



WEEKLY BULLETIN | Friday 1st March

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Tuesday 5th March	Year 10 Maths Feast @ Linton VC (12pm onwards)
Wednesday 6th March	Beauty and the Beast Production Performance (7pm start)
Thursday 7th March	Beauty and the Beast Production Performance (7pm start)
Friday 8th March	Beauty and the Beast Production Performance (7pm start)
Saturday 9th March	Beauty and the Beast Production Performance (7pm start)
Monday 11th March	School closed for 6th form planning. YEAR 11s ONLY IN SCHOOL

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.

Parents and Carers of Year 11.

Following on from the Year 11 assembly held this week, all parents and carers are invited to join NCS for a webinar on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm to ask any questions you may have.



NCS Away from home - Information Events

Whether you're looking to make a difference in the world, you're an aspiring entrepreneur or you're wanting to gain new skills for life, our NCS experiences are for you.

Now your 15–17 year old has the same opportunity to embark on an exciting new adventure where they can make friends, build their confidence, and develop and strengthen their skills for work and life.

Want to find out more? We will be hosting a series of NCS information sessions.

Tuesday 5th March - 7pm . Please sign up to the eventbrite event:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/819953171007?aff=oddtcreator>

Tuesday 16th April - 7pm . Please sign up to the eventbrite event:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/820014674967?aff=oddtcreator>



WEARENCS.COM

The **Association of British Science Writers** invites students to submit an 800-word essay on any subject in science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics.

This competition is designed to get young people writing and thinking about the big questions in science, technology, engineering and maths, with a focus on how science impacts on policymaking and society.

Criteria for Entry: Students must be aged 14-16 years old.

Please encourage your children to look at this wonderful opportunity. The link below has further information as well as tips for writing an engaging essay and possible topics to write about.

<https://www.absw.org.uk/pages/young-science-writer-of-the-year-award>

The deadline is Monday 18th of March at 5pm.

The Award

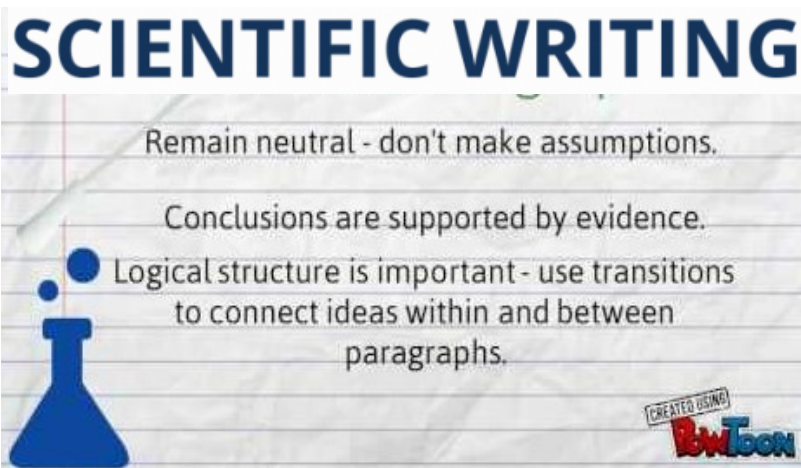
1st prize: £1000 + Visit to BBC Science HQ in Cardiff + 1 year Young Ri membership

2nd & 3rd prize: £250 + 1 year Young Ri membership

Commended Prizes: An additional 10 students will receive a commendation prize of £100 each. The commended entrants will also be invited to the awards ceremony to be presented with their certificates.

absw
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH
SCIENCE WRITERS

AWARDS 2024



Beauty and the Beast: *A young prince is cast under a spell, a spell that can only be broken through true love. When Belle arrives at the castle, the household hope that finally the spell might be broken, but how could such a beauty ever fall in love with a beast?*

CamVC Productions brings this tale as old as time to the stage in their 2024 whole school musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

7pm (start), 6:40pm (doors open)

Wednesday 6th March – Saturday 9th March

Tickets*:

Wednesday / Thursday - £8 (full price) £6 (concessions)

Friday / Saturday - £10 (full price) £8 (concessions)

* additional booking fee applies: <https://www.wegotickets.com/CamAcademyTrust>





CamVC Productions...

7pm, Wednesday 6th—Saturday 9th March
2024 in The Coates Theatre

Tickets:

Weds / Thurs — £8 / £6

Fri / Sat — £10 / £8

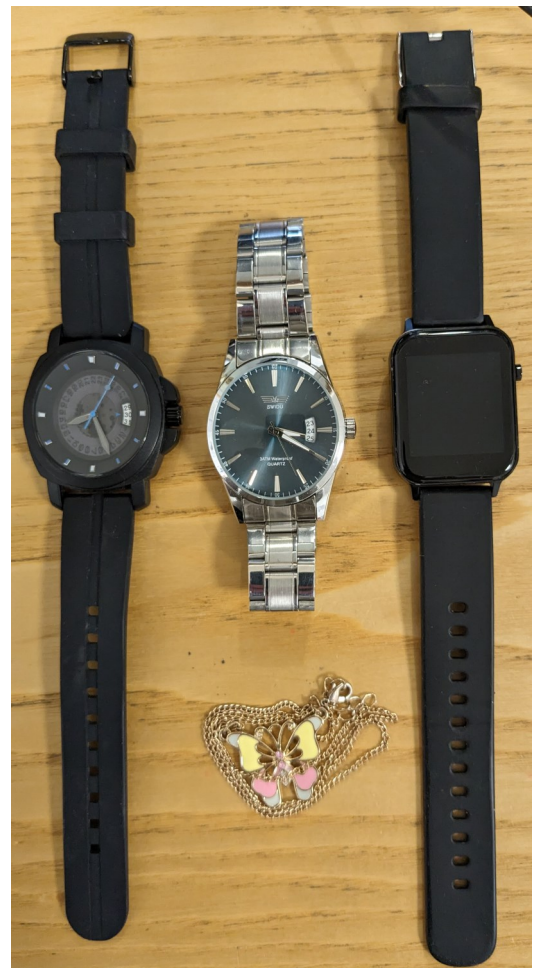
Book online...



Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

LOST AND FOUND

Items that have been handed into reception this week - 26th February - 1st March 2024



Any items not collected within 4 weeks will be donated to charity.



Cocks and Hens Tennis Club

Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED



Easter Tennis Camps!

WEEK 1 Tues 2 Apr to Fri 5 Apr
WEEK 2 Mon 8 Apr to Fri 12 Apr
AGE GROUPS: 6 to 10 yrs / 11 to 16 yrs

SPECIAL OFFERS! **EARLY BIRD OFFER – BOOK ALL DAYS BEFORE 11 MARCH FOR AN EXTRA £15 OFF - USE CODE 15EASTERCAMP**

WEEK 1 - BOOK FOR ALL 4 DAYS AND GET A 20% DISCOUNT
WEEK 2 - BOOK FOR ALL 5 DAYS AND PAY FOR ONLY 4!!!!

Age	Time	Dates	Cost per day	Cost for all days
6 to 10 yrs	09:00 - 12:00 (3hrs)	2 Apr – 5 Apr 8 Apr – 12 Apr	£30 Discounts: 10% for members	£96 (Week 1) £120 (Week 2) Extra Discount: 10% for members
11 to 16 yrs	10:00 - 13:00 (3hrs)	2 Apr – 5 Apr 8 Apr – 12 Apr	£35 Discounts: 15% for members	£112 (Week 1) £140 (Week 2) Extra Discount: 15% for members

**Come and have fun,
improve your game and
learn some new skills!**

For details and to book visit our website:
www.cocksandhens.co.uk/holidaycamps

Or for any questions contact Justin Layne on:
cockshenscoaching@gmail.com

Find us off Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED.
 Access on foot/bicycle via Fulbrooke Road or
 by car drive past the Rugby Club (towards
 Grantchester) then turn right on the bridleway
 before the national speed limit sign.



PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs – March 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

- GCSE revision – Gym (KB)
- Girls' football – Astro (LM)
- Table tennis – Dining hall (KR)
- Volleyball – Sports Hall (HT)
- Girls active – Performance Hall (sports leaders)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

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

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

- KS4 basketball – Sports hall (JF)
- BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff)
- GCSE revision – Classroom, Gym (KB)
- Wellbeing Wednesday – PE (sports leaders)
- Netball – Hard courts (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

- Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board
- 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



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.

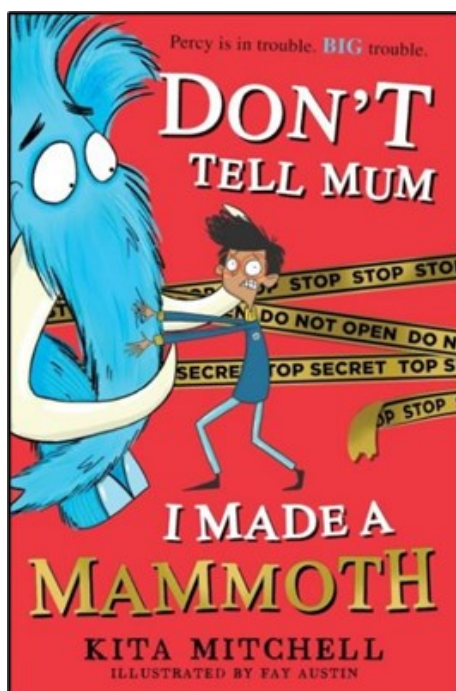
To enable pupils to do this with a minimum of distraction we ask all pupils to bring with them to lessons a pair of headphones or earphones that they can use with the keyboards.

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



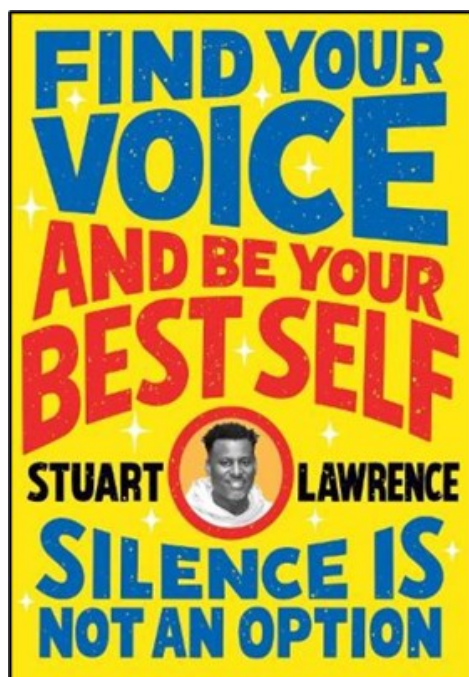
Don't tell mum I made a mammoth

By Kita Mitchell

Young Percy's parents are environmental activists, and Percy is super OVER IT. He would rather stay home and play Xbox, rather than going to demonstrations every weekend. Meanwhile, his father wants to glue himself to a plastic bag factory, and his mum has invented a machine that messes with DNA and just might bring extinct species back to life.

When the neighbour next door suddenly turns into a talking rat, Percy is roped into a hilarious, madcap adventure in which everyone seems to want to get their hands on the species machine - and Percy comes to appreciate what his parents are fighting for.

(Available from the School Library)



Silence is not an option: find your voice and be your best self

By Stuart Lawrence

In this book, Stuart Lawrence talks about what he has learned from life - the tools that have helped him live positively and kept him moving forwards when times have been tough.

From role models to self-control, failure to imagination, Stuart's aim with this book is to use his own experience to help young people - to help all people - harness the good in themselves and in the world around them, using that fire of positivity to create change in their lives.

NOTE: Written by the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack on 22nd April 1993.

(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.

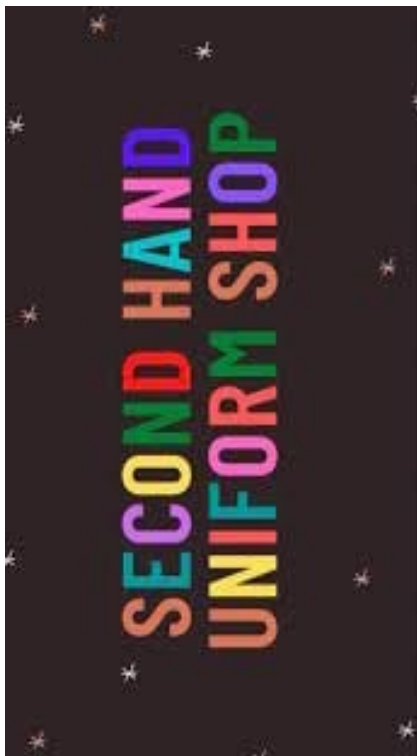
Find it here: [Recommended Articles](#)

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**



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

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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



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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.