

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 15th December

The Week Ahead

Weekly Menu Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current Menu

Extra-Curricular Clubs Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see our current programme

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Key Dates

Tuesday 12th - Tuesday
19th December

German Exchange to Bad Hersfeld

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 (no other food available from the canteen at break or lunch).

Wednesday 20th December Last Day of Term

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Holidays!

Monday 8th January All pupils return to school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: EXPECTATIONS

Like you, we believe that wearing uniform helps to create a sense of identity and community in school. It helps improve safety and has a positive effect on the learning environment.

We want to maintain our current high standards of school uniform and to ensure that all uniform follows our principles of being smart, practical and comfortable. We expect pupils to wear it with pride when at school, on journeys between home and school, and especially when representing the school on visits and fixtures.

We are continually grateful for your support in sending your children to school in the correct uniform. We previously said that in January 2024 we would be moving to a fully branded uniform, including branding on all trousers, skirts and shorts.

A reminder that we have decided to extend the period during which non-branded skirts, school shorts and trousers can be worn, while we resolve this issue with suppliers.

To offer clarity, we have attached the updated <u>uniform policy</u> alongside <u>examples of uniform</u> that fit our policy.

Thank you.





Food on Tuesday 19th December

Just a reminder that there will be <u>no break or lunch canteen food</u> offering on Tuesday 19^tth December due to the school Christmas dinner.

If your child has not chosen to have the school Christmas dinner, then please make sure they have a packed lunch with enough food for both break and lunch time.

Moving from Go4Schools to My Child at School (BromCom)

After Christmas, all information that parents currently access through Go4Schools will start to move across to a new service called **My Child at School**, which we hope will give parents and carers quicker and easier access to information about their child.

Attendance and behaviour information will be accessible through My Child at School at the start of January. Signing up for access is extremely quick and simple, and we will be sending out information about this, and My Child at School's features, at the start of term. Initially, progress and attainment in subjects will still need to be accessed through Go4Schools, along with historical information, and we will let you know once everything has moved to My Child at School.

Christmas holiday mental health and wellbeing support:

This is a reminder that there are lots of places you can go to for support with your wellbeing and mental health. I know we have told you about these in assemblies/Wellbeing Wednesdays/parent bulletins/school website etc. over the year, but I wanted to make sure that you have everything in one place for the Christmas holidays.

There are some good online support organisations. Check the wellbeing notice board outside the main hall for some details, and see below for the links:

If it's an emergency or you need urgent help

- If you or someone else is in danger, call 999 or go to A&E now
- If you need help urgently for your mental health, but it's not an emergency, get help from NHS 111 online or call 111

Your mental health is as important as your physical health. You will not be wasting anyone's time.

Online support for mental Health:

Text HEAR to 85258



NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough has partnered with SHOUT to offer support to anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough who is in distress.

Launched on Monday 13 November, the new service allows people who are struggling with their mental health, and live, work or study in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to text the word HEAR to 85258 for free. They'll then be helped by a volunteer to reach a calm state and be sign posted to local and national resources via text.

Please help us to spread the word by using the following assets; available for you to use are suggested social media posts, newsletter and website copy.

Thank you for your support

https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/

Free Help & Counselling for Young People | Cambridgeshire, Peterborough (centre33.org.uk)

https://chathealth.nhs.uk/

Getting Ready for Change - information for young people (cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk)

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/



https://embracecvoc.org.uk/

WhatsUp? home mental health wellbeing app (thewhatsupapp.co.uk)

Mental health services - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Young people | CPFT NHS Trust

Young Carer Support:

https://www.caringtogether.org/news/young-carers-given-summer-break-carers-trust-cambridgeshire/



Support aimed at parents:

Parents and Carers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre

Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds

Mental health services - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Free Help & Counselling for Young People ! Cambridgeshire, Peterborough (centre33.org.uk)

Parents and carers | CPFT NHS Trust

Books:

CAM-External Sharing - Library WellBeing Resources.pdf - All Documents (sharepoint.com)

Library Wellbeing Resources (sharepoint.com)

School Website:

Well-Being - Cambourne Village College (cambournevc.org)





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

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

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 6pm at the latest.







7pm, Monday 18th December

Tickets: £6 / £4 (Concessions)



Year 11 Prom Fundraiser

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 <u>ParentPay</u>. 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







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.combertonadulted.org/courses/cambourne-courses



CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title		Begir	nners' English		200
Course Description	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. Although there will be a large element of speaking and listening, lessons will also incorporate work on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.				
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









Lost Property

All these items were handed into reception the week of the 4th of December 2023

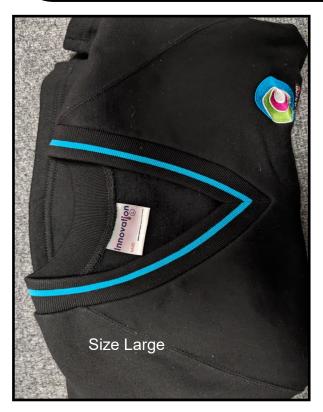


These un-named items of lost property were handed into reception between 4th and 8th December. **These can only be stored until the end of term.**

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.







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



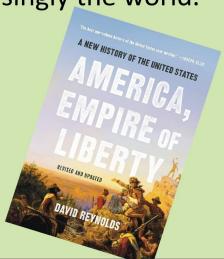
FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

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 25[™] January
4-5pm (Doors open 3.45pm)
Cambourne Village CollegePerformance 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







Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Stonea Corridor Doddington Hospital Benwick Road Doddington PE15 0UG

Tel 0300 555 5055

November 2023

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.csaisnorfolk@nhs.net
Camb/PB	hct.csaiscambspb@nhs.net	Suffolk	hct.csaissuffolk@nhs.net



Music Clubs

All our music clubs are up and running – so if you 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)

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.

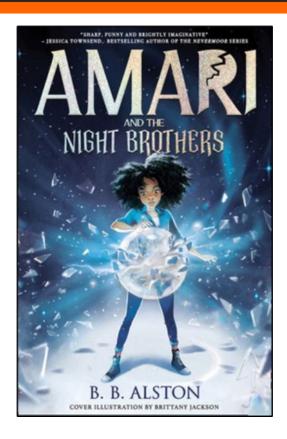
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones of earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

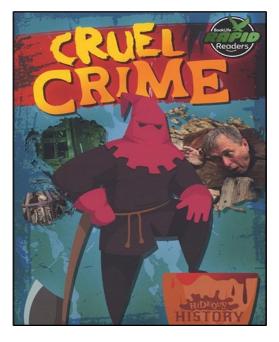
We have reminded pupils of this expectation this week in lessons.

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 the 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





Amari and the night brothers By BB Alston

Amari Peters knows three things: her big brother Quinton has gone missing; no one will talk about it; his mysterious job holds the secret ...

So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.

Amari must compete against kids who've known about the supernatural world their whole lives, and when each trainee is awarded a special supernatural talent, Amari is given an illegal talent one that the Bureau views as dangerous.

With an evil magician threatening the whole supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she is the enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't pass the three tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton.

(Available from the School Library)

Cruel crime

by William Anthony and Drue Rintoul (illustrator)

The past was a miserable place to be. There was a war around every corner. People were often so ill that they were dying. Disaster was never far away and crime was happening all over the place.

Be brave. Take a journey through hideous history and see if you emerge from the other side...

Content includes: Pieces of the past; Pirate business; The unknown killer; Stealing from the rich; The scene of the crime; The wild, wild west; Remember, remember; Big ears; On the run; Roman rules; The art of the con; Witch hunt; Terrible torture; Hideous 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

Christmas Holiday Scheme Places



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







WANT TO LEARN NEW DIGITAL ART SKILLS?

Join Cambridge Online and

create animation/stills about your community and positive mental health



FREE COURSE to learn basic fun and educational skills

Give young people (11-18yrs) a chance to express themselves Every Weds 4-5.30pm From 29th Nov For 12 weeks

The Pavillion, Back Ln, Great Cambourne, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6FY

Contact Taron@cambridgeonline.org.uk
01223 300407



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

<u>Click here</u> 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 <u>thecollege@cambournevc.org</u>** 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.



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 <u>cam-year7@cambournevc.org</u>

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

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

Year 10 - Lou Boyd <u>cam-year10@cambournevc.org</u>

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.

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



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.