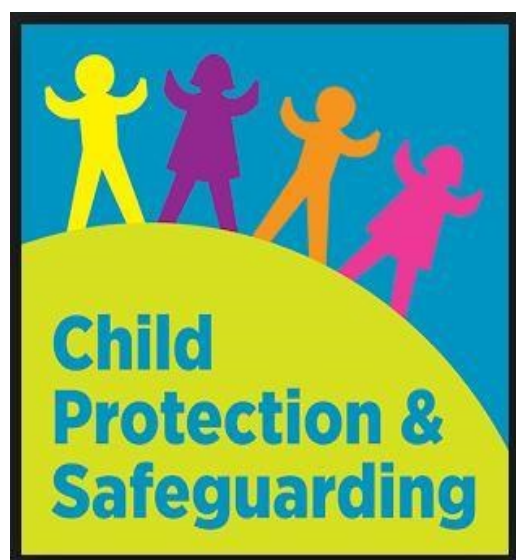
We work with individual students, their families and external agencies.

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



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](#).



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

We aim to respond to any enquiry within 48 hours.