



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 8th December

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
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Key Dates

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th December	Year 11 Mock Exams continue
Tuesday 12th - Tuesday 19th December	German Exchange to Bad Hersfeld
Thursday 14th December	Cambourne VC Christmas Concert - 7pm
Friday 15th December	Years 7 & 10 Attitudinal Reports and Years 8 & 9 Full Reports out Senior Choir singing outside Morrisons (4:30pm)
Monday 18th December	'A Christmas Carol' (Year 7 & Year 8 production) - 7pm
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donations to our Christmas Appeal) Christmas Dinner Day.
Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term (school finishes at 1:30pm)



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.



Cambourne Village Christmas Concert – 7pm, Thursday 14th

December



Christmas is here! (Nearly here...) And to celebrate, next week we have the Cambourne Village College Christmas Concert.

This event is one of the absolute highlights of the musical year – and all the different music ensembles and soloists have been busily preparing to create a concert guaranteed to put you in the festive mood!

There will be items from the Cambourne Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Year 10 Band, and the Massed Year 7 Singers (all of the Year 7 pupils from across the year group singing together)! There will also be a host of solos and duets, and even a chance for the audience to have a seasonal sing-song.

Tickets for the concert are £7 / £5 (concessions).

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/601700>

Concessions are available to anyone who would normally expect to pay a concession, or would benefit from paying the reduced ticket price. If you would like to come to the concert, but are not able to afford the ticket price, we still want you to be able to attend, so please email Emma Soley (esoley@cambournevc.org) to book your place.

The concert starts at 7pm, and will run for approximately 2 hours (including an interval). Doors will open at 6:45pm, and pupils performing in the concert should arrive by 6:30pm at the latest.



We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday!

Year 7 & 8 Christmas Production: A Christmas Carol – 7pm, Monday 18th December

Of all the Christmas tales and stories, one of the best loved is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

This term our Year 7s and Year 8s have been working very hard to learn 14 songs to put together a musical version of this haunting, and yet ultimately heart-warming Christmas fable.

Come along and see the Year 7 & 8 Christmas production, a sequence of spine-chilling songs and dramatic readings on Monday 18th December.

Tickets for the concert are £6 / £4 (concessions).

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/601702>

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Tickets: £7 / £5 (Concessions)

*A collection of festive favourites
and non-festive classics from
Cambourne's talented
instrumentalists and singers!*

Tickets here...



Cambourne Village College Year 7 & 8 Christmas Musical

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

7pm, Monday 18th December

Tickets: £6 / £4 (Concessions)

Tickets here...





Dear Parents and Carers
 In previous years we've supported our families with children on Free School Meals at Christmas, with additional support in the form of supermarket vouchers.
 We have launched this year's appeal and donations can be made through Parent Pay here: [Christmas Appeal 2023](#)
 Any donations, however small, will be gratefully received.
 Many thanks and best wishes
 Lynn Mayes
 Principal




Adult Education will be running Beginners' English (ESOL) courses for entry level and level 1 learners.

The course starts on Monday 15th January at 7pm in Cambourne Village College.

This course is FREE subject to eligibility criteria being met. There will also be a new daytime course at 2pm on Mondays in the Blue Space Cambourne. For further information please contact commed@catrust.co.uk or see the website here: <https://www.combertonadulthood.org/courses/cambourne-courses>



CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title	Beginners' English				
Course Description	<p>This 10-week course is for non-native speakers who are aiming to improve their basic level of English. The course will be tailored towards students' needs to a certain extent but will also cover functional language needed in everyday life.</p> <p>Although there will be a large element of speaking and listening, lessons will also incorporate work on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.</p>				
Start Date	25 th Sep 2023 15 th Jan 2024 29 th April 2024	Day & Time	Monday 19:00-21:00	Venue	Cambourne Village College

Year 11 Prom Fundraiser

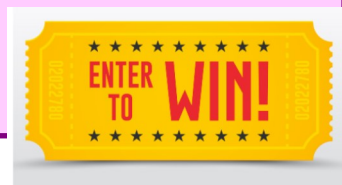
11
YEAR

We will be holding a Christmas raffle with fantastic prizes, donated by some generous local companies.

Tickets are now available to purchase for **£1 each** via [ParentPay](#). All proceeds will be put towards the Year 11 Prom, raising money to lower the ticket prices in general, helping to ensure they are accessible for all students.

The raffle will be drawn on the 19th December. Good Luck!

With thanks to: Morrisons, Tesco, Shepreth Wildlife Park, Cambridge Arts Theatre, The Belfry, Inspirations School of Performing Arts, Xtreme 360, Newmarket Racecourse, The Beauty Cabin.

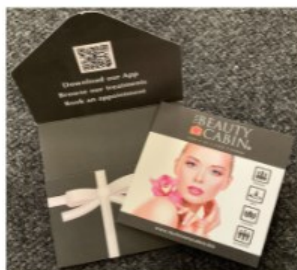


Prizes to be won:

**£200 Xtreme 360
voucher**



**£20 Beauty Cabin
Voucher**



**2 x Vouchers to Shepreth
Wildlife Park**



**2 x Premier Enclosure
Tickets to Newmarket
Races**



**2 x Panto Tickets,
Cambridge Arts Theatre**



**Hamper of goodies
from Tesco**



**Luxury Chocolate
Assortment**



**2 x Tickets to
Cambridge Belfry Spa
incl 1 Treatment**



**Hamper of goodies
from Morrisons**





Cambourne Village College

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Chicken Chipolata Sausage
or Vegan Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Wellington

Served with
Roast Potatoes
Sprouts
Roast Parsnips
Carrots & Gravy

Dessert
Gingerbread Brownie

£4.00



Seasons Greetings from
pabulummm
HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

LOST PROPERTY

LOST SOMETHING?
HAVE A LOOK, WE MIGHT HAVE IT!

Lost Property
All these items were handed into reception the week of the 27th November 2023



These un-named items of lost property were handed into reception between 20th and 24th November. **These can only be stored until the end of term.**

All named items that made their way to reception have been given back to the Year Teams.

If these items are not collected BEFORE CHRISTMAS they will either go into our 2nd hand uniform stock or be donated to charity.

Please ensure that ALL your child's possessions that come to school with them, are clearly labelled with their name.



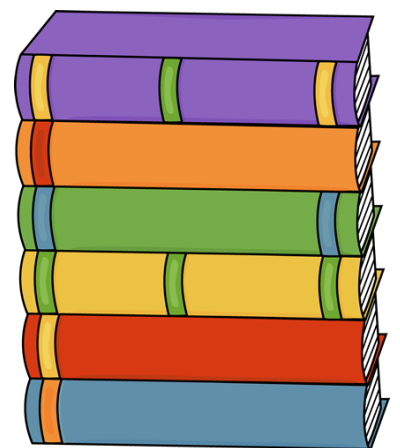
Multiple un-claimed water bottles will also only be kept until Christmas...



Cambourne Village College library has recently launched a collection of books in Cantonese for students to borrow.

For those students whose first language is Cantonese, it offers the opportunity to celebrate their culture alongside their learning in English. The collection has already proved popular with students. As soon as the books arrived a student spotted them on the library desk and begged to be able to read them during a library lesson. While it is important to encourage all students to read in English to support their studies in the school system, it is also vital that we recognise and celebrate cultural differences.

The school reading offers an online reading application – SORA – which also offers books in other languages. This collection recognises the growing numbers of students whose first language is Cantonese.



Happy Reading!
祝你閱讀愉快!

The Cambourne VC Charitable Trust would like to hear from you if you would like to see a cinema in Cambourne! Click on the poster below and take a few minutes to fill out the survey, to show your support and to give your views on the type of film you'd like to see.

Also visit <https://cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitycinema/> for more information.



Cinema Questionnaire

Have your say!

We are most interested to hear from Cambourne residents and those of the surrounding villages, the types of films they may wish to see at the community cinema.

You are cordially invited to participate in the survey by completing the questionnaire online at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/57W7PKV or scanning the QR code above.

Email: cambournecommunitycinema@gmail.com

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/communitycinema





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
Thursday 25th January (4-5pm)- this event is open to **ALL**

Professor David Reynolds

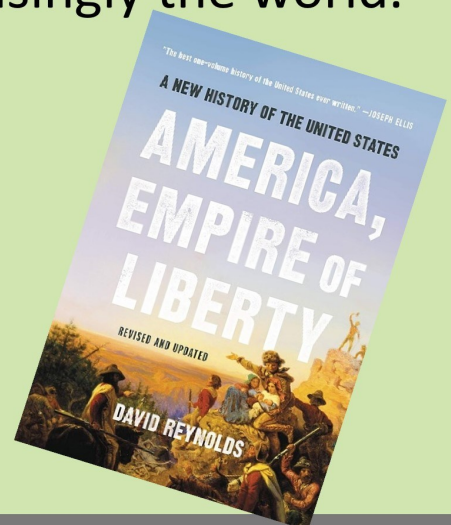
WHY AMERICA'S HISTORY MATTERS.

In the year of another US presidential election - likely to be even more significant than 2020 - historian Prof. David Reynolds takes a long view of America's epic and often tragic saga. Ranging over the last few centuries he picks out a few moments on which history turned - shaping North America and increasingly the world.

THURSDAY 25TH January

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:
Jess Angell (Head of History at CamVC)
jangell@cambournevc.org





Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, the Community School Aged Immunisation Service offers Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations to all pupils in Year 9. It may also be offered to older students who missed the vaccinations.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (3 in 1 teenage booster)

This booster dose is important to ensure a young person's continuing immunity and protection against these diseases. University, College and future employers increasingly ask for evidence of this vaccination.

Meningococcal ACWY

Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W, and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Cases of meningococcal W disease in England have increased significantly in recent years.

For Further information about vaccines, click [here](#)

A response is required. You must accept or decline the vaccinations by completing the online form.

We will be in school on Thursday 18th January 2023

The electronic link will close at 3:00 pm the working day before of the session.

Please click on the link [Men/DTP Riviam Link](#) and complete the form.

Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. Please call 0300 555 5055 for alternative consent options.

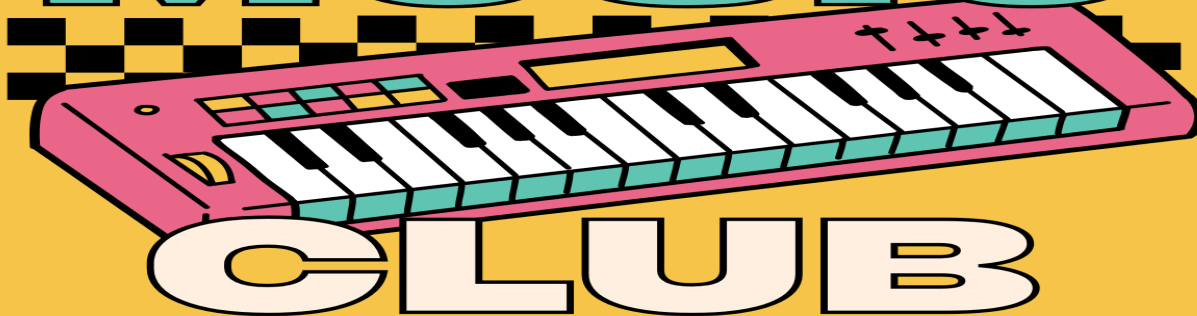
On the date of vaccination, we ask to see the whole year group. It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child, so they are aware of your wishes.

Measles / Mumps / Rubella (MMR)

We would also like to remind you that all children and young people should have 2 doses of MMR. If you are not sure whether your child has been fully immunised against MMR please contact your local CSAIS Team.

Herts	admin.imms@nhs.net	Norfolk	hct.csainorfolk@nhs.net
Camb/PB	hct.csaiscambspb@nhs.net	Suffolk	hct.csaisuffolk@nhs.net

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.

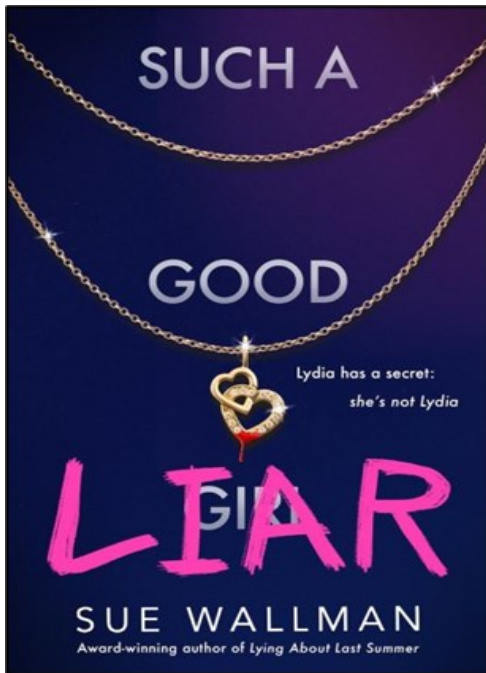
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

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.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



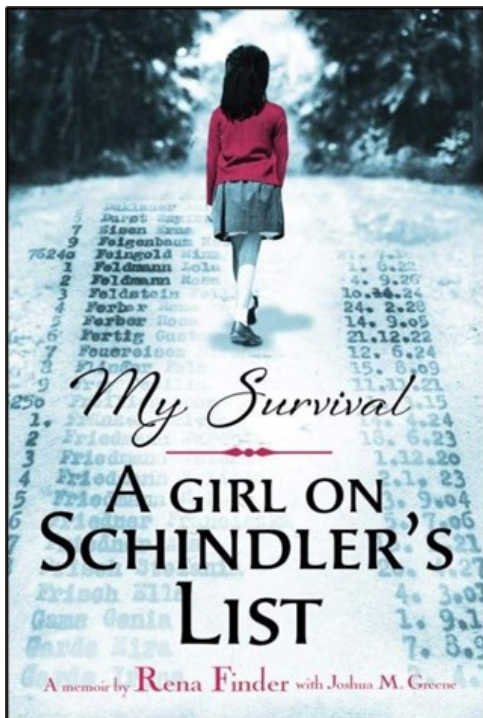
Such a good liar By Sue Wallman

She's faking her way into the most exclusive social circles for revenge. But how long can her lies hold up?

She quickly finds acceptance, even adoration, from the close-knit families that rule the island. But a storm is coming, and all routes to the mainland are cut off. But thank goodness the Harrington sisters made it in time, because Lydia simply can't wait to meet them. That's because Lydia's not really Lydia Cornwallis. And the Harringtons have hell to pay for what they've done. Lydia will need to draw on epic nerve, quicksilver adaptability and sly cunning in maintaining her

cover and exacting murderous revenge. And when she meets someone new on the island and starts to develop real feelings, can that

connection survive when nothing else is real? **(Available from the School Library and SORA reading app)**



My survival: a girl on Schindler's list by Rena Finder and Joshua M Greene

Rena Finder was only eleven when the Nazis forced her and her family - along with all the other Jewish families - into the ghetto in Krakow, Poland. Rena worked as a slave labourer with scarcely any food and watched as friends and family were sent away.

Then Rena and her mother ended up working for Oskar Schindler, a German businessman who employed Jewish prisoners in his factory and kept them fed and healthy. But Rena's nightmares were not over. She and her mother were deported to the concentration camp Auschwitz. With great cunning, it was Schindler who set out to help them escape.

Here in her own words is Rena's gripping story of survival, perseverance, tragedy and hope. Including pictures from Rena's personal collection and from the time period, this unforgettable memoir introduces young readers to an astounding and necessary piece of history. **(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](#)

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – November 2023

MONDAY 3-4pm

Rugby (boys and girls) – 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

Dodgeball – Gym

Fitness and rowing – Dining hall

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

South Cambridgeshire CHRISTMAS MARKET



Sunday 10 December 2023, 11am–3pm

Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FR

**Come and support your local businesses this
Christmas with 70 independent stall holders.**
Festive crafts, yuletide gifts, seasonal food and much more!

For further information, please visit:

www.scams.gov.uk/christmas-market



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

Christmas Holiday Scheme Places

for free



Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Christmas where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of income-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 4 days.



Please visit the County Council webpage for details and the wider eligibility criteria:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)

Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

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ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



NOS National Online Safety®
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: https://help.disneyplus.com/csp?id=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=f686cd32b6c49860f9eac13981870 https://help.disneyplus.com/csp?id=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=f59ebaf1bd441d03af1eb2ed3961926 https://help.disneyplus.com/csp?id=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=982efcbb1aac50095cead1391917 <https://help.disneyplus.com/en-GB/article/disneyplus-en-us-scams-prevention#-text=Be%20wary%20of%20sites%20that%20ask%20password%20or%20billing%20details>

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](#))



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](#).

New Mental Health Text Line

A new local mental health free text messaging support service has launched across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. **HEAR 85258** is being funded by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in partnership with the national service SHOUT.

The free to use text service provides real-time support to people who are struggling with their mental health across the county.

When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will offer them calm in a time or place of crisis. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported while working on a plan of action and signposted to local and national mental health services.

Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password, or registration. It is available for anyone who lives, works or studies in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

For more information about what mental health services are available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, visit www.keep-your-head.com

If you feel your or somebody's life is at risk due to their mental health, dial 111 and listen for the option for the mental health crisis team.



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.

What is safeguarding?

- Protecting children
- Preventing harm to a child

This includes a variety of different aspects. We are here to help your child make good choices but also support them if they make a mistake.

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

What do we do at CamVC to safeguard your child?

- **Staff are vigilant** – staff are very good at noticing small changes and listening to the concerns of those in our care. Tutors are well placed in this process, however all staff play an active role in this.
- **Designated Team** – we have a specific team of people working each day to address concerns raised by staff, pupils, parents and external agencies. This team works to make sure concerns are addressed and the appropriate support is advised
- **Pupil Voice** - we encourage pupils to speak to us or raise their concerns via the 'Report a Concern' button on their iPad

How can we help you?

If you have any concerns about your child or you would like any support, please contact us via cam-safeguarding@cambournevc.org





Students IT Support

If your child needs a password reset, for example to their email, Show My Homework or any of the platforms we use at the College, or if they have any issues with their iPads, please email cam-support@cambournevc.org.

We will aim to respond to any enquiry within 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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