

WEEKLY BULLETIN | Thursday 28th March

The Week Ahead

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Key Dates

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April

Staff Training Day (no pupils in school)

Tuesday 16th April

All pupils return to school

Thursday 18th April

Trip: Year 9 Maths Eureka Day (all day)

Friday 19th to Monday 22nd April

Trip: Year 10 Art & Photography trip to Berlin

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th April

Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking exams

Thursday 2nd May

Year 7 Parent Consultation (periods 1-2, & 5-6 taught). All pupils leave at 1:30pm

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.



Create an A4 picture/collage inspired by our theme:

The Earth We Share

An art competition hosted by the school!

All entries
MUST include
the pupil's
name, age, year
group, school
year and school

Prizes will be given to the winners of each age category:

- KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9)
- KS4 (Year 10 and 11)

Exciting prizes to be announced soon!
Start drawing NOW to get a head start!

Art MUST be the student's own work And the BEST
prize awaits the
overall
competition
winner!

The deadline: 10th May Send your
artwork to
Cambourne
Village College's
reception
BEFORE this date

The winners will be announced on the 18th of May, during our Eco-Festival



PE Department Extra-curricular Clubs: Summer-1 2024

MONDAY 3-4pm

GCSE revision – Gym (KB)
Athletics (LM, HT, GT, JF)

TUESDAY 3-4pm

American Flag Football - Astro (LM)

Rounders (GT, LY)

Badminton (KR)

Dance – Drama Studio (JR)

WEDNESDAY 3-4pm

FIXTURES

BTEC Catch up – IT04 (BTEC staff)

GCSE revision – Classroom, Gym (KB)

Volleyball – Sports Hall (HT)

THURSDAY 3-4pm

Sports Leaders Opportunities – Check the Sports Leaders Board

Cricket – Sports Hall – (JF)

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



To start from Monday 22nd April



Join us for a series of free public lectures.

The lectures are open
to all and will be hosted
at Cambourne Village
College in the
Performance Hall



FREE LECTURE PROGRAMME

Join us for our next free History Community Lecture on Tuesday 7th May (4-5pm)- this event is open to ALL

Professor Robert Gildea What is History For?

When I was a schoolboy, I kept newts and put snails into the tank to purify the water. Later it occurred to me that historians were like snails in the tank of society, cleaning up misconceptions of the past. Having taught history for forty years, I have returned to the question of what history is for. Partly to bust myths spun by politicians to legitimate their own power and expansionism, partly to explore how history is used to define identities of class, gender and ethnicity. I will ask why societies should work through their own painful pasts and suggest that everyone can be and should be a historian.

Tuesday 7th May 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



For the attention of Parents with SEND

<u>Preparing for Adulthood SEND Festival: My Life: My Future:</u> Friday 3rd May 2024: Time 10am -2pm: Venue Burgess Hall: One Leisure, Westwood Rd, St Ives, St. Ives PE27 6WU (booking and info on the flyer below)

Online sessions and smaller sessions are also being held two weeks before the main event starting from the 22nd of April to the 2nd of May 2024.

Festival Format: This a free information and activity event offering support and advice and fun activities for young people (14-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families as the young people begin to think about their future. We also have online sessions; face-to-face activities; stall holders and fun activities to support friendships, wellbeing, and community activities, such as: bowling; silent disco; Ping pong tables; indoor picnic!! (ALL FREE!).

This festival has been designed by young people themselves and have spoken to many, many young people, and they have said that they want more information on friendships, mental health/wellbeing; Jobs, building independence. We have designed the festival with the voice of the young person central to the core themes of preparing for adulthood. We also know that exams coming-up, this is a great opportunity for young people to have a good day and to support with wellbeing with the lead-up to what can be a stressful period for young people.

1. Main Event- 3rd May-Burgess Hall- 10-2pm

On the 3rd May, we will be having Information stands; interactive activities; fun activities; information sessions for young people and parent carers. The event is from 10am-2pm. This enables young people to visit in school/college groups. The range of stallholders and activities, include:

- Employers, who will be joining us to find out more about being a Disability Confident Employer as well as talking to young people about career opportunities in their industry, groups.
- Further education colleges providing information and guidance on courses, as well as any help-ful information to support with becoming college-ready.
- Friendship and community groups: stall holders and activities to support young people with friendships; mental health, wellbeing
- Building independence: Housing options; helpful apps and equipment available to young people
- Adult services: Young people with high level of needs will have representatives from health and social care.
- Information and guidance from: Job Centre; Job Coaches; Career advisers; SENDIASS
- Fun Activities: bowling alley at Burgess Hall, and shall be having fun activities throughout the day, including a Silent Disco; PinPong and an indoor Picnic!!!!

2. Online and smaller activity session

We have a series of smaller activities and online session leading up to the main event. This starts on the 22nd April and will include information sessions for young people and parent carers on topics such as Developing skills and What is a Job Coach; Benefits information session; wellbeing talks and discussion.

You can also contact <u>Martine.simpson-thomas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> for more questions and booking information.



Preparing for Adulthood SEND Festival

My Life: My Future



2024

May

Friday

PfA Full-day event at The Burgess Hall, St Ives

☑ From 10am to 2pm

- **Free** event for SEND young people and their families as the young people begin to think about their future.
- Offering support, advice and fun activities such as silent disco,
 ping pong, bowling and indoor picnic.
 Don't miss out!

April

Monday PfA Online and smaller activity sessions

- Sessions leading up to the main event.
- Information sessions for young people and parent carers on topics such as job coach advice and guidance; benefits information session; mental health and wellbeing talks and discussions etc.

For more information and to register: Scan QR Code





Driving Dreams Exploring Inclusive Careers in the Motor Industry for Young People with SEND **INSTITUTE** OF THE Spark



This free webinar, organised with the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), is designed specifically for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to explore inclusive career options within the motor sector. The event aims to highlight the diverse and inclusive opportunities available, emphasising the importance of accessibility and support for individuals with SEND.

During the webinar, participants will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of industry professionals who are neurodiverse and have forged successful careers in the motor industry. They will also learn about support networks, training programs, and inclusive practices tailored to accommodate individuals with differing needs.

Event Details:

- When? Wednesday, 24th April 2024
- What time? 13:30 PM (GMT)
- Where? Online
- How much? Tickets for this event are completely free (registration required)

Parents and students with SEND and an interest in the motor industry are encouraged to attend.

Please register now for this free webinar at:

Register Now

Please note that this event is being organised externally to Cambourne Village College, please contact the organisation directly for more information.

Remember, for more information about SEND at Cambourne, please visit our website: https://www.cambournevc.org/about-us/send



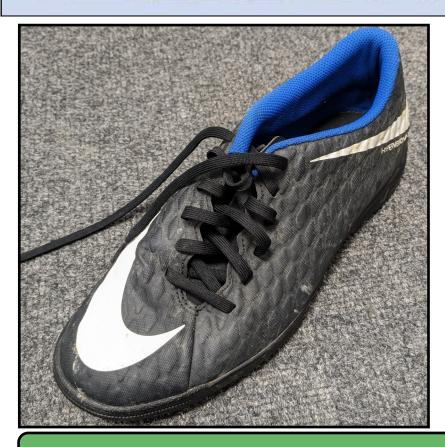
Items that have been handed into reception this week:

25th to 28th March 2024





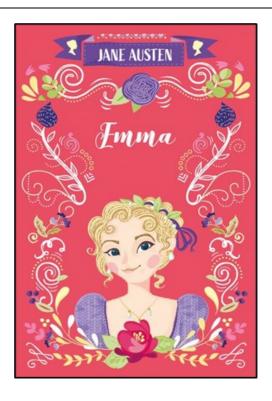
Lost Property



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



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



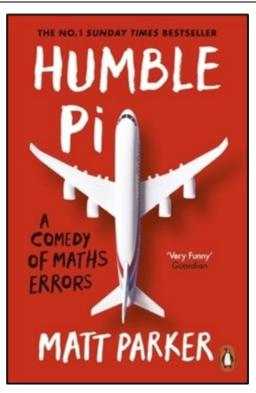
Emma

By Jane Austen

Emma is a timeless comedy of manners that lays bare the limits on women's autonomy in Regency England. The disparity between Emma Woodhouse's self-confidence and self-knowledge, and her determination to arrange marriages for her friends while avoiding one for herself, leads to a painful series of misunderstandings for everyone who suffers from her well-meaning altruism - and with Mr Knightley being the only person of her acquaintance who has the good sense to challenge her, Emma must eventually recognize her match in every sense.

Emma is one of those classic masterpieces that readers go back to again and again for its inexhaustible fund of humanity.

(Available from the School Library and SORA)



Humble Pi

By Matt Parker

What makes a bridge wobble when it's not meant to? Billions of dollars mysteriously vanish into thin air? What happens when maths goes wrong in the real world?

Our modern lives are built on maths: computer programmes, finance, engineering. And most of the time this maths works quietly behind the scenes, until ... it doesn't. Matt Parker shows us the bizarre ways maths trips us up, and what this reveals about its essential place in our world.

This book shows how, by making maths our friend, we can learn from its pitfalls. It also contains puzzles, challenges, geometric socks, jokes about binary code and three deliberate mistakes. Getting it wrong has never been more fun. (Available from the School Library)

Additional Reading resources and skills: https://linktr.ee/cambourne_vc

Cambourne Village College Library: https://cambournevc.concordinfiniti.co.uk/library/portal

Accelerated Reader: https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6698162

Year 11 Parents: Free Webinar for Parents and Carers - Supporting your Child with Exam Stress.

There are two free 45 minute talks available online to help parents and carers to support their child with exam stress. They take place on Monday 22nd April 1pm and Thursday 25th April 6pm.

All you need to do is register on the link below and they will confirm your place on the course. If you are interested but unable to attend either of the talks, you can still register your interest on the link below, and they will send you a recording instead.

Click here for more information: <u>KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your</u> child to manage exam stress (google.com)



KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your child to manage exam stress

Please complete this form if you would like to attend this 45 minute virtual training session on **how you can support your child to manage exam stress.**

The training will cover the following:

- 1. An overview of how Kooth works as a mental health service
- 2. How to support your child to manage exam stress
- 3. Tips when talking to young people about their feelings
- 4. Q&As

Please join via the link below:

ZOOM LINK PENDING

Don't worry if you are unable to attend any of the live date(s) we're offering. Simply select the 'I cannot attend' option below and we will send you a recording of the session and related resources.

Dear parents and carers,

The Cambourne Music School (for primary pupils in years 2-6) is now offering sessions for Beginner <u>Guitars</u> – starting from after Easter. Over the past year, we've had a number of enquiries about pupils wanting to learn guitar, so if your child is interested in learning to play the guitar, then please sign them up to join us on Tuesday evenings (4:15-6pm) from next term.

Cambourne Music School - Application Form (office.com)

We are still accepting pupils wanting to learn Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone on Mondays, and Keyboard on Wednesdays! Again, you can sign up on the online form.

See the poster below for more information about sessions – and the info pack for the full details!

Cambourne Primary Music School









Mondays: 4:15 - 6pm

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone lessons - £12

Or join the band (all instruments welcome) - £10

New..

Tuesdays: 4:15 - 6pm

Guitar lessons - £10

Wednesdays: 4:15 - 6pm

Keyboard lessons - £10

Find out more online...
Sign-up at any point
in the year...







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.

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 thecol-**

lege@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.





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 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 <u>school website</u>.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE NORRIS MUSEUM

2 April 10am - 3pm Meet the Artist / Pop-Up Studio

Meet Ted Coney, the artist showcased in our new exhibition 'Every Object Paints A Picture', as he works on a new painting!

5 April 10:30am - 12:30pm

Family Keepsake Box Workshop

Work together as a family to craft a beautiful handmade box to keep your family treasures, inspired by the family stories behind 'Every Object Paints A Picture'.

9 April 10am - 12pm 1pm - 3pm

Your Object - Your Story!

Family Art Workshop taught by Ted and Hazel Coney

Bring a special object along and use it to inspire your artwork. Intergenerational workshop - adults and children will all make a work of art!

29 March - 13 April During Museum hours

Gallery trails

Learn and explore in the Museum gallery in new ways with our Easter holidays gallery trails!



Scan the QR code or visit our website for more info!



norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314 41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX









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 4IIII

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.

"I liked how there were different levels of players so both me and my sister had people of our level to play with."







YOUTH ROWING COURSE

APR '24 2ND-4TH

14-18YR OLDS **LEARN TO ROW**

MAY '24 27TH-31ST

JUL '24 22ND-26TH

JUL-AUG '24 29TH JUL- 2ND AUG









NO PREVIOUS ROWING REQUIRED

An exciting opportunity to learn the most iconic sport in Cambridge - in the most fun way possible!

- 5 day course from £150pp (+ booking fee)
- · Learn and perfect the full rowing technique
- Proven to aid college and university applications
- · Learn to row in an 'eight' boat same as the Cambridge-Oxford Boat Race
- · Work together as a team

Limited spaces available - Book now

- Safest boat in the fleet
- Led by a club captain
- includes land and water training

Row on the iconic River Cam

- info@cambridgerowing.com
- www.cambridgerowing.com/youth-course
- +44 (0)1223 665000





Let's Go Skate Indoor Skatepark Fundraiser







Let's Go Skate are a not for profit skate school helping adults and children learn to skateboard since 2016.

They are fundraising to build an indoor skatepark in Huntingdon. They have under 2 weeks left to raise £6000. In such a short space of time they have already hit their first target of £5000 and Sport England have donated £7000.

Skateboarding is heavily weather dependent, all our local skateparks are outdoors and when winter hits this makes skateboarding very difficult to continue with. A local indoor skatepark would create year round skating opportunities, provide a community space suitable for children and adults and improve mental and physical health.

If you can spare a few pounds to donate and help support the campaign, scan the QR code above.



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.

<u>Safeguarding</u>

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=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)





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 <a href="mailto:cam-em

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.