



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 12th January

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Monday 15th - Friday 19th January	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks
Thursday 18th January	Year 9 Men/DTP Vaccinations
Friday 19th January	Year 11 Updated Projected Grades & Mock Results Out
Monday 22nd January	Year 10 Trip: GCSE Design Visit to Design Museum (all day)
Tuesday 23rd January	Curriculum Development Day (no pupils in school)
Thursday 25th January	History Public Lecture 4pm start in Performance Hall - everyone is welcome to attend (more information inside the bulletin!)



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.

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 [uniform policy](#) alongside [examples of uniform](#) that fit our policy.

Thank you.

REMINDER

History Club starts again next week. Any pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 who are interested in History can come to Blue 12 Tuesday lunchtimes and /or speak to Ms Clissold for more information.



RSHE at CamVC

This term, all students will be receiving RSHE in their PSHE lessons.

RSHE stands for Relationship, Health and Sex Education and is an essential and mandatory part of the Personal, Social, Health & Economic education that we deliver here at CamVC.

Details of what we cover is available on the school website (<https://www.cambournevc.org/curriculum/pshe.php>) but please be assured that it is all age-appropriate and carefully and considerately delivered.

Should you have any questions, do please email Mrs Milne at re-milne@cambournevc.org



Upcoming vaccinations

We will shortly be sending out a letter via SchoolPost to Year 8 parents to obtain consent for the HPV vaccinations on **Monday 26th February**.

Information about the HPV vaccination can be found here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1164166/HPV_Vaccination_For_All_-_English_Leaflet_from_September_2023.pdf

When you receive the letter you must respond through the link provided to either consent or deny the vaccination for your child.



Reminder for Year 9s

The Year 9 DTP/Men ACWY Vaccinations are taking place next week, on **Thursday 18th January**. The original letter is on the next page.

You MUST respond to this if your child is in Year 9, to either accept or decline the vaccination.



Please ensure you reply before the electronic link closes at 3pm on Wednesday 17th January.





A response is required:



Hertfordshire Community

NHS Trust

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.csaisuffolk@nhs.net

PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – January 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

Hockey - Astro (KB)
Girls' football – Astro (LM)
Table tennis – Dining hall (KR)
Volleyball – Gym (HT)
KS4 basketball – Sports hall (JF)

UPDATED

TUESDAY 3-4pm

KS3 basketball – Sports hall (JF)
Dodgeball – Gym (LM)
Football training – Astro (LY)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff)
GCSE revision – Classroom (KB)
Wellbeing Wednesday – PE (sports leaders)
Netball – Hard courts (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board
Girls active – Gym (sports leaders)
Badminton (Sports Hall) (All)

Boys – meet at the back doors to the **orange** changing rooms

Girls – meet at the back doors to the **green** changing rooms

All clubs will start on Monday 15th January 2024



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

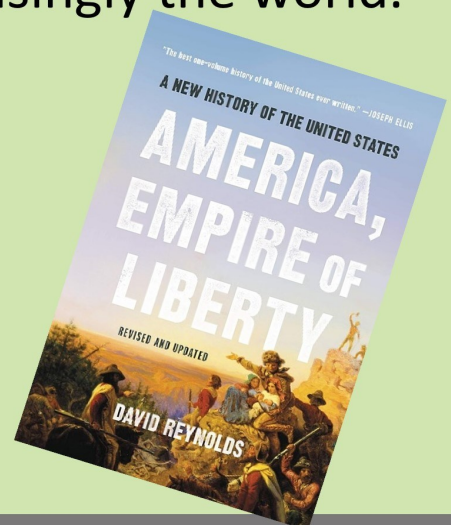
WHY AMERICA'S HISTORY MATTERS.

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



We are actively looking to recruit new staff for a number of teaching and support staff roles across the Trust. Why not come along, meet our teams, and explore the available opportunities in our schools.

Visit us at CamVC on Thursday 8 February 3pm – 7pm

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW

Thursday 18 January to Thursday 29 February 2024

Are you thinking about a new career in education?

If so, then look no further. We are actively looking to recruit new staff for a number of teaching and support staff roles across the Trust. Why not come along, meet our teams, and explore the available opportunities in our schools.

Our recruitment roadshow will take place at the following venues:

St Peter's Huntingdon, PE29 7DD
Thursday 18 January 2024 4pm – 7pm
Gamlingay Village Primary, SG19 3HD
Thursday 25 January 2024 3pm – 6pm
Cambourne Village College, CB23 6FR
Thursday 8 February 2024 3pm – 7pm
Melbourn Village College, SG8 6EF
Tuesday 13 February 4pm – 6pm
Thongsley Fields Primary School
Thursday 29 February 2024 4pm – 7pm



Please register your interest using the QR code below



For information about our current vacancies please navigate to:
www.catrust.co.uk



Teacher of Chemistry

Teacher of Chemistry Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 15th January 2024

Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding Officer Recruitment Pack

Closing date: 23rd January 2024

Vacancies

YMCA Trinity Group Webinar: “How to respond when your child/teen says no.”

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm.

Please join us on the 7th of February 2024 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

February 7th, 2024

Webinar: 19:00 – 20:00

Q & A – 20:00 – 20:30

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7txpG6z9QseZCKSVz2BlrQ



YMCA



Healthy You

Healthy You Virtual Festival January 2024

Living Sport are inviting you to join them for a fabulous, fun-filled month-long programme of FREE classes, workshops, talks and events focusing on physical activity, mental wellbeing and healthy eating. Whatever your age or activity level, you will be able to find something to try.

They hope by taking part in this event, they will inspire you to carry forward some healthier habits into the new year and beyond. Why not try something for the first time...

Here's a selection of what's on offer: Pilates, Ballet, Family Dance, T'ai Chi; Healthy Eating workshops; Wellbeing during Menopause; Strength & Balance classes; Fitness for Schools; Goal Setting; Motivation-support; Podcasts, and so much more!

You can access over 40 videos and take part in 80 live sessions throughout the month and it's all totally FREE! View the full programme and start booking onto the live sessions <https://livingsport.co.uk/healthy-you-virtual-festival-2024/>



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Positively parent your teen. 4-week online workshop.

Facilitated by
Samantha Stacey and
Clare Merrington
Education Inclusion Family Advisors

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment.

Session 1 Communication and parenting styles

Session 2 How do we identify what our children need and challenging behaviour.

Session 3 Active Listening and increasing self-esteem.

Session 4 Labelling and encouragement.

Tuesday 6th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 13th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 27th February 7-8pm

Tuesday 5th March 7-8pm

Please scan link below to book a place. Booking is essential and places are limited.



For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

 samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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.

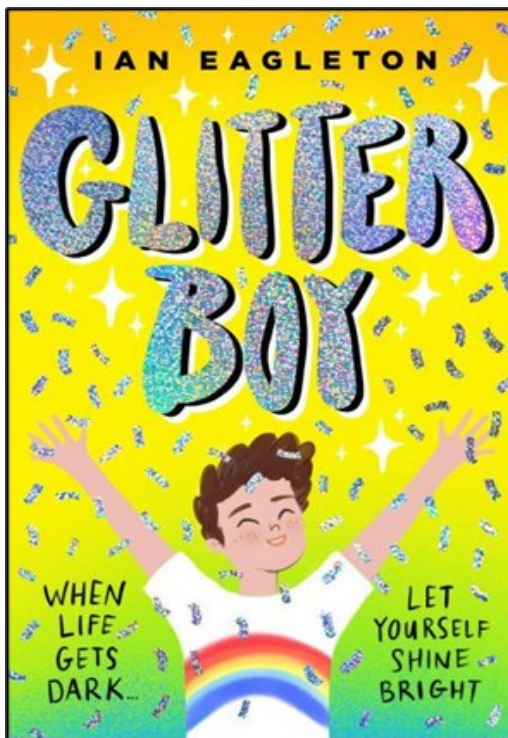
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

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



Glitter boy

By Ian Eagleton

A story of family, friendship and, ultimately, irrepressible joy.

James loves dancing, poetry, and Mariah Carey (not in that order, though, because Mariah would obviously be first!)

His teacher, Mr Hamilton, is getting married to his boyfriend and it seems that James will be part of a surprise choir performance at the wedding. But James's father seems uncomfortable about the plan, and a lot of other things - like any mention of Mr Hamilton, and James's dancing, and how James talks about his new friend Joel. Meanwhile, a different boy has been harassing James at school and calling him gay, and it's getting worse every day.

Can he find the strength to let the truth out?

(Available from the School Library)

These are the words

by Nikita Gill

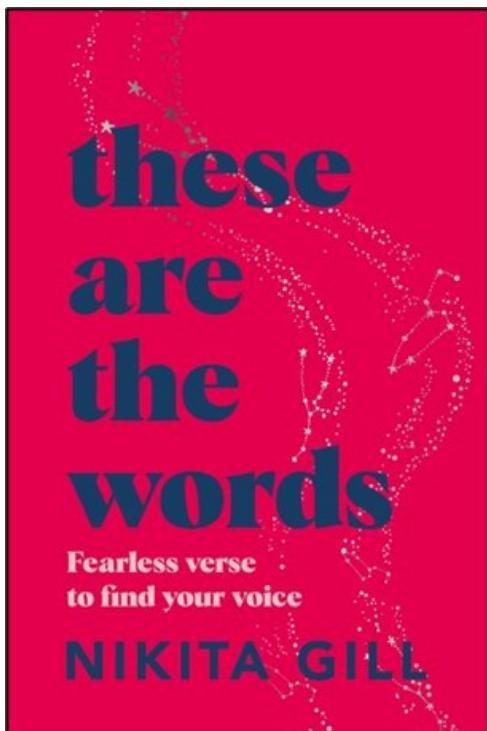
To fight for what you believe in and to help you break some rules to be your truest self.

From international poetry sensation Nikita Gill comes her highly anticipated Young Adult debut, *These Are the Words*: an empowering, feminist and beautifully illustrated poetry collection exploring all the things Nikita wished someone had told her when she was younger.

Reclaim your agency. Discover your power. Find the words.

Gorgeously illustrated throughout by Nikita herself and featuring seasonal astrological poetry, this collection is an achingly beautiful, stunningly warm and fearless expression of truth from one of the most influential and well-known voices in modern poetry.

(Available from the School Library and on 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](#)

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



Clothes Labels for Sale:

Order From - www.labelcreating.co.uk
Email - labelcreating@gmail.com
Tel - Marion - 07754 515586



Iron on

15 Name Labels £2.25
25 Name Labels £3.25
50 Name Labels £5.25



Sew on

10 Labels £2.00
20 Labels £3.50
30 Labels £5.00



Peel & Stick Labels

5 Name Labels £1.00
10 Name Labels £1.75
15 Name Labels £2.50



Peel & Stick Shoe Labels

5 Pairs for £1.50

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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