



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 3rd November

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

Thursday 9th November	Year 11 Parent Consultation (periods 1-4 taught). All pupils leave at 1:30pm
Friday 10th November	Year 9 History Trip to Ypres Music Department Sleepover!
Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 21st November	MFL Spanish Exchange with Zaragoza
Tuesday 14th November	Trip: Drama GCSE visit to Cambridge Arts Theatre (7pm)
Thursday 16th November	Non-Uniform Day for £1 per pupil (proceeds go to Children in Need)
Friday 17th November	School closed to 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.



Join us for a series of
free public lectures.
The lectures are **open
to all** and will be hosted
at Cambourne Village
College in the
Performance Hall



FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Join us for our next free History Community Lecture on
Tuesday 5th December (4-5pm)- this event is open to ALL

Helen Carr:

Looking Back: Why History Matters Today.

Helen Carr is an award nominated historian specialising in English medieval history and public history. Described by Dan Snow as 'one of the most exciting and talented young historians out there', Helen has built her career in making history exciting and accessible whilst rooted in scholarship.

Helen is the Author of the *Times* best-selling, *The Red Prince: John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster*, one of the *Sunday Times* best books of 2021 and shortlisted for the prestigious Elizabeth Longford Prize. She is also the co-author of *What is History, Now?* a collection of essays co-edited with Suzannah Lipscomb.

Helen's next book, a new history of the fourteenth century and the last Plantagenets, will be published by Hutchinson Heinemann (Penguin Random House) in 2025.

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

4-5pm (Doors open 3.45pm)

***Cambourne Village College-
Performance Hall***



Follow us on X (Twitter) @CambourneVC and @Historic_All for updates.

For more information contact:
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jangell@cambournevc.org



A letter to parents and carers of our Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils, from Peter Hains, Char of the Henry Morris Memorial Trust (registered charity: 311419)

p.hains105@btinternet.com



HENRY MORRIS

Memorial Trust

Dear Parents / Carers

Oct 2023

Re Henry Morris Awards 2024

I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for your son or daughter.

Every year, the Henry Morris Memorial Trust offers students the chance to apply for financial awards. These awards are for students (13-19) for 'travel with purpose' or for 'home-based projects'. Students from all Cambridgeshire secondary schools are entitled to apply.

In previous years, students have travelled, alone or in groups, to destinations in the UK and abroad like the Norfolk coast, Stratford, Edinburgh, Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. Home based projects have included building a virtual reality drone, restoring a wrecked 'cello and making a Regency style dress.

Sometimes the projects have a direct impact on students' learning at school, for example art students visiting a gallery in London. Other projects, like walking the Norfolk Coastal Path, develop independence and confidence and can be life-changing experiences. Examples of what students have done can be seen on our website: www.henrymorris.org.

Students apply by using the application form on the website. The **deadline** is the **31st January 2024**. The majority of applicants will be called to interview in Queens' College at Cambridge University on a Saturday in March. For students who live a long way from Cambridge, we can offer a travel bursary to help with the costs of getting to the interview (details will be available on our website).

After the successful students have completed their projects, they are required to write a report, and we give financial prizes for the best ones.

I hope you will encourage your son or daughter to look at our website, and to consider applying for an award.

Yours faithfully

Peter Hains
Chairman.



As the college continues to grow in size, we have increasing numbers of pupils cycling to and from school.

We routinely deliver assemblies to pupils to remind them about road safety and the importance of being considerate to pedestrians and other road users but we occasionally receive reports of unsafe conduct.

If your child cycles to and from school, please do remind them to cycle on the roads or designated pathways, cycle at a safe speed, and to be aware of their surroundings/ other road users.

It is also important that you remind your child to park their bikes in our designated bike and scooter sheds and particularly **NOT IN FRONT OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL** (which is for primary school staff).

If you are interested in additional training for your child from Bikeability please follow this link: <https://www.cambournevc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/bikeability.php> and <https://outspokentraining.co.uk/>

Further tips and advice for cyclists can be found here: <https://think.gov.uk/cycle-safety/>



Free Webinar : Managing Significant Change in Families.

From YMCA Trinity Group:

Please join us on the **13th December 2023 at 7pm** in attending this free webinar for all professionals and parents. Register your place using the link below. If you have any questions get in touch by emailing us at mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk

Visit our [training calendar](#) for all other workshops and full day courses.

December 13th, 2023

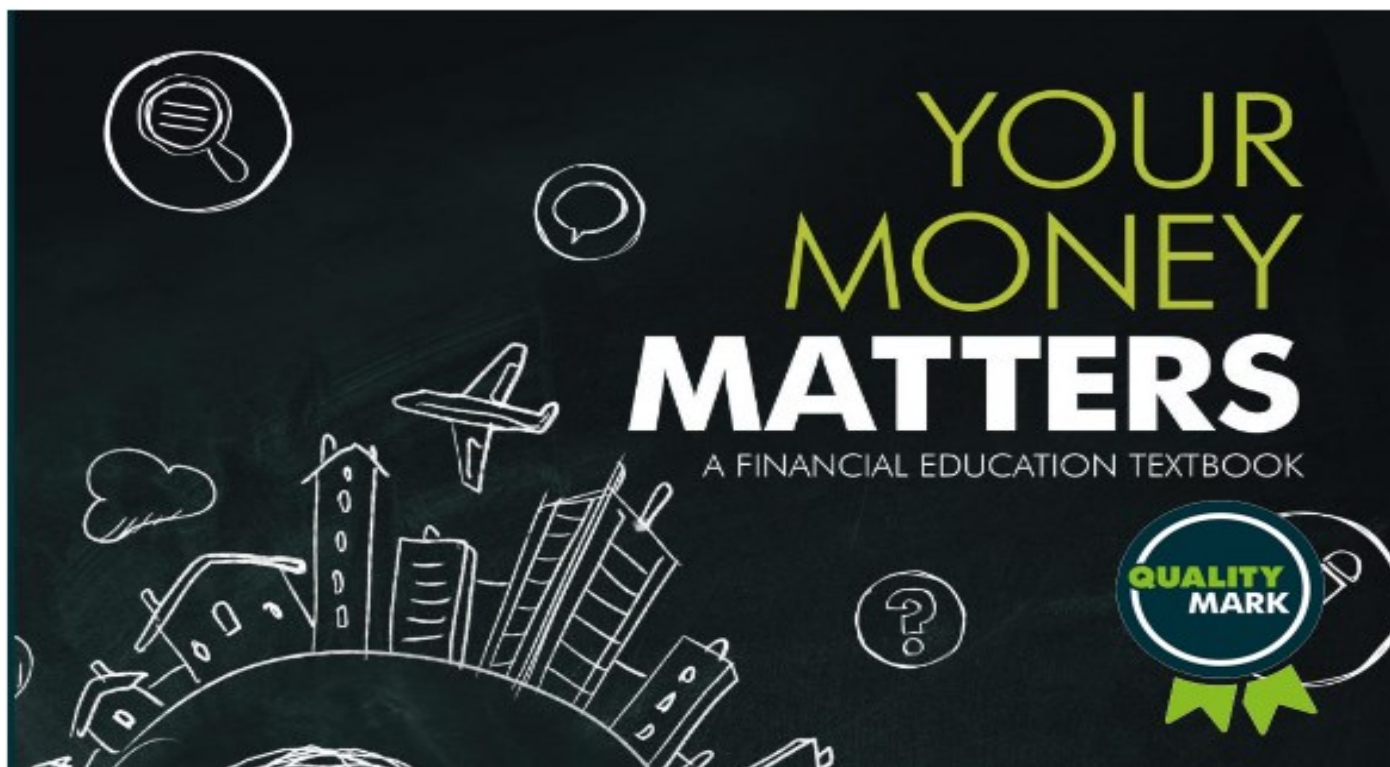
Webinar: 19:00 – 20:00

Q & A – 20:00 – 20:30

Topic: Managing significant change in families: how to help your child during challenging times

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KO-F_K1GT7q4Yuu_oEcf3A





Your Money Matters (England Edition) has been designed for use with young people age 14 – 16 in England and covers topics including spending and saving, borrowing, debt, insurance, student finance & future planning.

Funded by Martin Lewis, founder of MoneySavingExpert.com, this curriculum mapped textbook was sent to state funded English secondary schools in late 2018.

We later released an updated edition in July 2021 for England, which you can download here.

A natural extension to the Financial Education Planning Frameworks, the student facing Textbook includes guidance on issues such as:

- Saving and spending
- Borrowing
- Good and bad debt
- Risk and rewards
- Insurance
- Investments
- Future planning around student loans
- Tax and national insurance

Direct link is here: [Your Money Matters - England Edition - Young Enterprise & Young Money \(young-enterprise.org.uk\)](https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/your-money-matters-England-Edition)

This month, the nation's number 1 apprenticeship employer - the British Army, is celebrating 100 years of offering apprenticeships!

For this special episode, Rachel speaks to Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the Army's apprenticeship programme, and parent of a British Army apprentice, Mandy Gregson, to ask all the big questions about their prestigious apprenticeship programmes, including:

- What does an apprenticeship in the British Army look like?
- What options are available?
- How do you go about getting an apprenticeship?
- What is the training like? And many more!

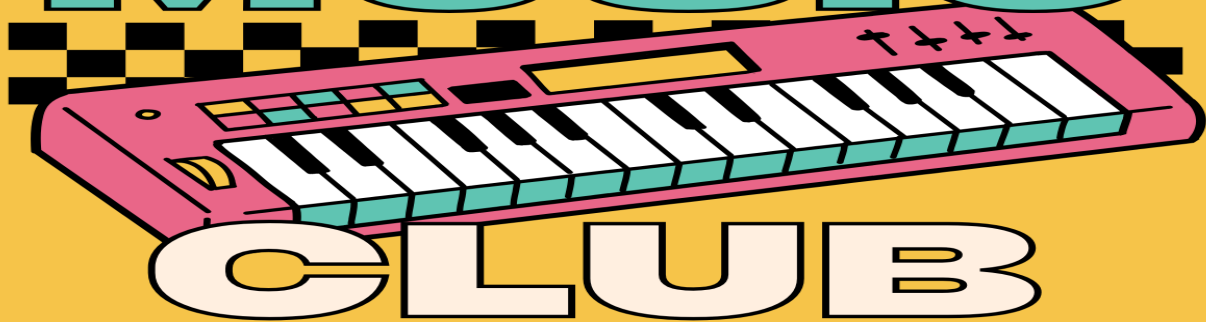
Click on the episode link below...



Join our webinar on **7th November at 4pm** to find out more about AFC Harrogate and how the college helps 16 – 17 year olds prepare for a career in The British Army.

You'll hear from current/past apprentices on their experiences of Army Foundation College Harrogate and how it has impacted and inspired their career so far.

MUSIC



Music Clubs

All our music clubs are up and running – 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)

As part of the Years 7, 8 and 9 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 – October 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

KS3 rugby – Field

KS4 basketball – Sports hall

Girls' football – Astro

Table tennis – Dining hall

Netball – Hard courts

TUESDAY 3-4pm

Dance – Drama studio

KS3 basketball – Sports hall

KS4 rugby – Field

Girls rugby – Field

Football training – Astro

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04

GCSE revision - Classroom

Volleyball – Sports hall

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

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

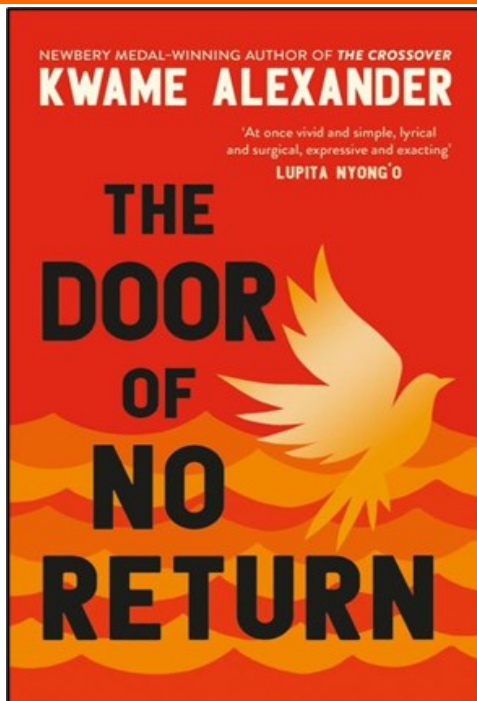
Year 9 - Lorraine Lye cam-year9@cambournevc.org

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](#).

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



The door of no return (Book 1)

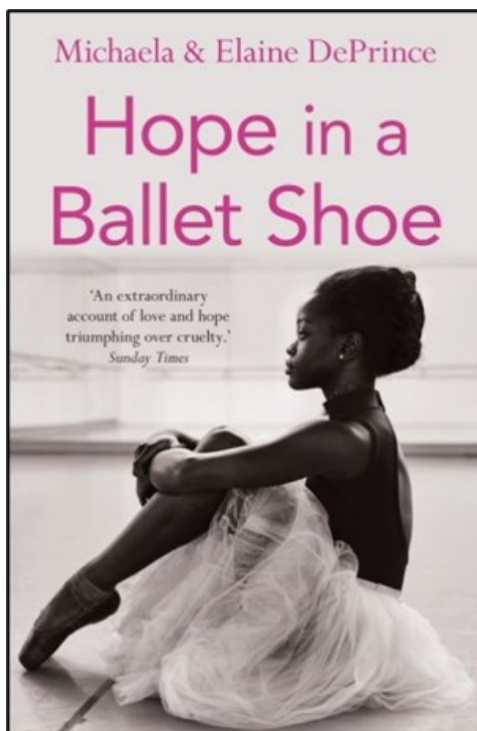
by Kwame Alexander

Dreams are today's answers for tomorrow's questions.

Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming.

But when the unthinkable - a sudden death - occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom....

(Available from the School Library)



Hope in a ballet shoe

by Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince

The true-life story of a young girl orphaned by war in Sierra Leone who becomes an international ballet star.

Michaela DePrince witnessed atrocities no child ever should. Her father killed by rebels and her mother died of famine. Sent to an orphanage, Michaela was mistreated, and she witnessed a brutal murder.

The beautiful image of a young woman dancing brought hope of future happiness. Following her adoption by an American couple, Michaela can take the dance lessons she dreamed of.

Unfortunately, the world of ballet is a racist one, and Michaela had to fight for a place amongst the ballet elite. Yet by the age of 19, Michaela was an international ballet star, dancing for The Dutch National Ballet.

(Available from the School Library and SORA – Year 9+)

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](#)



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=OqjANx

[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

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