



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 22nd September

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 25th September	Year 11: Post-16 Launch Event (6pm-8pm)
Tuesday 26th September	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 28th September	Trip: Y10 Engineering to Carl Zeiss (in school hours)
Friday 29th September - Monday 2nd October	MFL trip to Paris
Wednesday 4th October	Open Evening for Year 6 pupils & Families
Thursday 5th October	Staff Training Day - School closed for all pupils

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**. If you are reporting your child's absence from school today, please can you email cam-absence@cambournevc.org by **8:30am 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 absence 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 cam-absence@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:

If you plan to take your child out of school for any other reason, a **Planned Absence Request Form** must be completed and returned to the school **10 days prior** to the absence for authorisation. Please email any completed forms to cam-absence@cambournevc.org or hand into our reception. The form can be found on our [website](#), or is available from our reception.

Please note that due to Changes to Section 444 of The Education Act 1996 brought into effect in September 2013, the Principal cannot authorise any term time leave unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

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

Pupil Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 26th September



THIS FORM HAS TO BE COMPLETED by Sunday 24th September, whether **CONSENT IS GIVEN OR NOT.**



Flu Vaccination Final Reminder

Please note this is **NOT** the Covid vaccination.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will soon be visiting your child's school to deliver the Flu Vaccination Nasal Spray or IM Non porcine alternative

Children who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

This is the *final chance* to complete a consent for your child online. The Portal link will close on:

Sunday 24th of September 2023

Please click [HERE](#) to give consent, or to decline the vaccine, **if you have not done so already**

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED A CONSENT FORM – PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANOTHER ONE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS INCLUDING YOUR JUNK INBOX FOR CONSENT CONFIRMATION

Secondary School Only:

All parents, or those with parental responsibility, are asked for consent and will usually make this decision jointly with their children. In secondary schools, some young people may be mature enough to provide their own consent. This sometimes occurs if a parent has not returned a consent form but the child still wishes to have the vaccine on the day of the session. Every effort will be made to contact the parent to seek their verbal consent. This is a well-established process which you will be familiar with from other school-based vaccination programmes.

By Law, for pupils who do not have parental consent, a health professional can assess if a child under the age of 16 can be considered competent to understand the benefits and risks.

Gillick competency assessment helps people who work with children to balance the need to listen to children's wishes with the responsibility to keep them safe.

Yours Faithfully,
School Immunisation Team – **01462 427008**





Pupil Librarians Needed!

Duties:

- Shelving
- Issuing and returning
- Helping library users
- Making the library an inviting place to be

No previous experience needed, all year groups welcome

You will bring:

- enthusiasm
- a willingness to help look after your library
 - enjoy helping others
- Time – lunchbreak OR after school

*Please complete the Form
Ask your Tutor – or ask in the library
[Application Form](#)*

**DEADLINE:
MONDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER**



Post-16 Information

Evening:

Monday 25th September
6pm-8pm

We will be explaining to pupils and parents the process for applying for the next stage of their education. During this information evening there will also be an opportunity for you to meet representatives from local Sixth Forms and Colleges across Cambridge as well as apprenticeship providers and businesses with apprenticeship routes in them.



For tutor groups C A M B O, there will be a presentation in the main school hall at **6.00pm**; the hall will be open from 5:45pm. After this presentation there will be an opportunity to visit the representatives from individual Sixth Form Colleges and Apprenticeship Providers to ask any questions you have.

For tutor groups U R N E V, there will be a presentation in the main school hall at **7.00pm**; the hall will be open from 6:45pm. Before this presentation and immediately after, there will be an opportunity to visit the representatives from individual Sixth Form Colleges and apprenticeship providers to ask any questions you have.

There will also be a member of senior staff on hand to answer any questions throughout the evening.

In addition to this please see our [Guide to the College Application Process](#) on the Year 11 page of our website.

If you have any questions regarding this event or the application process please contact Mr Thomas tthomas@cambournevc.org or Mrs McCormack vmccormack@cambournevc.org.



Notice from Total Clothing:

*We are busy preparing for our annual stock take and would like to advise that our shop will be closed all day on **Thursday 28th September**. Orders will still be able to be placed via the on-line web shops and our staff will be available via our phones or live chat as normal. (9am till 5pm)*



Normal shop hours will resume on Friday 29th September. (9am till 5pm).



Music Clubs

All our music clubs are going to be starting up again next week – so if your child plays an instrument, or enjoys singing, then please encourage them to come along.

The following clubs will be running this term.

- Monday 3 – 4pm: CamVC Band – All instrumentalists welcome (Years 7 – 11)
- Tuesday 3- 4pm: Junior Singers (Years 7 – 9) – Christmas mini-production *tba*
- Tuesday 3 – 4pm: Rock Bands (Years 9 – 11)
- Thursday 3 – 5pm: School Production (Years 7 – 11)
- Friday 3 – 4pm: Senior Choir (Years 9 – 11)

Pupils are very welcome to come along and try any club they are interested in joining.

Instrumental & Singing Lessons

These will be starting next week, and everyone signed up for lessons will receive an email confirming the day and time of their first lesson.

If your child is interested in doing Instrumental or Singing lessons, there are still many places available. You can sign them up for lessons using the online form, found here:

[Instrument lessons - Cambourne Village College \(cambournevc.org\)](http://cambournevc.org)

Headphones for KS3 Music lessons (all pupils)

We have enjoyed welcoming Year 7s, and welcoming back Year 8s & 9s to the Music Block this week. As part of their weekly music lessons, they will be continuing to develop their keyboard skills.

To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

We have reminded pupils of this expectation this week in lessons.

These headphones / earphones can be bought for as little £2-£3 from local shops like Morrisons, Home Bargains, or online from places like Amazon. We do not expect (and would strongly discourage) pupils from bringing expensive or bulky headphones with them.

We would expect that it might take pupils between 1 – 2 weeks to source some earphones / headphones, but after that it would be useful if they were ready to use them in lessons. If for any reason it is not possible for your child to bring some earphones to the lesson, please email (or ask them to email) their class teacher. In cases of financial constraints we will be able to provide headphones for pupils to borrow, if arranged in advance.

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – September 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

KS3 rugby – Field
KS4 basketball – Sports hall
Girls' football – Astro
Table tennis – Dining hall
Rowing and fitness – Gym

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio
KS3 basketball – Sports hall
KS4 rugby – Field
Girls rugby – Field
Netball – Hard courts
Football training – Astro

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04
Wellbeing Wednesday – PE (sports leaders)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board
Girls active – Sports hall (sports leaders)

FRIDAY 3-4pm

Badminton – Sports hall
Champions League football games – Astro
Everyone's invited! – PE (sports leaders)

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 last human

by Lee Bacon

A robot who has never questioned the rules, a human who shouldn't exist, and a journey that will change everything...

In a future not too far from our own, robots have eliminated humans. And twelve-year-old robot XR_935 is just fine with that. Without humans, there's no war, no pollution, no crime. Everyone has a purpose and everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

Until the day that XR discovers something impossible: a human girl named Emma.

XR has always been told humans were evil and that the world is better without them. But Emma doesn't seem evil - she seems scared. And she needs help.

(Available from the School Library)



The power of welcome: real life refugee and migrant journeys a graphic novel

by Ada Jusic and illustrated by Marie Banyami

This moving book collects important tales about the real journeys of people forced from their homes by conflict.

Somalia: "It was a normal, boring day. I was playing videogames after homework when the first bomb fell."

Bosnia: "One day, Mum took me to the local playground. A sniper shot at us. We couldn't stay in Bosnia any more."

Ukraine: "On the 24th of February, Mum woke me up by saying: 'The war has begun.'"

(Available from the School Library and SORA)

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](#)

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 have a number of good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please complete the form: [Second-Hand Uniform Request](#) and enter details of uniform items needed.

Our Reception is open every weeknight evening in term time between 6pm and 8pm so there is an opportunity to organise a visit to the school to 'see before you buy' at hours to suit you. Please email our evening receptionist **Nikki Johnston** to organise a time slot:

NJohnston@cambournevc.org



Families who find it difficult to afford school uniform at any time should contact their Year team (details below), in complete confidence, so that a way forward can be found.

Year 7 - Abby Sterling-Clarke cam-year7@cambournevc.org

Year 8 - Sam Tomlinson cam-year8@cambournevc.org

Year 9 - Lorraine Lye cam-year9@cambournevc.org

Year 10 - Lou Boyd cam-year10@cambournevc.org

Year 11 - Mel Stanford 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

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](#))





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 Abby Stirling-Clarke

Please email cam-year8@cambournevc.org | PSA Sam Tomlinson

Please email cam-year9@cambournevc.org | PSA Lorraine Lye

Please email cam-year10@cambournevc.org | PSA Lou Boyd

Please email cam-year11@cambournevc.org | PSA Mel Stanford



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.